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# Welcome to Christians for Christ




This site is dedicated to tell the story of the gigantic changes that came rushing into my life after faithfully attending the Roman Catholic Church from birth to adulthood over 35 years. I implore you to read about what happened and how God worked in such amazing ways to bring about this turn of events.

What about you. Do you consider yourself a good person? Do you go to mass every Sunday and holy day? Maybe it's what you have always done. Very likely it's what your parents did. And your grandparents. Perhaps you got married there. Had your babies baptized there. Maybe you were even an altar boy, like I was? And maybe you are struggling to live up to the high standards for how you feel you need to behave in order to make it to heaven?

Jesus said, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). He set a pretty high standard, perfection. Jesus was perfect, but are we able to obey his command and achieve perfection ourselves? If we can't be perfect, then how good do we have to be to make it to heaven? What if we missed mass a few times this year because we just didn't feel like going that Sunday, are we condemned?

Sit. Kneel. Stand. I knew the routine by heart. I didn't even need a missal any more, I could recite all the prayers without even looking. I prayed the Rosary and prayed to Mary for her intercession. But as I got older, life began to get much more complicated. I started a job with Ford Motor Company as a design engineer in Dearborn, Michigan. Even though I continued attending mass, I began to lose interest in it. To reduce boredom during mass I started reading a small Gideon's Bible that some whacko handed me on a sidewalk while I was going to school at Western Michigan University. One

day a friend came up to me one day and asked me, "Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus?" I did not know what to tell him, I just wanted him to go away. I'm not sure what I said but it was something like, "I think I do." He knew that I was a devout Roman Catholic but unlike other Protestants he was not judgmental of me. Instead, he was kind and treated me as his equal, as his friend. This was quite different than many of the Bible thumpers that I had encountered in the past. My friend's question to me way back in 1996 started me thinking. Read what happened next.

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