

## My Testimony of Salvation

Please bear with me while I give the highlights of my search for TRUTH (the person of our Lord Jesus Christ), and I promise to be as brief as possible. However, there is a minimum amount of information required to receive true understanding and I will try to stick to that minimum.

A good part of what we are as people is based upon the things that we have been taught, the things that we have experienced and our reactions to those experiences and learning. Four times in my life the doctors have given up on me and said that I would not live. Twice I have experienced death. (Most people say that talking about a death experience is "too much information", so I won't.)

When I was less than one year old, I had polio. I now live with post-polio. Therefore, attitudes that might have faded with time are renewed by my current struggles. When I was one, the doctors told my parents that I would not live. Then they said I would be stuck in a hospital bed all of my life. Then it was a wheelchair. Then it was crutches. Then it was braces. OK, I have had braces but I've hid them by making cowboy boots part of the braces and the boots hide the rest. The last accident that I had was a result of the drive train locking on my motorcycle while I was on the freeway doing at least 70 mph. (I don't admit more ☺.) I tried to put the bike into a slide but it bounced and flipped and I slammed into the cement at about a 45 degree angle. Several doctors who said they did not believe in God also said that I had a miracle. They were openly astonished when I left the trauma ward in 6 days. Among other things, my back was compressed and my slipped disks were so far out of alignment that my left leg did not work at all. Several well known medical professionals with different specialties insisted that it was impossible for me to walk without back surgery. I walked out of the hospital on a cane, without surgery, 10 days later.

So, I'm not a "poster child" for the "trust the experts" way of thinking. I do not support anarchy but I very much believe in verifying claims, especially claims of "absolute truth" based upon someone being an "expert". (An "expert" is a "has-been" (ex) under pressure (spurt) ☺.)

The first 12 years of my life consisted of constant operations, extremely painful therapy and sessions in the hospital. There's nothing to break a "do-gooder's" heart like a handicapped and hurting baby or child. One of my major struggles was making these people let me do for myself so that I wouldn't end up crippled. (A crippled person has an "I can't" attitude that is not dependent upon any handicap.) So, a major part of my life was proving the "experts" wrong when they said "you can't".

After I turned 12, I was (finally) released from supervised therapy and stuff and allowed to continue on my own. Shortly after that, my brother told me "religion is the opiate of the masses". I didn't know that he was quoting some famous philosopher; I just argued that he was wrong and his response was "prove it". Well I started presenting the arguments from our religion and He said "Hold it! You just proved that you're as dumb as a bird!" Huh? He went on with "A stupid parrot can sit in a religion class and learn to repeat what the teacher says. That doesn't make it right. True proof has to come from outside of the religious tenants".

We were raised in a very religious family that belonged to an international religion. My dad was on a first-name basis with internationally known doctrinal leaders of this religion and I was able to ask several of them questions about doctrine. 1 Thessalonians 5:21 says "*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*" Part of how the Bible says to "*Prove all things*" is to use "*hard questions*" (1Kings 10:1; 2Chronicles 9:1). The answers from the religious leaders all amounted to "You can't understand the Bible. God has to do what we say He has to do so just trust us." If you consider my experience for what was (essentially) my entire life at that point, you should be able to figure out how far that "lead balloon" flew. Again, I am not against "experts". I am only against accepting their word without verifying it. When the possible consequences of error include something like spending eternity in a "*Lake of Fire*" (Revelation 19:20; 20:10, 14-15), anyone who does not verify what they are told is a Biblical "*fool*". Further, being a Biblical "*fool*" is not limited to the lost. When saved people believe there are "no tears in Heaven" and don't see what the

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Bible really says and then they refuse to stop their sinning; they prove themselves to be Biblical “fools” who are heading for over 1,000 years of tears. We need to consider potential consequences before we just accept the word of an “expert”.

