

## **“Transformed”**

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Despite losing my dear Philip, I praise the Lord for helping me decide to walk on in His ways, and for His joy, peace and assurance of salvation through the Holy Spirit.

In June 2012, my husband Philip heard the gospel message to repent, be baptised and receive the Holy Spirit. Without discussing it with me he decided to get baptised. He knew that God was his last chance at beating his terminal cancer.

I was pulled into the church as his support person through his cancer journey. Thankfully God, who knows everything, gave both of us the gift of the Holy Spirit within a week of coming along, with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

But still, two months later Philip passed away. God in His wisdom had decided not to grant him a physical healing. He had, however, graciously granted Philip's wish to beat death. It was just not in the way we had expected. By receiving the Holy Spirit, Philip had his admission ticket into heaven. I was greatly comforted by that.

But while I appreciated the love and support shown to me by the members of the fellowship, I felt that the strict moral codes could be confronting down the track. For example, prior to getting married we had lived together. I came to a cross-roads early in my walk with the Lord, and needed to decide whether to stay in the fellowship or return to my old ways - where I made the rules.

So I started to read the Bible and was convicted by the words in Ecclesiastes 7:4: 'The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning'.

I decided to use this time of mourning to get wisdom from the Bible about the important issues of life. The Lord had also shown me, through my powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, that He was real. I had already been empowered by the Holy Spirit to change one aspect of my proud, pre-Christian nature - which was an inability to apologise.

As I threw myself into listening to recorded talks, attending meetings and fellowship events, I found myself living out what I was reading. As I came to know the immensity of God's love and the obedience of Christ in dying to redeem my soul, my mind was gradually transformed. I was being changed from glory to glory within, as His love flowed through me.

The strict moral codes of the Bible are no longer an issue. His ways are higher than our ways and for our good. His love for us in going to the cross demands no less than my wholehearted obedience.

I praise the Lord for helping me decide to walk on in His ways. I am thankful for His joy, peace and assurance of salvation through the Holy Spirit. I thank Him for giving me strength to endure, faith to believe in His promises, and wisdom to keep following Him towards eternity.

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悉尼

虽然失去了我亲爱的菲利普，我仍然感谢主帮助我决定继续走他的道路，感谢他藉着圣灵赐给我的喜乐、平安和救恩。

在2012年6月，我的丈夫菲利普听到福音，就是要悔改，受洗和领受圣灵。他没有和我商量就决定受洗。他知道神是他战胜晚期癌症的最后机会。

我被拉进教会，作为他癌症之旅的支援者。庆幸的是，无所不知的神，在一周之内，以说灵语为凭据把圣灵赐给了我们俩。

但两个月后，菲利普就去世了。上帝以他的智慧决定不给他身体上的医治。不过，他还是宽宏大量地应允了菲利普战胜死亡的心愿。这和我们预想的不一样。菲利普因领受了圣灵，就有了进入天堂的入门券。这使我深受安慰。

但我虽感激教会成员对我的爱和支持，我觉得严格的道德规范可能会在今后让我面临挑战。例如，在结婚之前我们住在一起。在我与主同行的初期，我来到了一个十字路口，我需要决定是否继续留在教会，还是回到我以前的生活方式——就是自己制定自己的规则。

于是我开始读圣经，认为《传道书》7:4中“智慧人的心在遭丧之家”这经文说的有理。

我决定运用这段哀悼的时间，从圣经中吸取人生重要问题的智慧。主也藉著我领受圣灵的经厉，向我显明祂是真实的。我已经被圣灵赋予力量，可以改变我在成为基督徒之前骄傲的本性 - 那就是无法认错和道歉。

当我全心地听讲道的录音、参加聚会和团契活动时，我发现自己也做到我所读的。当我认识到神对我的爱是何等的大，基督为救赎我的灵魂而死是何等的顺服，我的思想就渐渐改变了。当祂的爱充满了我，我的内心也改变了，以归为荣耀祂。

圣经中严格的道德规范不再是个问题。祂的道高过我们的道，是为我们的益处。祂因爱我们而被订在十架而我们也应当全心全意的顺服祂。

我赞美主，因祂帮助我定意遵行祂的道。我感谢祂藉著圣灵赐我喜乐、平安和救恩。我感谢祂给了我力量去忍受，给了我信心去相信祂的应许，给了我智慧去跟随祂走向永恒。