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### **My Testimony on My Receiving Jesus as My Savior**

Before I received Christ as my savior, I had a very hard time using my money as I should. I did not know that some things I did was wrong, even if I didn't think so. I drank alcohol too much, and I used very bad language a lot. I did not have a purpose, for my life other than to make myself feel better. I was a boss at my job, and I didn't care what other people thought or what they were going through. I just thought about me. I thought that if I bought lots of things I would be happy, but I wasn't happy. I always owed other people money because I bought so many things. I wanted to be free of needing so many things. I went to church my whole life, but I was not taught about the Bible or about Jesus. After I was grown and moved away from my parents home, they started to go to another church that taught them from the Bible about Jesus and how much He loved them. My parents started to pray for me, and after several years, I started to go to their church. This is the first time I really learned from the Bible and about Jesus. After some time, the pastor read from the Bible,

(1 john 5:11b-13)

"God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The pastor asked if anyone did not know for sure that he had eternal life. I know that I did not know for sure that I had eternal life, and I received Jesus Christ as my savior that day. Just before I received Christ, I struggled because, for my whole life, I believed that the most important thing was to stay in the religion I was in my whole life. It was hard for me to accept the truth that Jesus loves me no matter where I went to church, and He loved me and wanted me to know it. When I received Jesus as my savior I had joy more than ever before. Jesus took away my want for alcohol and I did not use bad language anymore. He helped me not to want to buy so many things that would not make me any happier. I wanted to let others know about what Jesus did for me.

After I received Jesus as my savior, I moved to another city because of my job. I knew God led me there, because He helped me find a place to live that I could afford to pay for. I met a beautiful lady that loved God, and we got married. I noticed that when I did things that pleased God, I was happier. And I knew that He would take care of me. God has blessed us with children. I want to continue to love Jesus because I want my children to grow up and receive Him as their savior. They won't have to do the same mistakes I did. They will have a much better life than I did before I accepted Jesus as my Savior. I hope I have been able to clearly share how Jesus Christ entered my life and has begun to change me from the inside.

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