I did my own investigation and started by searched for proof that was outside of the religion’s authority. I settled upon consistency because we see consistency everywhere that the laws of true science and math are applied. They are the same regardless of time in history, culture, language or anything else. Men do not make up these rules but declare the rules that the Creator used in creation and then let men figure out. Since the Creator was consistent in the rules that He used for creation, I figured that anything else that really came from the Creator (and not some liar) would also reflect His character and be consistent.

While many people claim that there are many gods/opinions that we have to listen to, that claim is pure foolishness. I have over 25 years experience in system (computer) design, creation and maintenance. The only way that the code (rules) of a system is consistent is if a single person designed, created and maintained the entire thing. When others get involved, there is always inconsistency caused by the other person doing things their own way. The laws of nature are consistent. They do not change no matter what circumstances occur. The laws of nature are all proven using math and the rules of math are consistent. From the macro through the micro the evidence found in creation is consistent and all (claimed) inconsistencies are due to our lack of understanding or due to someone else (not God) causing the result found. The main external evidence of the true God, that I found, is His consistency. He tells His followers to also be consistent (faithful) and the main evidence of a liar is their inconsistency. Therefore, I searched for consistency.

I spent years searching the various religions and philosophies of this world and found that they all claimed one thing and lived something else when they were really put to the test. For example, that is when I proved that the “big bang” and “evolution” violate the Scientific Method and are not true science but are tenants of a lying religion that calls itself science while requiring people to accept their claims by faith (not fact). I could say more but will move on.

The result of my detailed search was a conclusion that all religions are of men and this world when they say “trust our experts”. Before I quit my search, I realized that most religions claim to have some book(s) from their God. Since humans are inconsistent, I realized that the inconsistency could be from the people and not from the “holy books”. Therefore, I next searched the “holy books” for consistency. I found that the Bible is the only book in all of existence that not only is consistent but provides irrefutable proof that it is from God. One example of this evidence is the prophecy within it. Many sources (books, people, etc) claim to provide prophecy but all others have been proven wrong in one or more prophecies or their prophecies are so vague that people can claim thousands of different things fulfilled the prophecies. However, the prophecies in the Bible are detailed and have proven to be 100% accurate and have been sufficient in number to eliminate any explanation other than direct control by God. For example, thousands of years before Jesus was born it was prophesied that He would be a physical descendent of King David. Then about 400 years before His birth the prophet of God said that he would be born in Bethlehem of Judea. There is only one Bethlehem of Judea in all of the world and there is nothing unclear about this prophecy. Further, after this prophecy was made all descendents of David were run out of the city and of the country. Yet the prophecy was fulfilled (in detail) exactly as the prophecy said. Every Christmas we have reminders of this proof and all of the other religions try to forcibly remove the evidence which shows that their religion is not from the true God. Further, there is no way that Jesus could control where He was born unless He was, in fact, God. Add to this the number of prophecies that He fulfilled, which could not be fulfilled by man’s power, and we have a statistical probability that makes His claim to be God more reliable than some of the laws of nature. I remind the reader that the Scientific Method and all true laws of nature rely upon this same type of statistical analysis for their proof.

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After doing far greater analysis than related here, I concluded that the Bible consistently showed that it was the written Word of the Creator of the Universe. However, I also knew that many "Christian" religions disagreed with each other and that many claimed that inconsistencies existed within the Bible to hide the fact that those claims were misrepresenting the truths of the Bible. Therefore, I determined to deliberately set aside all that I had been taught about the Bible and to read it for myself. This is what I recommend that everyone do for themselves. This is the only way to be sure that your true authority is the Bible and not some religion that misrepresents the Bible to some extent. If you read my papers found at [LJC1611KJV.com](http://LJC1611KJV.com), (Prove, Dividing, etc) you should see that I do not stick to the doctrine of any religion and provide evidence of doctrinal error within the doctrine of many religions. However, you will not find me disagreeing with the literal translation of the Bible. I would appreciate notice of anything that you find which appears to be disagreeing with the written KJV1611 Bible. (However, I don't want to hear about how you or your religion disagrees with what I have there ☺.)

