

My Testimony

I am privileged to be given by God, Christian parents, so from a young age going to church, hearing the Bible and praying was all something that I was use to. However this didn't make me a Christian or effect the way that I lived my life.

I have listened to many testimonies and I remember hearing the phrase that before someone became a Christian "something was missing" from their lives. However I didn't understand this as in my mind there hadn't really been a point that I hadn't been a Christian. I was, however, living my life without God as number one but instead living it for myself. I knew I needed forgiveness that is only available through Jesus' death on the cross. However, if asked whether I was a Christian I would have a doubt in my mind over whether I had actually been forgiven, as I didn't really believe what Jesus had done on the cross was enough. I was trying to earn my way to heaven and to a right relationship with God. Then God gradually opened my eyes to see that I was a sinner and had something missing from my life.

There wasn't a specific point, but I began to realise that I had to personally ask for forgiveness in my life relying on Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross, which is the only way for sinners to be made right with God.

Last summer, I attended a Christian camp called Contagious. We were learning about Jesus' resurrection from the dead. This allowed me to understand that Jesus defeated death at his resurrection so that death has no victory, death has no sting. In October, my Granny died, however through this sad time I was able to know the comfort that she is safe in heaven with her redeemer and creator and will be there for eternity, as will all believers.

Baptism is symbolic of dying, the going under the water, and being raised from the dead, coming up from the water and receiving a new life. Baptism doesn't make me a Christian, but is commanded by Jesus and is a step that I personally want to make in my Christian life. Even though I fail and mess up, I know I need to constantly go back to the cross were forgiveness and washing away of sins is graciously given to all who ask.

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