

Church Membership Testimony

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Before coming to Christ, I was really selfish and very prideful. I grew up in a Christian home, going to church very week, and being involved in different activities there. But I would never want to attend or hear the message that was being spoken. But God really got a hold on my life in 2014, showing me there was something more to life and God. When I was 13, I gave my life to Christ and began following Him since. I used to hang out with the wrong crowd, disrespectful to my parents, selfish, prideful, quick to anger and more. I realized I was not perfect and I fall short of his glory and I needed Christ to save me.

When God got ahold of my life in 2014, it was during a church service back at home in Detroit, the pastor was doing an alter call. A week before this, God was tugging on my heart to follow Him but I rejected the call by ignoring the call to salvation. The whole of my heart was heavy because I openly rejected his gift. So that next week, during alter call, I walked to the alter to give my life to Christ and not reject his calling on my life. The call to repent and follow Christ was so heavy I could not reject him any longer. I wanted to be used by Christ in ways that glorify Him. Shortly after I took a baptism class at the church and got baptized a couple weeks after I received Christ.

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Jesus changed my life in ways I could not have imagined. I have grown more into the word, prayer life and not being ashamed to share my faith. I know I am not perfect, but God is faithful through it all. I am more patient, kind, loving, and respectful than I was before coming to Christ. Going to Cedarville University was also a huge blessing as well. Learning more about the truth of God's word, meeting long life friends, and also meeting my wife. I am forever grateful for what God has been able to do in my life.

My Favorite Bible verse is:

**“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,
acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do
not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the
renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that
good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”**

Romans 12:1-2



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