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A TRAVELLER'S GUIDE

LIFE TO DEATH

by Sandi Reid

I can remember it well. It was two years ago that my grandmother crossed the sea from Ireland to take up residence here on the Island. She arrived with but one suitcase, assuring us that a large trunk would arrive soon after. It would contain all of what she cherished most of life's goods.

What should have taken a few weeks ended in months of anxious waiting. I recall coming home from school one day early in the Fall and finding Gran sitting on a stool in the garage, leaning into a large steel-framed case. I soon could see how thrilled she was that it had finally arrived. She had already begun to examine each item carefully. That whole afternoon I sat in amazement as one by one she reflected, with deep pleasure, some remembrance, some tale, involving each piece of treasure. I recall how at one point she took such care in removing a book from the bottom of the trunk and how she then turned and handed it to me. "This is for you" she said. With a quick glance I could see that its red-clothed cover was severely faded and its pages brittle and yellowed. "This book", she continued, "was my mother's. Many times she had read portions of it to me, and I want you to have it."

This same book I now read nightly for each page tells in some new way of an unchanging truth, that being man's way of escape from death unto life through Jesus Christ. Oh! The title of the book: "A Traveller's Guide, from Death to Life." In hopes that you-too will experience Jesus Christ as a living reality, I'd like to share a portion of this treasure-store along with portions from the true book of Life, God's Word.

On one page in the Traveller's Guide at the top of the page, are three words in large black print: "Sufficiency of Salvation". Under them reads: I suppose no one can tell when and to what extent a vessel is marred, so well as the potter: and so, no one can fully measure the failure of man, except his Creator. Now, it is He who has provided the remedy. What

folly, then, to doubt it's sufficiency. 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. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. Jn 3:16, 17.

I am one of those many people who believes that the message of God's word never changes. The message of Christ's dying to save us from sin is as powerful today as it was one hundred or so years ago when the Traveller's Guide was first penned, and as true as in that very period in history when God's own Word was first recorded. People can indeed deny a real experience with the word of mouth, but in their heart, what's real, cannot be denied. I've experienced the saving power of Christ in my life. That experience can be yours. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."



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