

Stephen Moran - Testimony

Before I gave my life to Christ, I wandered through life in darkness, spiritually numb and morally adrift. I chased fleeting pleasures, tried to suppress the gnawing emptiness in my heart, and justified choices I knew were wrong. It felt as if I were running a race with no finish line, searching for purpose but finding none. Though I'd heard about Christ, he felt distant. It felt as though I had made too many mistakes to be accepted and forgiven.

On May 17th of 2024 I was in a car accident. My car flipped end-over-end 3 times at roughly 80 miles an hour. I miraculously walked away with nothing worse than a seatbelt bruise. I vividly remember hearing the deputy that responded to the crash standing outside my hospital room and talking to my parents. I think about his words often. He told my parents that when he saw the car, he thought he was looking for a body. He had said, "It's amazing he's still alive, somebody wants him here for a reason."

Those words played on repeat in my head for the next few weeks. Roughly two weeks after the crash I was talking to a friend and he brought up that his girlfriend had recently been baptized, and that opened a door for him to explain that truly repenting for my sins and accepting Jesus as my savior was something that was not closed off to me just because I was an adult. He explained how Jesus came to earth, and how he was crucified for our sins. He told me about the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, and how baptism was a visual representation of that. Later that day, I prayed, for the first time since I was a little kid, and I called out to Jesus and begged for his forgiveness and accepted him as my savior.

Since being saved I have landed a stable job, met the love of my life, and found myself wanting to learn and know more about the gospel. I have found myself more at peace and find it easier to let go of things that had upset me that I would've otherwise held onto in the past. I have been trying to lead my life in a way that would please the lord. I have worked to find a church that has sound doctrine, and it was by God's grace enough to find Lighthouse with my Fiance, Sarai. I have been working to grow my relationship with the lord. I have put my faith in the lord and know that no matter how hard things get, he has a plan for me and I will end up where he wants me to be.

Proverbs 3:5 reads "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."