

(Yes God is Real) The Catholic Lady

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Scripture: Luke 19:10, Matthew 4:19, Luke 11:13, Ephesians 2:8, John 14:6, Romans 6:23, 1 Peter 3:15, Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19

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Transcript

Welcome, grandchildren. Welcome, friends. Thank you for joining me again.

I have shared with you how I have become a Christian. And after we are a Christian, we should not just sit back and relax, because the Lord Jesus Christ came for the purpose of seeking and saving that which is lost. And when he went back to heaven, he said, now I want you to carry out what I started.

Go and save and seek that which is lost. And then in addition to that, he also said, if we follow him, that is the Lord Jesus Christ, he will make us fishers of men. And so if we are not fishing for others to become Christians, then there's something wrong in our lives, and we need to examine where we are at and what we're doing.

As I started to share my faith, I came to the recognition that I could not do it on my own. And so each time when I share a testimony, or I talk to someone about the Lord Jesus Christ, I first cry out to God to cleanse me anew, because I want to have higher help. And if we regard sin in our lives, then God will not hear.

So I asked for cleansing anew. And then the second step is, I asked God to give me the fullness of his Holy Spirit. And he said he would do so in accordance with Luke chapter 11, verse 13.

The third step I take is that I ask for help on what to say, and that I might open up my mouth. So here's an example. I am in an airplane flying to Switzerland, actually on ministry and a connecting flight for Africa.

Next to me is an elderly lady, and she pulled out a rosary out of her purse, and she started to pray next to me. And so I was praying, and I was wondering, what should I do, Lord? What should I say? How could I approach her? And it's not always easy also to approach women. And I was praying, and then when she stopped praying, it became all very, very easy, because I just looked at her, and I gave her a compliment.

And it's always good to start a testimony with a compliment. And I said to her, it's an honor for me to sit next to a woman with faith. And she laughed, and she said she was glad that she was sitting next to me.

And I said to her, may I ask what you were praying for? And she said, yes, I can tell you I was praying that God would put an angel next to me. Are you an angel? And I said, no, I'm not an angel. I'm just a sinner saved by grace.

And then we continued to talk, and I said to her, now may I ask you a question? She said, of course. I said, in accordance with your faith, how will I make it to heaven? And she said, oh, you must be a very good man. You must do many good deeds, and then God will accept you in heaven.

And I said, oh, is that what the Bible says? And she looked at me in surprise, and she said, oh, I don't know what the Bible says. And I asked her, would it be all right if I shared with you what the Bible says? And she said, sure. And so I opened up my Bible, and I opened it up to Ephesians chapter 2. And there it says, in Ephesians chapter 2, in verse 8, for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves.

It is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. And the Bible says, the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And so I shared with her that we could not make it through good works ourselves.

Our church could not get us to heaven. It would have to be the Lord Jesus Christ, for he says, I'm the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes unto the Father except by me.

And she smiled at me, and I was surprised. And then she leaned forward, and her hand went forward, and she pulled out of her purse a tract. And as she pulled out the tract, she said, someone gave me this pamphlet, you know.

And as I read this pamphlet, what you are telling me is in this pamphlet. And so is that what the Bible says? And I said to her, yes, that is what the Bible says, and that's what we must believe. And by the time I had to leave the plane in Switzerland, she turned to me, and she said to me, from now on, I will believe that Jesus Christ is the way to peace with God.

And if I believe in him, and then follow him, and yes, good works afterwards are the evidence that you're following Christ, then, as she said, I will do so in the future. So thank you for listening. You can also have a new life yourself by following the Lord Jesus Christ, by making peace with God, by asking for forgiveness of your sins, and to ask him into your life.

And now grandkids, some of you, and I hope all of you, are following the Lord Jesus Christ. And if you do, I want you to share your faith with others. And you can even start by giving out a tract to others to tell the gospel, to tell the truth, to tell the way to heaven to everyone that you need.

Thank you for listening. The Lord be with you.

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