

My Testimony

by Alice Mitchell



My name is Alice Mitchell. I am fourteen years old, I was born on 14th January 2000 in Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland and I have one older brother.

My Mum and Dad were saved before I was born. I have gone to Sunday School from as long as I can remember as well as other meetings. Therefore, I have known the reality of my sin, the urgency of salvation, and the overflowing love of God from an early age.

I remember when I was four or five years of age being frightened about the Lord's coming again. I knew that I wasn't saved so if the Lord was to come, my family would go and I would be left behind. I prayed every night a simple prayer that went like this; 'Lord, please save me', and, so, I would sleep well that night. It just shows that God's mercy is so great for a child so young. This went on for about a year.

When I was eight I started to question my faith and had lots of doubts. Most nights I wouldn't be able to sleep and often went to my parents with questions regarding salvation and God. I thank God for giving me patient and loving parents who simply answered my queries and taught me bible verses which have comforted me to this very day.

When I was nine I realised that there was nothing I had to do but believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved (Acts 16:31). I didn't have to do anything, give anything, go anywhere, or say any long fancy prayer. I just trusted God and knew there was nothing more to it. Jesus did it all on the cross. I did have the odd doubt here and there for a while after that but I now knew I was saved and a child of God.

Although I can't remember a certain date or time that I was saved, but I guess that doesn't matter. As long as you know that at some point in your life you have confessed with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and have believed in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Romans 10:9).

When I was thirteen, I wanted to obey God so on the 5th of May 2013, I was baptised in the Antrim Gospel Hall. It was really encouraging because within the space of three weeks, me and three of my close friends were baptised.

I continue to grow in my faith, learn more about God, and to live my life for Him. I know it isn't always easy but I do know that the reward will be great! I have had prayers answered, one most recently being that I asked God that I would find some Christian friends in school and, at the start of the year, I have become best friends with a group of lovely Christian girls. I can say that prayer works! This quote has helped me:

God answers in 3 ways:

- He says yes and gives you what you want
- He says no and gives you something better
- He says wait and gives you the best.

I also find these verses so encouraging and helpful in my life:

- Isaiah 43:2-5
- Psalms 18:2

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

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