

SALVATION IS A GIFT

A Christmas tree is the central focus, decorated with red and gold ornaments and tinsel. A large, semi-transparent red cross is superimposed over the tree. At the base of the tree are several wrapped gifts in gold paper with red ribbons. The background is black, making the tree and gifts stand out.

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Preface

I have always questioned Christmas, but never received an answer until now. What I learned about Christmas was about presents and Santa Clause then the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ who was given to us by our Father in Heaven. What I love about God is when we seek the Kingdom of God, all these including how we feel about Christmas and how we should celebrate will be explained. He will provide instructions by his spirit how he wants us to recognize his holy days or each holiday. In the past I have celebrated the idea of Christmas, but it wasn't a tradition that I worshipped. I just enjoyed spending time with my family which was a gift from God. Everyone is not grace with the opportunity to be with a family which lead me to understand the church and the capacity they have functioned in for the past 46 years.

Introduction

There is no way I could have been saved without believing in the teachings of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. According to John 3:16-17, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (KJV). When I believed these scriptures in 1987 in my heart I was saved, and I had an assignment on my life, but I did not know this until 2013. Part of my assignment was to experience the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ so that I could be redeemed through my testing of the word by water, spirit, and fire. After this process of salvation, I was “born again” and filled with the Holy Spirit so that I could teach the Good News of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and reach out to others through my gift of writing what God has spoken to me in the wilderness. God just doesn’t speak on

behalf of his word. *He has a word for today's time which breaks down ideologies and knowledge that exalts itself above him.* My repentance was a process that began before I was born again. I started repenting within my first marriage in 2008. The life I lived was not my own. Christ was drawing me in 2007, but it appeared that my sins were elevated within my marriage which I detailed in my testimony book called, "My Faith in the Cross through Salvation, *the 2 keys that unlocked the Kingdom of God*".

When Christ drew me to him, every sin that was within me was elevated because the temptation was great, but the word planted within me prevailed. Although I lost things in the process, it was okay because I was headed to the life that God had ordained for me. The life I was living was not my own. It belonged to God and Christ was interceding on my behalf until the day of his return. Killing the flesh meant denying myself of anything, anyone or knowledge that exalted

itself above the knowledge of God. Anything within or externally in my life had to be removed and the process was by the spirit through my trials and tribulations. Killing the flesh also meant my heart had to connect with the Father and my mind had to connect with Christ and my flow had to be in the vein of God flowing with the Holy Spirit. I continuously meditated on the scripture, “let this mind be in me that was also in Christ Jesus” (Phil 2:5). After Christ spoke to me in 2007, I had no idea what the next steps were. I could only wait and trust in the next steps even though I didn’t know what they were going to include. Through the Holy Spirit, my steps had to be ordered for me to do the Will of my Father in heaven. When Christ spoke to me, and when God spoke to me in 2013, he spoke to be from eternity. When I didn’t know what to pray, I prayed the Lord’s prayer in Matthew 6:9-15. It was very powerful and helped me visualize what the Kingdom looked like for the future. The Kingdom is heaven on earth, and this is

not a cliché. It is true, and the only way God showed it to me was when I got in his dwelling place which is my place of refuge in salvation.

After accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior, it took me 31 years to see and walk in salvation. It was hard to fulfill Matthew 6:31-34 when I didn't know how.

Matthew 6:31-34 states, *“Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.** Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof” (KJV).*

Matthew 6:33 was the key verse that changed my life. Seeking the Kingdom is ongoing. It never stops. God reveals himself by the second, minute, hour, day, week, month, year, decade, and it keeps going infinitely. He can reveal himself through a person, place, thing, idea, or event. He can reveal himself how

he chooses, and when I was officially aligned with his will in August of 2020, I clearly understood why he spoke to me. He didn't see my sins; Christ did, which is why he was advocating so when the day of judgement comes, I will be washed clean and white as snow. He only saw my assignment and spoke when it was activated.

Seeking the Kingdom meant every word I breath was food, water and breath for my life daily from God. I developed his character and was shaped in his image to be a servant for Christ in the Kingdom of God. I was saved from destructive behaviors, devised and strategies of the principalities in high places. My Lord, My Savoir, My Counselor, My King and My deliverer.

