

## **Testimony of Pat Schumacher**

Hello, my name is Pat Schumacher. When I was 30 years old, I developed rheumatoid arthritis. The rheumatoid arthritis has totally destroyed my joints, I am unable to walk and spend my days in a wheelchair. But I have comfort from above and know that when I die I will have a perfect body and there will be no more pain. I would like to share my story with you.

I was raised in a religious family. I have one sister, and three brothers. We went to church every Sunday. I was brought up believing there was a God, and learned much about the Bible. I was confirmed in a Lutheran church. I thought that my good works, and my church membership were enough to get me into heaven. I soon learned differently.

When I was 15, my girlfriend and I attended revival services at a small Baptist church. Even though I had went to church all my life this was the first time I heard the plan of salvation. At the church that day I picked up a gospel pamphlet called, "All Satan's Apples Have Worms". I also met a young man that asked me the question, "Where would I spend eternity when I died?" I answered I would go to heaven because I believe that was a good person. But after reading the pamphlet I realized that being a good person is not enough to get you in heaven.

In Isaiah it states: "*All our righteousness is as filthy rags.*" Also, Ephesians 6:8 & 9 states: "*For by grace are you saved through faith, not of yourselves is a gift of God not of works, lest any man should boast.*" I realized my life was filled with works after reading the gospel pamphlet I understood that I needed to accept Christ as my saviour, by faith. Christ paid the penalty for my sin, and I needed to totally trust in him and him alone for my salvation.

I wrote to John R. Rice, the author and soon after that I started receiving The Sword of the Lord publication. This is a Christian paper filled with sermons and other helps for Christian growth. After I was saved I had a strong desire to read my Bible daily and to live for Christ. Christ has truly changed my life. I am filled with thanksgiving and joy. I have had many complications with my arthritis and I am so glad to have Christ walking with me through these troubled times. I know now that Christ will help me through all my sufferings & trials.

*2Co 12:9" And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*

**Pat Went to meet with the Lord  
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**If you are lost like Pat was why  
don't you trust Christ Like she did?  
Get saved and be excited about  
meeting with the Lord some day.**