

Cindy Henke – *Finally Home*

A conversation with Cindy that is worth remembering:

Psalm 23 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Why was Cindy *not* afraid to die & why was she assured she was going to Heaven?

It is because Cindy came to understand:

1) Her *need* of salvation by God's grace.

Romans 3:10-12 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;

¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2) God's *provision* for her eternal salvation by grace:

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Cor. 15:3-4 For I delivered to you first of all {the Gospel} which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

3) That salvation / eternal life was *not* an earned reward for the righteous but an *undeserved gift* for the guilty which was paid in full by Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith (in Jesus Christ alone), and that (salvation is) not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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It is because Cindy chose to trust in Jesus Christ alone to save her & give her eternal life as a free gift and God always keeps His promises:

1) **John 3:16-18** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

2) **John 10:28** And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

- 3) **1 John 5:11-13** And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has [a]life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

What is Cindy {and other believers in Christ} doing and not doing in Heaven today?

1. Cindy is “WITH CHRIST” which is “far better”. (Phil.1:21-23; 2 Cor.5:8)
2. Cindy is dwelling in the “place” Christ went to ‘PREPARE’ for them. (John 14:3)
3. Cindy is BEHOLDING the glory of Jesus Christ. (John 17:24)
4. Cindy is enjoying “PARADISE” in the third Heaven. (2 Cor.11:3-4)
5. Cindy is WORSHIPPING GOD and FELLOWSHIPPING with OTHER BELIEVERS. (Rev. 4 & 5)
6. Cindy is RESTING from her labors. (Rev. 14:13)

If Cindy could speak to you today, what would she say?