Most "Christian" religions tell you that God has to take you to Heaven if you do what they say. While they deny this truth, many (effectively) teach that God loses His free will when you do the right (according to their "experts") religious thing. What the Bible truly teaches is that God wants to have a personal relationship with each of us whereby we each retain our free will. (Sin is from Satan and is addictive. Sin and Satan take away our free will. God never takes away free will.) I read the promises of God, obeyed His commandment about the act of faith and He made me His child. While I put my trust in what the Bible said, it was not the Bible that saved me but the person of God Who does the saving. (John 5:39 says "*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*") More of what I found in my search of the Bible can be found on the Web page called Salvation at [LJC1611KJV.com](http://LJC1611KJV.com).

After becoming a child of God, I tried to tell others about the truth that I found. Since I was in a religious family and attended a religious school and had religious activities several times a week, they were really upset with me proving that their religious doctrines disagreed with the Bible that they claimed as their foundation even though their true foundation was the religion's doctrine. Since I didn't know anyone else who believed like I did, I shut up after receiving a certain amount of punishment. From there I degraded to not praying, not reading my Bible and participating in the sins of the world. I continued to slide further into sin for over 10 years. Everyone around me said that they didn't know anyone else who had such "bad luck". The "bad luck" was God's punishment for sin, but I was too far from God to understand this truth and I didn't have anyone near who could explain it. This is why it is so critical for new believers to join a church that preaches and lives by the doctrine that "God wrote what he meant and meant what He wrote in His Word".

When I was 28 I got married. My wife wanted to go to church and things were good when I let religion keep me as a "good husband" but there were problems when I tried to put God's commandments before my wife's desires. The short story is that 4 different doctors did independent medical studies and said that she committed felony abuse on me which caused permanent physical damage and caused me to bleed internally daily for over 10 years to the point that I could not climb 6 steps for several years. I qualified for permanent Social Security disability and I ended up in the hospital going into a comma with the doctor telling me that I would not wake up. When I did wake up, my "good Godly preacher" was there to tell me that "if I just had enough faith then God would make my wife submit and these things would stop happening". It's not if you have enough faith but Whom your faith is in. At that time my faith was in the preaching of the "good Godly preacher" and not in God. I failed to personally verify what my "expert" said against what God wrote in His Book. When I disobeyed, I destroyed my personal relationship with my Lord, even though I was active in church. The truth (of that time) was that God was trying to make me understand that as long as I let anyone (religion, wife, etc) tell me that I had to go against the literal written Word of God. He would let me suffer and possibly die.

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I started improving as soon as I started making the Word of God my true foundation. As a result of this change, my wife demanded a divorce and that I leave with nothing. When I prayed about it, my personal Lord told me to give her everything and rely upon Him. So I did. My health has consistently improved since then even though I still have permanent physical damage. No one wants to go through the judgment that God has already brought upon my wife (since the divorce) for refusing to truly submit to His Word.

Many people have told me to not tell about my experiences because I sound bitter. The fact is that there are a great number of people suffering in America and around the world because God will not bless and protect them so long as they believe religious doctrine that disagrees with the literal written Word of God. Despite the protests from religious sources, I am trying to warn many people of the consequences of choosing to believe religious doctrine which disagrees with the literal written Word of God. I already mentioned 1 Thessalonians 5:21 says *"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."* Religious people claim to *"prove"* their doctrine based upon less than 100% of the verses involved in that doctrine. Their actions say that God wasted His time writing the rest of what He wrote on the subject. I was determined to do what God meant by *"prove"*. That's why I spent an average of more than 20 hours/week for over 4 years on the study called "Lord Jesus Christ" found at [LJC1611KJV.com](http://LJC1611KJV.com). It interprets EVERY place that the New Testament uses one of the major names of the Son of God. As a Word document, it takes more than 1,300 pages, interprets over 4,000 verses and cross-references them to over 26,000 verses. (The Bible interprets the Bible.) One of the main purposes of this document is to show that there are NO conflicts within the Bible when we use God's methods to interpret the Bible. There are many applications of any given passage, but only ONE true interpretation.

