

# Testimony of Gramps

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I'm a Blood-Bought Bible-Bragger! I have been, since 1961; servin' too! I was helping Mrs. Mosley set up the tables and chairs for the servicemen's Sunday lunch, on that Sunday I was born (again).

You knew, without a shadow of a doubt, this was her ministry; her burden was for the servicemen like me, in my Air Force uniform, but with a lonely heart pumping inside. I was 21 and a long way from home. I'd been trained as a Ground Radar Repairman.

She had a sweet spirit under that silver hair that just made you want to think of her as 'grandma'. As we cleared the plates and silverware and made preparation for the ping pong and other games, she asked the favorite question of that church. "Jim, if you died tonight, do you know for sure, if you'd go to Heaven?"

"Well, to tell ya honest, Mrs. Mosley, I'm not exactly sure. I can tell you I've been baptized 3 times (I listed the churches), but I've never figured out all this stuff about the Cross and the Blood of Jesus. Now, I know Jesus made the whole world. And I know I can pray to Him, but I'm not sure He hears and answers."

"Jim. All through the first part of the Bible; the Old Testament, there were countless animal sacrifices God's people had to perform to pay for their sins. That "sin" word is a church word that simply means **'thinking and doing things we know God doesn't like.'** And Jim, I'm sure you've noticed we don't sacrifice animals

for our sins today. The reason is because God provided a very special sacrifice, according to prophecy; His sinless Divine Son, Jesus Christ."

Mrs. Mosley opened a nearby Bible to Romans 3:23 and read to me, as I followed along, *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;* and then Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.* "You see here, Jim. We've all sinned; everybody. Just like we earn a paycheck for working, we've 'earned' the wages or the penalty of death. Now that death is far more terrible than the death, when our heart stops beating. That sin death means separation from God forever. But look at the next sentence. God has given us a Gift – but not in a box with a ribbon. His Gift of eternal life, is in a person; in His Son, Jesus Christ." So if we accept Jesus Christ into our heart, we've received eternal life."

Another verse is important here. Romans 10:9,10 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* "You know, Mrs. Mosley? This says I'm saved without any baptism and stuff." "Yes Jim. You and I are saved by nothing more than believing that Jesus Christ is the Divine Son of God, and that He is the only way of salvation. It's after you've confessed with your mouth that you are a sinner and need the Salvation of Christ, you invite Him into your heart.

Now if you are truly honest in that confession and invitation, then you are saved, and will NEVER become unsaved.

So in July of 1961 I trusted Christ to enter my heart and save me by His power. After that, I was baptized by the church pastor, and have never regretted it for one instant, since then. That full immersion baptism is an action that just shows others around me, what has happened in my heart and mind.

It was during those days, that I began writing small adventure stories, that I have continued to this moment. When I received my Regular Air Force discharge, I got a civil service job doing electronics repair on several guided missiles. Further, I enjoy learning things from books and I began computer programming, for the next three companies I worked for.

My programming and rocket repair skills gave me a sensitivity to scripture I feed on daily. I started seeing computing principles in scripture, that was clearly promised in 2nd Timothy 3:16,17; it was the '*...thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*'

Though I'm ready always to share my Salvation Testimony, my mind doesn't like to make statements about the events in my life, that might sound like I'm braggin' on me, and not on my Blessed Savior. I truly believe that if you or I were the only person on this Earth, Jesus would still have obeyed His Heavenly Father and went to Calvary. That's how important Salvation is. Calvary also gives us an idea of how horrible an eternity in the burning Lake of Fire, is.

Boys and men aren't known much for crying, but my heart screams as I sit in

the pew and watch young boys and girls with hand held computers 'entertaining themselves' while the sermon, songs, and prayer requests clearly made no connection with them. The silver haired attenders would aim dark looks at them, and never even think of going over and sitting with them.

It's pure and simple – Churches are continually stealing from its youth. No wonder they leave never to return. Youth are being robbed by not being shown the Bible's statements that technology is a gift from God, to be used to Glorify Him and His word. More than that, scripture shows us how to use computing safely and successfully.

I take a lesson from Mrs. Mosley. If no one helps her, she'll continue, as unto the Lord. My attitude as a 75 yr old grandfather with double vision and shaky hands, will continue, whether I get help or not.

I get such a blessing printing booklets of scripture with my computer. You'll want to try some of the 900+ word search duo-puzzles at BibleFun.org. The bottom line of Jim 'Gramps' Curtis is in the 'grandfather verses' : Psalms 71:17,18 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation [adults], and thy power to every one that is to come [youth]. [brackets added]

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