

## My Testimony

-- By Rose

My parents Noel & Marie C came from Manitoba, that's where they both met & married Sept 1/1951. Dad came to B. C. first and then Mom followed shortly after.

I was born on a cold December day in 1955 at the Royal Columbian Hospital. My parents worshiped at the Catholic Church, Our Lady of Mercy; therefore I was baptized and had my First Communion there too. I also went to the parish school until the end of Grade 5, along with my two brothers and sister, after which we went to public school at Lord Tweedsmuir in New Westminster.

It was during this time that my dad had a growing curiosity about the Bible. He wanted to know more, however when he talked to his priest about it, he was told that what the priest told him was more than enough for him to know!

My mother also was curious and was then studying with the J.W. for awhile. It was during that time that my "stay at home" mom met with some of her neighbours at the end of the block. (Talk about God's perfect timing.) This family went to the NWEFC and asked my parents to come along and give it a try; that was the Spiers family.

(In the mean time my parents also went to revival meetings, there was a lot going on at that time.) They studied & prayed with Rev & Doris Peace from "SunBeans of Cheer" from KARI Radio & also with Brother & Sister Philips. It was at a Hotel along Kingsway in Vancouver that the whole family stepped forward and accepted the Lord; that Winter together in 1966. I was almost 11 yrs old and in Gr. 6.

My first Sunday School teacher was Mrs. Pat, she also helped my memorize my 1st Bible verse - Galatians 5:22 "Fruits of the Spirit."

I went to high school at NWSS just across the street from here. That's where I met my high school sweetheart & married in Mar 1974. I was 18 years old. I worked for one year first before we married. His parents were Christians and he said he was too. But in the fall of 1978, he decided he didn't love my anymore & decided to end our marriage. From the summer of 79 we sold the house and I moved back to my parents place and stayed with them until June of 1985.

During those years I immersed myself with work and church and was very active with church activities. I thank the Lord for a few real good friends. The Lord was so...good to me. He filled my heart with His love and kept me and carried me many times during that period.

It was in April 1985 that I met Glen at church. He was being Baptized at the Sapperton Baptist Church and Gail Smith and I went. I continued to see Glen off and on at our church. That summer both my parent and I were Baptized.

Glen sort of slid into my life, kept my very busy, he helped my parents move to Merritt and also helped move me into an apartment just five minutes from work the summer of 1985.

The Lord put Glen into my life so I wouldn't miss my family as we were very close and only God knows what He is doing. I wasn't looking for a husband, but was glad to have a friend to talk too, go out with and do things with. We dated for a year and were married on June 21/1986. I married my best friend! He is still today my best friend after twenty-two years and Lord willing we will grow old together.

God has been so good to me. He has spared me from death three times. Once with an ectopic pregnancy in 1989, during Ezra's birth in 1991, and with an emergency appendix in 2003.

I have never ever doubted my faith and for that I am thankful. How can we not believe ...just look outside, look around and see God's glory manifested around us.

Life is full of challenges. I thank God for His love, mercy, and for giving me a wild sense of humour and a Christian husband, and a son, who is a precious gift and we pray for him to come to Jesus to.

I don't know what God has in store for me; but with His help and strength and gently pruning, I will strive to find my purpose & God's purpose in my life. We are truly blessed and have so much to be thankful for. Thank you, and God Bless You.

**You can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer.** Praying is simply talking to God. God knows your heart and is not so concerned with your words, as He is with the attitude of your heart. Here is a suggested prayer:

*Lord Jesus, I want to know you personally. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life to you and ask you to come in as my Savior and Lord. Take control of my life. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be.*

Does this prayer express the desire of your heart? You can pray it right now, and Jesus Christ will come into your life, just as He promised.