

Personal Testimony

I was born on November 2, 1958. My father was a Methodist minister with an active pulpit ministry. On October 25, 1959, I was Baptized by sprinkling by my dad.

Throughout my childhood, teens and early 20s, I grew in "Faith" accepting the Doctrine I received within the Methodist church. In my late teens, early 20's, I became heavily involved with the Methodist church in Youth and Young Adult Ministries traveling extensively in support of Community College Campus Ministries. At one point I seriously considered seminary training...following in my dads' footsteps to accept a pulpit ministry.

Then on August 18, 1979, I married my Life-Long Partner, Alicia Michelle Kynast. Alicia came from an extremely conservative indoctrination of "Faith" within the Covenant church. Having, like myself, accepted Christ as personal Lord and Savior, we began our marriage in full hope of a union of three and looking forward to the boundless blessings of a "Christian" marriage...What developed were long bitter struggles to win each other over to our own perspectives...Methodist or Covenant (Christianity aside).

It was not until we both began to study God's Word that we really began to understand the real truth of our "Faith." We came across two sections of scripture that caused us to finally see, "The Light." The first scripture was 2nd Peter, 1:10-11. These words of Life were the keys to resolving our differences...be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you.... We were lead to lengthy and extensive separate study. We both came to the second scripture passage of Acts 2:37-42. The joy of choosing to be Baptized nor encouragement to seek wisdom through the scriptures was ours. We now had "The Final Word";

“...Repent, and let each of you be Baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit...”

“...And they were continually devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... ”

On April 26, 1983, both of us were Baptized, by immersion, into Christ, for the remission of our sins, received the gift of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

We had at last found the peace and "FAITH" we both sought, providing the assurance of Salvation, the union of three and the boundless blessings of a fully "CHRISTIAN" marriage.

Since that time, we have seen a tremendous blessing of growth within our family. On September 18, 1988, my wife and I had the joy of seeing our daughter, Heather, Baptized. Then on December 15, 1991, as a father I had the incomparable joy of Baptizing my son, Daniel.