

Church Membership Testimony

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Before I trusted in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, my life was centered around myself. I was raised by my mom and sister. We attended church off and on growing up. We started going consistently to the Nazarene when I was 6. We stopped attending the Nazarene and started attending Lighthouse when my mom married Doug. One night, evangelist Kent York came to preach a powerful message during a revival service. That evening my sisters and I had made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. I understood then with the knowledge that a 7yr old had of what salvation meant. But as I grew up, something had changed. I wasn't living for Christ and had drifted away from God. I started making decisions based on what I wanted. I became disrespectful to my parents, especially my dad and it was constant arguments and fights. I let my pride take over my life. I was looking for the approval of others. I tried to find joy in friendships, popularity, and fitting in. No matter what I did I still had no real peace or joy in my life. I cared about my own plans, my success and how others viewed me. I was living in the sin of Idolatry. The Bible teaches that sin separates us from him and leads to eternal death in a real place called hell. It was this truth that showed me that sin was not just the bad choices or mistakes I had made, it was rebellion toward God.



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I came to know Christ as my Lord and Saviour in Foundations Table 1 with Pastor Josh. It was here that I realized that I needed to be saved and that my sin was keeping me from God, and leaving me feeling empty inside. The joy I was looking for in the world was never going to be found there. I knew that I could not fix myself and that Jesus had done everything for me by dying for my sins on the cross, because of this I chose to repent of my sins, trust him and give my life completely to him. Since getting saved my view of God has changed in that I no longer see him as a distant and angry God, but a loving and forgiving God. I now see him as a father and I understand that he cares deeply for me and wants a pearl relationship with me. Instead of having fear, I now have hope and peace knowing God understands my struggle and will help me grow.

Since Being Saved Jesus Christ is now the most important person in my life, he saved me, he guides me, and he gives me purpose. I now try my best to read and pray everyday, and to seek his guidance so that I can honor him. Before I was saved I lived only for myself, I now live trying to show others kindness through encouraging them, helping them, or simply just listening to them. I am now more sensitive to my sin and the way it affects God, and I want to see other people come to know Jesus and experience the same peace and joy that he has brought to my life.



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My Favorite Bible verse is:

**“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.” Psalm 23:6**



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