

My Salvation Testimony

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I don't claim to know much, but one thing I do know is this: When I was about five years old, my family and I were members at Bethlehem Baptist Church. One Sunday morning, my Sunday school teacher told the class, in so many words, that Jesus loves each one of us and that He wants our love in return. She said something to the effect of we are sinners, that we need Him in our lives and that we can have a relationship with Jesus if we accept him into our hearts. I thought about this for a while and on the way home, as I was sitting by myself in the back of our family minivan, I asked Jesus to come into my heart and I told Him that I believed He died for me.

At that very moment, the most amazing thing happened; I felt the Holy Spirit come into my heart. It was really like a weight was lifted off of my shoulders, a literal weight, and an overwhelming joy filled my soul. That very second was like nothing I had ever felt before, it was real and it was powerful. No one told me that I would feel anything, I was only five years old, but it happened, and the only similar feeling I have had since has been times when I have been worshipping God.

Now, how would I, a five year old child, have experienced any feeling at all if nothing really happened? How would something so unique and unlike anything I had ever felt before have happened if the Holy Spirit did not really come into my life and save me from my sins? No one "brainwashed" me into thinking I was supposed to feel anything, like I said, I don't remember expecting anything but I do remember being amazed at what happened after I said the prayer. No one said that by asking Jesus to come into my heart would make me feel any different, but immediately after I asked Jesus to save me, I was washed with His blood and I felt it.

That was 26 years ago, I am now 31 years old. I never really considered my salvation story to be evidence for the validity of Jesus Christ until these last few years. This is not to suggest that every single person who accepts Jesus into his or her heart will experience the exact same thing I did. We are all made differently and experience things differently, but what I am saying, is that what happened is strong evidence for Jesus being who He claimed to be 2,000 years ago, and that is that He is the Son of God who came to save the world.

So if you are reading this and have not asked Jesus' forgiveness and given your life to Him, it is my prayer that you do so today, because you never know if you will be granted tomorrow.