

Ed's Testimony

I have been coming to EEFC with my parents for about three years now when we moved from Edmonton Baptist Church. My parents took me to church when I was in nappies and for as long as I can remember. When growing up as a young boy I began to think that I was a Christian, never really knowing what one was. I attended church regularly and believed in God and in a way became quite proud as if I had achieved something myself.

My family and I also attended a Christian camp annually in the summer, called Saltmine. I would return home each year with memories of enjoying all the sports activities there but none of what I'd learnt about God. This was simply because I hardly spoke or listened to God, attending the camp for the wrong reasons.

It was not until one year at Saltmine, when I was about 13 that during an evening session, after a quite powerful sermon, a few of us really felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. This was a huge step up in my faith. I began to pray regularly to God and read the Bible. From this I soon discovered that being a Christian wasn't just about regularly going to church. God doesn't keep an attendance record of us all. It is the fact that by God sending his only Son Jesus to die for us, we have been forgiven and our relationship with God has been put right.

I am not going to lie and say that since then being a Christian has been easy because it really hasn't. Being both a Christian and a teenager is a struggle at some points. I kept messing up and doing things that were wrong against God, and to some extent I still am. But talking to other Christians, especially here at Enfield Free Church, at East Barnet School where I am a student, and at the annual Christian CYFA camp I now go to, has been a real encouragement. It is because of God's great love for us that we are forgiven for our sins if we ask for it. I have gained so much more confidence in the last year as a Christian and for that I praise God. I know that me being baptised tonight isn't my work but the work of Jesus Christ and for that we should praise God.