

How a Jew, Fern Jacobs,  
Put Her Faith in  
the Lord Jesus Christ and  
Became Eternally Secure



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## **The Faith and Eternal Destiny of Fern Jacobs**

Fern Jacobs, at the age of 60, passed from this life right into the presence of her Lord on November 1, 2008. For the last year of Fern's life I was privileged to have known her. Fern and I both were raised Jewish and each of us came though differently to put our confidence and faith in the same person — the Lord Jesus Christ. Fern was born, raised, and lived in San Diego, which is where I came to know her. Fern explained that one day she told her Jewish husband, Fred, that they were out of money and that he needed to rob a bank. She was just kidding, but Fred took her seriously and went out and robbed a bank. That landed Fred in prison where he later died. After Fred died, Fern learned that Fred had put

his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ before he passed away. Fern wished that she had had the opportunity to talk more with Fred about what the Lord Jesus Christ meant to him. Since this wasn't possible, she began to attend the Mission Valley Community Chapel and in January, 2008, she told the Pastor that she wanted to be baptized.

Fern attended a ladies' Bible study with my wife that was taught by an Israeli believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Fern was very interested in studying the Bible and she rarely missed a class. Fern came to the class with lots of questions. During one Bible class Fern asked, "Are you saying that Jesus was the Jewish Messiah?" That was the first time in her life that Fern came to the realization that Jesus of Nazareth was the Jewish Messiah.

Fern had diabetes, pain in her back, and allergies. She was baptized in our swimming pool in September of 2008. Our pool has no hand rails. Fern really wanted to be baptized, but as the time for the baptism approached, Fern became afraid of getting into the swimming pool without hand rails. It was very important for Fern to tell the world through baptism that she was a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ and that there would be no turning back for her. This gave her the courage to proceed. The happiness on Fern's face when she emerged from the water (as seen on the cover picture of this booklet) tells it all. Fern had fought through her fears and pressed her way to a public declaration of her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

None of us attending the baptism that

day knew that about one month later Fern would leave this world. But, on November 1, 2008, Fern had such a difficult night that she called 911 and at 8:30 a.m. Fern passed on while in the ambulance and her faith turned to sight as she saw the Lord Jesus Christ who died for her sins.

Looking back, 2008 was the most important year in Fern's life because that was the year when she put her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. 2008 was the year when Fern, through baptism, made her public proclamation that Fern Jacobs was a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. And finally, 2008 was the year when Fern entered Heaven and was spared eternal death or hell because she put her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who paid the penalty for her sins.

This all happened in such a short time. No one but the Lord knew that the time of her opportunity to call on the name of the Lord and be saved would end in 2008.

Fern acted in time and was saved from her sins before it was too late. This reminds me of a neighbor we had when we lived in Lakeside and our business was operated from our home ranch with 300 goats. Our neighbor's name was Larry Rust and he was retired from the Navy. Larry was not interested in me talking to him or with him about God. But subsequently, Larry was hospitalized at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego with terminal prostate cancer. I went to visit Larry in the basement of the hospital where they had the patients with cancer. When Larry saw me in the doorway of his room

with my big black Bible in hand, Larry began to yell at the top of his lungs, “No! No! No Bible! No God! Don’t you come in here with your Bible and your God! Get out of here!” I said, “OK, Larry, I’m leaving, I’m leaving.” I left figuring that I would give Larry some time to calm down and then try to visit him again. A few days later I made my way again to the basement of the Naval Hospital to see Larry. I asked the nurse, “Is Larry still in the same room?” The nurse looked at me out of the side of her eyes and said, “And who wants to know?” I thought this was strange and I replied, “Tom.” The nurse then looked at me and said, “Ohhh, so you’re Tom.” Wondering what this was all about I said, “Yea.” She replied, “Let me tell you something. Larry Rust died last night, but all through the night he screamed, “Tom, Tom, where is Tom?”

Bring Tom! Bring Tom!” I turned away and went home realizing that for some they will realize how much they need the Lord Jesus Christ, but it will be too late.

The Bible gives a very clear warning against procrastinating with God.

(Psalm 95:7-8) To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness

and

(2 Corinthians 6:2) ...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.



Fern did not procrastinate. When she realized that she was a sinner who needed a sacrifice for her sins and that the Lord Jesus Christ died for her sins, Fern responded and took God at His word:

The Bible promises:

(Romans 10:12-13) For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Fern fought through the obstacle that most Jews do not put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Fern realized that He was the Jewish Messiah and God, Himself, as predicted by the prophet Isaiah some 500 years before He came

to earth as a baby:

(Isaiah 9:6) For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

(John 1:1-4) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

(Colossians 1:16-17) For by him

were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Fern told me that she did believe that the Lord Jesus Christ was God. The Lord Jesus Christ made it very clear that it is essential to believe that He is God in order to be saved.

(John 8:24) I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am, ye shall die in your sins.

(John 10:32-33) Jesus answered

them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Like every person who is saved, Fern was not saved on the basis of her good life or by any good deeds she did. Fern was saved because she recognized that she was a sinner in need of a Great Savior. Fern saw that Jesus was both Savior and God Himself and Fern placed her faith firmly in the Lord Jesus Christ to be her personal Lord and Savior.

The Bible lays out God's clear plan of salvation which Fern followed:

(Romans 3:23) For all have sinned,  
and come short of the glory of God;

(Ezekiel 18:20) The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

(Romans 6:23) For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(John 3:3) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

(John 1:12-13) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his

name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

(1 Corinthians 15:3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

(John 3:16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(Ephesians 1:7) In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

By receiving the Lord Jesus Christ, Fern had become born again. Learning what God had to say in the Bible became of paramount importance for Fern.

The Bible explains Fern's new hunger as:

(1 Peter 2:2-3) As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Fern is now in Heaven with eternal life for one simple reason – Fern had the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says:

(1 John 5:12) He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

How about you? Will you follow Fern? Receiving the Lord Jesus Christ is as simple as telling God that you are a sinner and that you believe that God became a man, the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for your sins and that you want to receive Him as your personal Lord and Savior.

I don't think that Fern knew when she put her trust in the Lord Jesus Christ in 2008, that that year was also going to be the year of her departure from earth. But, it was. We only have this lifetime to make our decision to make the Lord Jesus Christ Savior and Lord or not.

(Hebrews 9:27) And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:



Will you receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord? Will you do it today? Will you do it right now?

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