

Cyndee's Testimony

I grew up on a farm/feedlot operation near Carrington, North Dakota. My Mom and Dad both believed in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord and were very active in the church.

When I was three or four years old, my Mom was asked if she would teach a class for VBS. Mom said that she would be happy to, if she could bring her little girl with her to class, since there was no class for children that young.

I remember a Child Evangelism worker speaking to all of the classes and he presented the "Wordless Book". That was many, many years ago, so I don't remember exactly word for word what he said, but I do remember the main points and I would like to share the "Wordless Book" to you now.

The first page is black and it represents the sin in each one of our lives. The Bible says:

**"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one."
Romans 3:10**

**"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned."
Romans 5:12**

Because of Adam's sin, we are all born with a sin nature. Now maybe you are saying, "Why do I have to be penalized for Adam's sin, I'm not so bad."

**"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us".
1 John 1:8**

**"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."
James 2:10**

Have you ever disobeyed your parents? Have you ever thought a mean thought? Have you ever said unkind words to someone else? Is there someone that you don't like, or get along well with. Have you ever gossiped about someone else?

Some people like to classify sin into categories with some being worse than others, but God sees sin as sin. He is a Holy God, and sin, no matter how great, or small, cannot be in God's presence.

The Bible goes on to say:

**"For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God."
Romans 3:23**

The next page is red and it represents the blood of Jesus when he died on the cross for our sins.

**"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord."
Romans 6:23**

**"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16**

God knew that we were all condemned to eternal death, because of sin. Eternal death being total and complete separation from God forever in hell. So, He sent His only son, "who knew no sin," II Corinthians 5:21, "to be sin for us".

Jesus paid my debt for my sins and He paid your debt for your sins, when he died on the cross.

**"For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."
John 3:17**

**"But God commendeth His love for us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8**

What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Oh! Precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

The white page represents our lives and our hearts

when we admit to God that we are a sinner and accept God's gift of His son to us, and ask Jesus into our hearts and lives as our personal Saviour and Lord.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has 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."

Romans 10:9,10

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."
Romans 10:13

Into my heart, Into my heart,
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.
Come in today, come in to stay.
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

"Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat;
I wait, blessed Lord, at thy **crucified feet**.
By Faith, for my **cleansing I see thy blood flow**,
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow,
Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

The green page represents our growth in Christ.

II Peter 3:18 "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Just like a tree needs water, light, and food, to grow; we need to grow not only physically, but spiritually. The Bible, God's Holy Word, is our spiritual food and also our light. Jesus gives us the living water.

5 Steps to Growth

1. Read & Obey God's Word

Luke 11:28 “Blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it.”

James 1:22 “Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.”

Psalms 119:11 “Thy word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against God.”

Psalms 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.”

2. Witness for the Lord

Mark 5:19 “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you.”

Mark 16:15 “And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.”

Romans 10:11 “For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.”

3. Hear God’s Word in S.S. & Church

4. Give your life and what you have to God

I Corinthians 6:19,20 “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are of God’s.

Romans 12:1 “I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

**“As ye have, therefore, received Christ Jesus the Lord,
so walk ye in Him.” Colossians 2:6**

**“I can do all things through Christ, who strengtheneth
me.” Philippians 4:13**

5. Pray - Talk to God.

“I Thessalonians 5:17 “Pray without ceasing.”

**“Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one
another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent
prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16**

The last page is gold and it represents heaven.

**John 14:1-3, “Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe
in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are
many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare
a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto
myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.”**

**Revelation 21:4 “And God shall wipe away all tears
from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither
sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for
the former things are passed away.”**

**Revelation 21:21 “And the twelve gates were twelve
pearls; each one of the gates was of one pearl; and the
street of the city was pure gold, as it were, transparent
glass.”**

**II Corinthians 5:8 “We are confident, I say, and willing
rather to be absent from the body, and to be present
with the Lord.”**

**I Thessalonians 6:16,17 “For the Lord himself shall
descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the
archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ
shall rise first; Then we who are alive and remain shall be
caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord
in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”**

When the Child Evangelism worker was finished with the wordless book, he asked if anyone wanted to pray and ask Jesus to forgive them of their sins and to come into their heart to be their Lord and Savior, and I raised my hand. Then my Mom and I went down to the front of the church where I prayed and asked Jesus into my heart.

God's promise to us is this:

**"I will never leave you, nor forsake you." Hebrews
13:5b**

This doesn't mean that we will never have any hard times or problems in our lives ever again, because we probably will as long as we live on this earth, but it does mean that no matter what happens in our lives, Jesus is always there right beside us and He will help us and he will never leave us.