The first thing people need to understand is that true Biblical salvation is God's life in us (Deuteronomy 30:20; Matthew 19:17; John 6:33; 17:3; 20:31; Romans 6:23; Colossians 3:3; 2 Timothy 1:1; 1 John 5:11, 20). However, God will not save us unless we agree to having a personal relationship with Him whereby He will change our life (Ephesians 2:10). For example, when Peter walked on water and then started to drown and cried *"Lord, save me"* (Matthew 14:28-32), he didn't want to hear about what would happen in eternity but wanted the circumstances of his life, at that exact moment, changed. If God doesn't change the circumstances of our life, then He has not really saved us.

Let me illustrate. "Good Godly" people will tell you that we are "saved by faith". However, that is NOT what the Bible says. Ephesians 2:8 says *"For by grace are ye saved through faith..."*. Grace is a personal gift from God. But notice that the Bible says we must go *"through faith"*. Imagine that we are in a burning building that had only one *"door"* (John 10:7-9) and you are on fire. Now imagine that I told you that there were people that would save your life if you went *"through"* the *"door"* and let them work on you. You would die if you did nothing. You would die if you went and stood *"by the door"* (faith). You would die if you tried to escape any other way. You would even die if you went *"through"* the *"door"* but then refused to let your *"Saviour"* do what He needed to save you. That's why two people can hear the same gospel, do the same act of faith and only one get truly saved. The other decided to *"change their own life"* instead of letting God do it. However, that's not the end. We also need to consider another circumstance that I lightly mentioned.

This relates directly to all of my experience which I mentioned only a little of. Think of a car. You have the battery and a thick cable that goes to the starter. The starter does all of the work to start the engine. However, it can't do any work without a tiny bit of electricity from the ignition that comes over a skinny wire. The ignition has NOTHING to do with the power required to start the engine. Yet the starter can NOT do the work without permission from the ignition. Likewise, God can not work in our lives without our free-will permission that is proved by our act of faith. Satan and sin take away our free will. Satan accuses God of acting like Satan. When God truly acts in our life, He is so powerful that He *"takes over"*. In order to prove that Satan is a liar, we must

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provide God with the proof that of our own free will we asked Him to act in our life. That is what the act of faith really is. Our act doesn't "force" God to act but provides proof that we used our own free will when we asked God to work in our lives. The act of faith must come before God acts in order to prove that it is by our own free will. There is much more at [LJC1611KJV.com](http://LJC1611KJV.com). I hope this is sufficient to give an idea of the type of "proof" to be found there.

The testimony of my life is simple. There are many liars in this world and many "good Godly people" who have been deceived by religion. There is also God's truth which always matches the literal written Word of God. If we diligently seek the truth that is in God's written Word; plant that truth in our lives (through obedient faith ) and maintain and protect it as instructed by God's word; then we will receive the fruit (blessings) promised by God. However, if we fail in any of these, we will loose God's blessings and can suffer permanent damage and possibly loose our life. One of the main ways that God's people are missing out on God's blessings is by failing to do what God means by "*Prove all things*". That is also why we fail to "*hold fast that which is good*" (that which is from God). Many religions will give many definitions for the word "saved" and tell people that there are many different ways to be saved. However, the only way of salvation that God honors is His "*way*" (John 14:6). Likewise, many people will claim that there are many definitions of the word "*prove*" and many different ways to "*prove*" what the Bible says. However, God will only honor His definition. If we want to "*hold fast*" to what God gives us, we must do what God means by "*Prove all things*". At [LJC1611KJV.com](http://LJC1611KJV.com) I provide what I have found of God's way to "*Prove all things*". I also provide the interpretation of several thousand verses which are cross-referenced to several 10s of thousands of verses. These interpretations provide considerable evidence that these methods work and provide consistent, non-confliction, understanding of God's Word.

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God Bless all who read this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.