

*Gertrud*



Gertrud loved to visit her grandmother. She couldn't get enough of her grandmother's stories. These were not made-up stories, no myths or legends, nor fantasies or fairy tales. They were stories of a *person* unlike any Gertrud had ever known. But, yes! Her grandma!

Her grandma was *also* like this man about whom she never tired of speaking and about whom she had so much to witness.

"Please tell me again!" begged Gertrud and sat, listening raptly, on the floor before her grandmother. And whenever her grandmother found the time, she told her granddaughter Gertrud everything she knew about the life of this man.

Gertrud began to trust in this person whom she loved to hear about. Her grandma and this person were like she wished to be in her innermost heart. Because she knew: here is where I am loved and safe, blessed and protected.

Gertrud's grandmother was a well-known and well-liked woman. The people who came to her were received with great warmth. She always knew what to do. That is why people sought her help. Gertrud also wanted to be *like* her grandmother. Do you know who **THIS PERSON** is, whom Gertrud heard about again and again with great inner hunger?

Many years later, Gertrud herself said: "In my early years my grandmother left a deep and lasting impression on me. She was the wife of a well-known pastor and literary scholar (a person who reads, writes, reflects upon, lectures about and promotes literature), and the warmth of a life fulfilled by Christ emanated from her. She lived for her savior and for the many souls who sought her help. To sit at her feet and listen to her tell me about JESUS, that made the deepest impression on me in my childhood. My grandmother loved her savior – and I said to her: "I also want to be like you." She answered me: "You must receive the savior." I asked: "How do I do that?" She said: "Simply take the savior into your heart."

Later Gertrud confessed: “Certainly, her prayer led me to my early decision for Christ - at the age of 5 years, before I went to school. How I loved hearing about my savior! I decided never to do anything but live for him and preach his gospel.”

And do you know that God fulfilled her wish! She was allowed to live for Him and to serve Him, to proclaim Him, until she was almost 100-years-old and He took her into His glory. The Lord Jesus used her to lead many children and adults to believe in Him and thus lead them to peace with God and to the eternal home with the Father in heaven where there is no sin, no evil, no suffering, no pain and no more death.

Over 1000 young people were brought in to service for Him, the Lord Jesus Christ by her. She, along with her dear husband Dr. Saturnin Wasserzug, educated them in the sound doctrine of the Bible, the Holy Scriptures. Many Bibles and New Testaments, as well as tracts, writings and books, that explain the Bible, she brought

into circulation in German, French, Dutch, Italian, English, Portuguese and Spanish. She was allowed to translate the widely-used English study Bible by Dr. Scofield into German.

The Lord Jesus gave her an older brother who helped her to learn Greek, the basic language of the New Testament. She writes: “The great opportunity to learn more about the Bible seemed to be in the footsteps of my older brother. He studied the Greek language, so I wanted to learn Greek, too. I did it in secret. And what a joy it was when I could read my New Testament in the Greek language, even before the beginning of religious education at age 13...the pastor who instructed us was a true Christian who believed in the full inspiration of the Bible (= that it is God’s word). He was a radiant witness of salvation through Jesus Christ. How I loved the hours when he opened the Bible to us! My heart was wide open to the Word of God. I could not get enough of it. There was such a longing in me for the true life *with* Jesus and *for* Jesus.

On Sundays I went to services two or three times and at home I wrote the sermons down. Nobody knew about it. These books were very precious to me and were my preparation for one day preaching the Gospel. My pastor was a genuine Biblical theologian. How often had I been in his study, read the Bible with him and asked deep theological questions. For all my life, these hours laid the foundation for the sound doctrine of the Bible.”

Do you also want – whether you are very young or already older – to say to the Lord Jesus: “I thank You that You died on the cross and rose again for my sins. Please forgive me my sins, I confess them to you and also to those whom I have done wrong ... come into my heart Lord Jesus!” Then He can save you from many evils, causing many people unnecessary pain and suffering. And you too can then live for Him and with the help of the Holy Spirit fulfill His plan for you.

Read the Bible every morning, His Word, and pray every day! Also learn Bible verses inside

and out! Through the Holy Spirit, you will also be His witness, whether at home, at school, with your friends, or in the church, even to the four corners of the earth. For with this mission, the Lord Jesus departed from His disciples: **“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me ... and to the end of the earth”** (Acts 1:8). E. S.

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