

Sarai Bivens – Testimony

Although I was saved at a young age, my testimony is still one that points to Gods amazing grace and mercy. I was raised in a Christian household with loving parents who faithfully taught me about God and took me to church. By seven years old I knew the story of the gospel and had memorized dozens of catechisms. But I was still lost and in need of a savior. I knew all the right answers and could tell you who Jesus was and what he did, but I did not have a saving faith.

At 7 years old, I remember sitting down with my mom after having a fight with my brother and her telling me that my words had not glorified God. In that moment I realized that I had known all the facts, but I had not come to believe the gospel, and most importantly that I had not surrendered to God's will for my life. I told my mom that I wanted to be saved and that I did not want to live in my sinfulness anymore. She walked me through the gospel, and I repented of my sin and committed my life to Christ. I am beyond thankful that my heavenly Father cared for me and sent his son to die in my place. God's glory is so apparent in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and His love is made clear in His plan of redemption to save the lost. When I believed in that truth and repented of my sin, Gods free gift of salvation was mine in Christ. As we see in Romans 6:23, "the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Since then, God has been slowly sanctifying me and shaping me into Christ's likeness. When I was nine years old, I was baptized, making a public declaration that I was a follower of Christ and that I wanted to serve Him with my life. Over the years, I have learned more about who I am and who God is and my desire to glorify God continues to grow as I walk with Him. I will never be perfect, but I hope to enter into Gods eternal glory one day and hear "well done, my good and faithful servant."

In Christ,

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