

# George Mueller - How I Found Christ

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Christian evangelist and Director of the Ashley Down Orphanage in Bristol, England

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World-famous George Mueller gives here his own personal testimony, in an address to university students.



"I TOO have been a university student. I have read all the Latin and Greek classics. I can talk Latin and Greek, can speak nearly all the European languages, can read Hebrew, Arabic, Syriac, and other Oriental tongues, have studied mathematics, philosophy, chemistry, and such things.

"I am a graduate of the University of Halle. There were twelve hundred students in the University when I was there. For the most part they were a wild, swearing, beer-drinking set. I was ringleader among them in their mad pranks. At that time there were but eight Christian students in the whole twelve hundred. We who were not Christians made it hard for them, but they were brave, manly fellows and had a weekly prayer meeting.

Along toward the close of my university course something seemed to go wrong with me. I was not sick, and I had no misfortune, but I was unhappy. 'What's the matter with you George?' I asked myself. 'You are not studying hard enough,' I decided. I studied harder than ever, but still was not happy.

'Go more into society.' I went into society, but my unhappiness continued. 'Why, George are you going crazy? You need new scenery and associations.' So I took my staff and trampled down into Switzerland, where I expected surely to drop my burden, but I did not.

I grew frightened and hurried back to Halle, and took up my studies again. But my burden grew heavier and heavier. At last I remembered the eight Christians and their prayer meeting. I sought one of them whom I knew, and said, 'Carl, you have a prayer meeting?' 'Yes.' 'Where do you hold it?' 'I shall not tell you.' 'Why not?' 'You know very well, George, you only wish to mock and scoff.' 'Upon my word, Carl, I do not.' I finally convinced him that I was in earnest, and he told me the place of meeting.

I was promptly on hand at the hour. A chapter in the Bible was read, a few prayers offered, some remarks made, and the prayer meeting was over. But I detained the young men and told them my case. I said, I do not know if it is what you have that I need, but tell me what it is.'

One and another told me of Christ. They prayed with me, and I prayed for myself. At last I saw Christ as my Saviour. I believed on Him, and gave myself to Him. The burden rolled from off me, and a great love for Christ filled my soul. That was more than fifty years ago. I loved Jesus Christ then, but I loved Him more the year after, and more the year after that, and more every year since. How much I love Him now I could not begin to tell you. Jesus Christ is my great and glorious and adorable God and Saviour, whose love fills my soul."

After his university course George Mueller was led to open an Orphan's Home in Bristol, England. He determined to trust God alone for his needs, never asking others for help, and never to go into debt. This he did, and although at first the work was limited, God sent him money and he was able to build new Homes from time to time until he was providing for 2,100 orphans. During fifty years, more than five million dollars came in answer to prayer, most of this being spent to build and maintain the Orphans' Home; the rest going to other worthy causes.

In his ninety-third year Mueller wrote: "I have been for sixty-eight years a lover of the Word of God, and that uninterruptedly. During this time I have read considerably more than one hundred times through the whole Bible, with great delight. I have for many years read Old and New Testaments with prayer and meditations four times every year."

Christ can truly satisfy the heart, the heart of a university student, or the heart of any other person. Anyone who will admit Christ into his life as Saviour and Lord can become a channel of untold blessing.

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