

## ***The Day I Found Righteousness, Peace, and Everlasting Joy***

***My name is Jeff Lange...***

*And here is how I found the greatest treasure known to man*

I came to Fargo, ND in the Fall of '91 to complete my degree in Mechanical Engineering at NDSU. During the '94-'95 school year, I was searching for something that was missing in my life. I was living the "normal" college lifestyle and having "fun" at this stage in my life. Yet, from somewhere in the depths of my soul, I knew that my sinful lifestyle was not satisfying my inner soul. I knew that God existed and only he could fill that void in my life. I did all the "normal" things like going to church, giving money, and living the best I could. Being religious as I was, I decided to attend an on-campus Bible study.

I tried to study the Bible on my own before, but I couldn't understand it and it was not meeting that inner thirst to know God. So as I went to Bible Study a friend invited me to the Fargo Baptist Church. I began to understand that verses like Romans 3:10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" and Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." meant I could never measure up to God's standard. I also understood the verse in Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." meant that according to the Bible my sin was taking me to hell. I not only understood the bad news about my sin, but I also saw God's promises of salvation and the forgiveness of sins through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. I saw that if I were to repent of my sin and trust in the finished work of Jesus Christ alone on the cross that I would be saved.

Although I grew up going to church, was baptized, and confirmed, I knew that none of those things would get me to heaven. I began to see myself as a hell-bound, hell-deserving sinner. I wasn't a sinner because I sinned, but I sinned because I was a sinner. It was a heart issue. I was not ready to meet God. A couple weeks later in my dorm room on a Sat. night, God showed me through the Bible that if I were to die, I would go to hell. I was a slave to my sin. I could not stop sinning. I had no power to stop. I realized I needed a Saviour to save me from hell and I wanted to know God more than anything and have a real relationship with Him.

The next day in church, upon hearing the gospel preached once again and having the load of my sin weigh heavy on me, I came to the end of myself knowing I could not save myself. I knelt down with my friend and in repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ I was saved on Feb. 26, 1995.

It's a fact of life that we must all die one day. From that point on we will be in either heaven or hell forever. If you were to die today... where would you spend eternity? My friend, you have an appointment to stand before God one day and answer for every sinful thought, word or deed ever done during your lifetime. (Rev 20:11-15).

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Are you prepared to give an account of your life to God? God will not overlook any sin (2 Peter 3:9). God will judge the cusser, drinkers, the immoral, thieves, sodomites, the greedy, dishonest, adulterers, perverts, liars, cheaters, the proud, and every other type of sinner. (1 Cor 6:9-10, Gal 5:19-21) All sinners “shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.” (Rev 21:8)

Jesus Christ is your only chance of making it to heaven. He said “I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.” (John 14:6) If you will repent of your sins and place all your faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 20:21) God will save you.

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Dear Friend,

I hope you enjoyed reading my personal testimony of salvation. I have a sincere desire that people have an opportunity to know what the Bible proclaims. The average American spends over 30 hours a week watching TV, while not even 1 hour reading the Bible. Life is full of questions needing answers. The Bible contains everything we need to know this side of heaven. It is God’s instruction manual to his creation.

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