

Steve Minnich - Testimony

My Life Before Christ

Though I walked freely each day physically in this world, I was spiritually in a prison full of sin, ashamed many times of the life and lies I was living. I had been living my life influenced by earthly displays of what man has been deceived into thinking what happiness or success should look like! I found myself falling far from God in lust, greed, pornography and at times jealousy and anger. I was aware of the pain my fall from God and my sinful ways were causing to my loved ones, yet I made excuses for my actions and found ways to justify to myself that I was just being normal.

I had battled many demons and had dealt with the loss of a few very close family members and close friends at a young age. I battled depression and even considered suicide as the only way to stop the pain and anger in my life. My anger was a coping mechanism as I had a lack of faith and understanding toward a lot of people and blamed anything that happened to me on whoever I could to deflect my own pain. I was struggling on so many levels and did not feel like I could turn to anyone for guidance.

These were the reasons, that as a young Father, I asked God to enter my life and save me. Like the thief on the cross I called out for him before fully knowing of his grace. I asked him to be here, to be present with me, because I wanted to be a better man, a better father, and knew alone I wouldn't be able to do that. It was at that moment I felt a hand on my shoulder and a voice, as if in the room near my ear softly whisper "I am right here, with you always".

I froze and jumped to my feet and was in complete shock at the presence that was with me that night, I knew that I had been touched in a most special way.

How I came to surrender my life to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior

Shortly after that moment, I went to my local church in Greenville, Ohio and spoke with my pastor, reverend Myers, about what had happened. He explained to me that it was a special event and helped me understand the importance of being saved. And then we prayed and talked at length, and I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior.

I started attending Lighthouse Baptist Church with my girlfriend and her son about a year ago. I was inspired by the way pastor Josh delivers God's Word and encourages others within this Church family each week. Being involved in LBC has helped me fully understand the true meaning of repentance and how surrendering my life to Jesus Christ, and being saved and baptized, is my way to eternal life with our Heavenly Father.

I had not been baptized after being saved with Reverend Myers, and once I started attending LBC and the Foundations classes I knew the next step in my spiritual journey was to publicly declare my surrendered life to our Lord and Savior, and to be baptized.

How has my life changed since I surrendered my life to Jesus?

It is nearly impossible to put it all into words how my life has changed since being saved and my new understanding of the importance of repenting. God has continued to provide me opportunities to share my spiritual journey and to help others come to realize that their life experiences, their spiritual journey, has been by the will of God.

Foundations Class has been the honing stone to help sharpen my focus on Christ and realize that we all fall short and must always make time to be in His Word. I now give thanks publicly and encourage others to go to the Bible and to prayer for help.

Jesus Christ now means more than ever before in my life, as I truly understand the pain and suffering He endured for all of our sins and gave His life so that He could fully demonstrate his great power over sin through His death, burial, and resurrection.....Jesus Christ serves as MY Lord and guide to live a life with compassion, and display the same love toward others, as He did for us.

The verse I would like to share with you:

Proverbs 22:6: "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."