

A PERFECT HOME

What comes to your mind when you think about the perfect home? Is there a garden and a pool? A library filled with good books? Are there two cats in the backyard and a white fence? Let me tell you about a place I have found to call home - a place that is *absolutely perfect!*

When I became a young adult, I tried hard to create the perfect home, but I was trying to live my life my way. Living life my way was just one of the many sins that were separating me from God. It was then that my sister told me that a personal relationship with Jesus Christ was what I needed. I invited Him into my heart and life and allowed Him to guide me through everyday living. There were no fireworks, loud music or bells that day, just a peace of mind.

Years later I was having personal problems and my spirit had been wounded. I was actually having suicidal thoughts. It was then that I prayed to God for help because I knew there had to be something better for me in life and there was. God answered, by reminding me that I was to be here for my two boys. To watch them grow into fine godly young men and have families of their own.

I believe the Lord put me on this earth for a purpose. Raising my sons was truly a big part of God's purpose for me. They are both happily married now and I have had the joy of holding my first grandchild, too! But heaven is my *real* home and it is always on my mind. It helps me keep this life on earth in perspective. We may sometimes want to jump from our present situations straight to heaven. The truth is you don't have to wait to leave this world to experience home. He wants to have a relationship with us right now. *When we have Jesus in our life we are at home!*

Jesus died on the cross for all my sins past, present and future and forgave me. Past sins, failures and a wounded spirit no longer have a hold on my life. I now have the assurance of entering into heaven. Heaven is the perfect home. In heaven there will be no more tears, pain or sorrow. Sounds like the perfect home to me! Jesus says,

"In my Father's house there are many rooms ... I go to prepare a place for you."
John 14:2

Jesus will prepare a special place for you in heaven, when you have a personal relationship with Him. That relationship is similar to the closest friendship you could have with your most loyal friend. There is nothing better in this world than to discover that God *knows* you, *sees* you and *cares* for you ***more than anyone else ever could.*** In the book of Jeremiah, God says He has a plan for each one of us. God's plans for you and me are far better than any we can come up with!

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. " ***Jeremiah 29:11***

Since you are still reading this, you must be interested in how you too can have this same assurance of going to heaven. If you are truly seeking God, here is a prayer to allow the Lord to help you.

"God, I don't know if you are really there, but I want to know the truth about you and about Jesus. I ask you to give me your guidance and wisdom to know this truth. If you are real, then I ask you to show me these things." Amen

If you were encouraged by my testimony, you may want to visit our church website. There you will find other such stories of men and women who have come to know the same wonderful God in the same way, through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, His Son. Or, come visit us sometime at our church. At a Bible-believing church you will meet others who were also searching for a hope and a future. We at Strongsville Bible Fellowship would love to share with you the excitement of knowing Jesus Christ as our Savior. Why not come visit us sometime.

You just might experience the feeling of coming "home" that we have found there in God's love.

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