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Personal Testimony
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My testimony of how I came to know Jesus Christ as my personal Savior does not involve a life of struggle or a dramatic change in my life at that moment. At a young age I felt burdened with an innate understanding of right and wrong and felt out of place with my peers when they were doing what I knew was wrong. I was raised in a Christian home but did not receive clear direction regarding my salvation from my Mother or Father. I believe they just expected at some point, later in life, I would come to know Christ simply because we attended church.

My Aunt was a dedicated follower of Christ who cared for me and several other children before and after school each day. The Lord used my Aunt's life and her witness in the lives of the children under her care. She had us memorize Bible verses, corrected us based on scripture, and provided a wonder example of a God-fearing follower of Christ. I came to a relationship with Christ as my personal Savior at the age of nine. I wasn't old enough to know true life struggles, but I did know that my life had changed. My perceived "burden" for doing what was right was replaced with an understanding that I was living for my Savior which led me to do, or try to do, those things that were pleasing to Him.

I did not grow a great deal in my faith as a youth. It was only after beginning a family that I again began to study the Word and grow in my faith. In my late 30's I pulled away from the Lord as I pursued a career without Him at the center of my life. I was successful in my career, but it came at a heavy cost. I failed to be the spiritual leader of my home. My failure eventually led to the end of my 30 year marriage. I know it was not the Lord's desire to see this come about. I also know that "...for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose." From the day I came to know Him, and every single day since, I know my salvation from spiritual death is completely due to His forgiving and saving Grace. I was a sinner before and remain a sinner today, only now I am forgiven. I frequently pray under my breath "let me rest in you dear Lord." I know without Him I would have no rest from the troubles of this world, and I would certainly become overwhelmed.

Through His Grace, at the age of 50, He placed a Godly woman in my life. Dawn is my amazing Wife of 10 years and the Lord is at the center of our lives. I believe an individual's testimony is not just the recollection of how they came to faith in Christ, but it is also a living narrative of how God's Grace has continued to change their life, from the day they came to know Him to this day.