
Subject: Salvation Experience

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Tom, via a private message, asked me about whether or not I had posted a note describing my salvation experience. I may have shared bits and pieces over the years but I don't think I've ever posted the whole story so here it is:

When I was 5 or 6 my aunt introduced me to Jesus by teaching me to memorize John 3:16. At that point I'm not sure I really understood much about the ingredients of a salvation experience but her influence coupled with a fairly sheltered lifestyle kept me from agnostic tendencies -- i.e. I believed in Jesus Christ as God's Son.

When I was a freshman in HS I attended a revival at a local Baptist church and followed the obligatory routine of walking the aisle, repeating the 'sinners prayer', and joined the Church.

Again, this kept me from an outright rebellious lifestyle, but it wasn't until I was a senior that I came face to face with my sin and met Jesus on a level that demanded total commitment. I was baptized in the Holy Spirit in a small prayer meeting. At this point I ceased being merely one that acknowledged God's existence, and that His Son had died for sin, and became a believer in the fact that He had died for MY sin. By His grace I committed myself to following Him without reservation.

So there you have it... my salvation experience -- the beginning of it anyway!

Blessings,
William
