

A Boarding Pass Bought By the Blood of Christ.

As I begin to write this article I'm flying on board Southwest Airlines leaving Seattle, Washington. This has been an amazing trip made possible by an award from the Problem Gamblers Help Network of WV to attend a National Council on Problem Gambling Conference. This trip became more enjoyable earlier this week after I overcame my "terror of flying." Airports and flying are not something this country gal knows much about.

Earlier today I rode a shuttle from my hotel to the airport. The lady I shared a seat with told me that she was flying out an hour and a half after my flight. The hotel desk employees had encouraged her to arrive extra early since Sunday was an extremely heavy flight day at this airport. My heart sunk. Seattle is a long way from home and I thought that I had already allowed plenty of time.

Once inside that airport I moved as fast as this middle aged body could- while carrying bulky luggage. I've never been known to be extremely fast and coordinated so you can imagine the sight of me rushing through the airport with luggage in tow. There was no way I was going to miss this flight home. I clutched my driver's license and boarding pass for dear life. This was not one of those times I could afford to misplace them.

The Seattle-Tacoma International Airport seemed huge. There were all sorts of airlines there and many I had never heard of before. There were people everywhere. Many were standing in different rows while they just kept roping off more space for the lines. I heard quite a few people speaking languages I did not understand. I was praying hard, but I must admit I was still in a panic. To top it off my cell phone rang and left a recording that they had changed the gate for my departure. Somehow I just had to make my flight.

To make this clearer I'll share some info from the airport's website:
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (airport code SEA) is more commonly referred to as SeaTac and is the gateway to the Pacific Northwest of the United States. Sea-Tac is 17th busiest airport in the US serving over 31.5 million passengers. The airport has a Central Terminal with four branching concourses, A through D. There are also two Satellite Terminals, North and South. The airport has over 20 airlines and includes international non-stop flights to cities such as Beijing, China, Calgary, Canada, Dubai, UAE, and Seoul, South Korea.

With over twenty airline carriers I needed to be sure I was at the right gate to make my flight. I also needed my boarding pass, identification, and my carry on had to be packed according to regulation. If anything went wrong let's just say, "It would have not been good." The thought of being stranded ...

God showed me many things in the midst of my travels today. Every single one of us will someday take an eternal trip. Scripture says that the boarding gate is narrow and that none can come through it unless they have a boarding pass stamped and bought by the blood of Christ. The other spiritual airlines will be crashing into hell's flames. I encourage you to book your flight now even if you aren't planning to leave anytime soon. We just never know when we'll need those passes bought by the blood of Christ!

This article is dedicated to the Wheeling Park High School class of 1981 and my classmates who have already flown their final flight to heaven. The rest of us just need to have our blood bought boarding passes ready!