

# A Black Sheep Comes Home!

## Conversion Testimony

*George Whitfield Scott*

1868 -1954

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George was born in a two-story, white, farmhouse in the state of Michigan. His godly parents had high hopes for him, so they named him after George Whitfield, who was a distant relative and had worked with John and George Wesley, who founded the Methodist church. The above drawing is a true likeness of George.

Strong-willed George was determined to do things "his own way"! As he grew, his parents' concern also grew.

There was a small woodlot at the back of the farm. Every Sunday, after his father completed his preaching circuit (he pastured several small churches and made the rounds), the concerned parents would go back to the woodlot and cry before the Lord for the salvation of their wayward son. George knew what they were doing. So did the entire area; the trees acted like a sound board; you could hear his parents for miles around.

George was still determined to live as he pleased and continued to tell them that he intended to go to Hell with all his friends.

He had many very narrow escapes. Once he drove his Model T Ford right into the path of a freight train. The car was cleanly cut in half, with George still sitting in the front seat, still holding the steering wheel for dear life. He wasn't even hurt.

George married a very nice Christian girl, but even with the birth of their son, Clare, he didn't change his way of living. Minnie did not live to see Clare grow up. George married again. His second wife was only a few years older than Clare. Six more children were added to the family.

George had strict rules: he never worked the horses on Sunday, no strong drink was allowed in the house, no smoking was allowed in the house, except for his pipe.

His parents passed away, still praying for their “black sheep” son. I believe, however, that those prayers continued on after they were gone. At this time, my own parents started searching for something to fill an empty spot in their lives. In 1954, when I was fourteen years old, my parents had, by this time, found the Lord and were trying to fill the place that George’s parents had left. They were strong in the Lord, but they still got the same answer from George. He still planned to go to Hell with his friends.

Their fourth daughter was born in 1954. Mom was also healed of cancer and George was not well. That year, his sons sold his car to keep him from driving. This was the replacement car after the train accident. Even the accident hadn’t taught him anything. He still drove it with the pedal to the floor. All the neighbours knew to stay out of his way. His top speed was 15 mph.

George had cancer; surgery was too late. The hospital called to say someone had better come; George was in a coma. My parents wasted no time. When they went into the room, George looked already dead. They sat beside the bed. Suddenly, George woke up, looked at them, and sat up. With tears in his eyes, he hugged my Dad and told this story:

“I have always said I was going to go to Hell to be with my friends. I have been there! I was like a mouse tied on a string and held over a campfire. I could smell the smoke and feel the heat! Yes, I saw my friends, heard them calling. Then I remembered what my parents had tried to tell me and their prayers. I said, ‘Oh, Lord, I am a sinner. I am sorry.’ And I know that God heard me. I am born again!”

With that, George Whitfield Scott lay back down and peacefully joined his parents in the presence of the Lord.

I am sharing this story with you because it is true. Heaven and Hell are very real. If you have been praying a long time for a loved one, don’t ever give up!

If you are one of those who think that you can do things your own way, don’t believe it. You cannot go to Heaven without making a confession to God. Ask Him to forgive you.

Many times, a loved one will pass away and we wonder what happened at the very end. George had time to report to his loved ones. If you have been faithful and your loved one has heard, put your trust in the Lord. You did your best and your loved one may have changed their mind at the last minute.



*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Proverbs 3:5 & 6

*Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.*

Isaiah 55: 6 & 7

*I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*

Deuteronomy 30

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:9

Salvation	John 3:16 John 3:36
Sin	John 5:24 John 8:34-36
Sincerity	Matthew 7:15-27



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