

With her knowledge of addictions and by learning how to counsel hurting people, Shannon is looking forward to helping the needs of people hooked on drugs and other stuff. She says, "I want to ... help addicts find answers to their spiritual needs."

God has opened her eyes to the reality of Jesus' statement, "Everyone who sins is a slave to sin" (John 8:34). Addiction truly is a vicious form of slavery. But Christ said, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (v.36). What a great hope and promise!

Do you struggle with addiction? Something you put before your eyes? Something you put in your mouth? Something that has you enslaved? It's time to stop trying to overcome it in your own strength and pray to God for complete release. He can give you victory by His awesome power!

You may struggle with denial and fear. But if you come to Christ with a heart that is broken before Him and a true desire to receive His power and healing, your battle will change. No longer will you be fighting God. He will now be working from the inside to help you begin defeating sin and self.

With His help, you can win that battle. With His help you can have peace. Just ask Shannon. --TF

REFLECTION

- Do I know the Saviour?
- Have I found His peace?
- Who could help me?



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Information for Visitors.

* We're glad you're here. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're very welcome to join us for a cuppa after church.

* a Kid's Church and creche is normally provided, during the sermon for the **toddler to primary age bracket**. Please ask for details.

Want Peace?

The battle was ended.

Shannon Taylor had fought God for years, using drugs and alcohol to escape from reality and avoid God's call on her life. Then one day, after wild partying and living an empty existence, Shannon received Christ as her Saviour. At age 17, her life really began.

Addictions are common in our world today. With a growing emptiness inside themselves and a yearning to fill it, people use drugs, alcohol, and sex to try to find peace.

Shannon has a burden for young addicts who are trying to escape emotional pain by indulging themselves on alcohol and drugs. She yearns to see other people trust Christ as their Saviour and to know His peace.





Finding Peace in a Turbulent World

The way of peace can be explained in three restful steps:

1. Getting _____, Isaiah 26:3

(John 16:33) *""These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.""*

(Galatians 5:22) *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, ..."*

(Isaiah 9:6) *"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

(Luke 1:79) *"To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.""*

(Luke 2:14) *""Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!""*

(John 14:27) *""Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

(Colossians 1:19-22) *"For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, {20} and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. {21} And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled {22} in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight;"*
(2 Corinthians 5:18-21) *"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, ..., {19} that is, ..God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, ... {20}: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. {21} For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."*

(Romans 5:1) *"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,"*

(Romans 5:1) *Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. [paraphrase]*

2. Learning to _____, Isaiah 26:3

(Isaiah 26:3) *You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, whose thoughts are fixed on you!* [paraphrase]

(Jeremiah 17:5) *".. "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD."*



(Deuteronomy 7:9) *""Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;"*
(Lamentations 3:22-23) *"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. {23} They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."*

(1 Corinthians 10:13) *"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."*

(1 John 1:9) *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*



3. Leaving your _____, Philippians 4:6-7

(John 14:27) *""Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