Chapter 1 - In the Beginning

Christ said, I am the Alpha and the Omega. It appeared that the beginning of my life experience mirrored Eve's deception when she was deceived through the lust of her flesh. I was deceived too through the lust of my flesh, but it was from the foundation of not having the knowledge of God. The word of God was not falling on good ground at ages 12, 13, 14 which is why it did not take root. The seed of salvation had nothing to connect with in my soul (mind, will or emotions) because I was not mature in God's word. Therefore, the scripture Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." is so important. A parent can only raise their child in what they know and anything they don't know is the Holy Spirit's job to help us navigate in the right direction. The parents are the children's covering until they get of age and can make sound decisions through the counsel of God. Considering I was walking

in rebellion at 16, when I turned 18 and left my covering, I was walking under a curse until I walked the narrow gate. Walking with Christ delivered me from the curse, but it was a process. As I write this portion of the book on 12/7/2019, I realized what my pastor meant on 1/25/13 when he laid hands on me and prophesied the words, " you will break the curse on your blood-line" which is recorded in his DVD titled, "The God of Miracles" (Long, 2013). The curse on my life included sexual sins, adultery, violating God's commandments, fornication, abortion, and even ignorant to the knowledge of his word which guides us to hearing his voice. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, my salvation washed me clean of these sins to not do them anymore or promote or encourage others to do the same. Therefore God sent his only son Jesus Christ. This is the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This was the purpose of the blood. This prepared me for the kingdom of heaven. This prepared me to walk in the

righteousness of God. This prepared me to put on my full armor. This prepared me to pray that other's eyes are opened to walk with Jesus Christ.

Chapter 2 - Before Redemption

Before I entered the narrow gate in 2013, I was on the wide path of destruction, but it did not look like it to me because I was calling on the Lord to help me in my circumstances. God was calling me close to him (James 4:8) to cleanse me from my sins in 2007. He was calling me to repentance for the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 4:17). I was saved when I was 12, but the enemy came to snatch the seed away from me that was sown on my path (Matthew 13:1-7). In other words, I was saved, but because of the lust of my flesh the enemy came along and tempted me at a young age, and I fell for it because my flesh was weak. I gave into fornication which led to other lustful sins that I mentioned earlier that I also detailed in my book title, "My faith in the Cross through Salvation....". These actions kicked me out of the kingdom of heaven for over 31 years. Heaven was shut up for me, but God was still with me until I began to repent and turn from my sinful ways like the

lost son (Luke 15:11-32). I walked through my life like the stories in the bible starting with Genesis and Exodus with a twist of Revelation and many other books, stories, parables that mirrored my circumstances in the spirit. The anointing in my life began to flow like water when I was redeemed. When I met Goliath, my ticket to redemption through Jesus Christ was in progress. My life was being reversed and the curse was being reversed. The scripture that continued to be illuminated during the initial process was Genesis 3:15. Christ interceded for me until the veil was lifted off my eyes. Christ gave light to my situation while in the darkness. Christ healed my infirmities. Christ delivered me from a system that kept my spirit bound and gave me the Holy Spirit to help me through each step. The joy of the Lord was my strength, and the good news of salvation became tangible and real right before my eyes. It was as if a veil was lifted and I could see.

Chapter 3 - The Good News Is Salvation

The **Good News Is Salvation** and if anyone preaches anything other than this, they are cursed according to Galatians 1:6-9. Salvation is my belief in Jesus Christ which fueled my faith once activated by my experience with “My Goliath”. When I was faced with “My Goliath”, my entire life turned upset down. Everything I knew was backwards and upside down like an hourglass. I began to question everything around me such as every holiday, every tradition, every church and test it against the spirit of the true living God to see if it is in line with the Spirit of truth (1 John 4:1-6). I am in this world, but I am not of it which is why I was never successful according to the world’s way (John 17:14). With an undergraduate degree in computer information systems and a master’s degree in business administration, I couldn’t keep a job when I started flowing in who God was calling me to be. I couldn’t make over \$45,000 per year with the knowledge and

education I had obtained. During my transition into the Kingdom in 2016, I was fired from three positions without cause not to include the original job that released me from employment on 9/12/2013. I was being transformed to the Kingdom of God and it was painful. Everything I knew or believed seemed to be fake and not a real image of the Almighty God. My transformation reminded me of the movies The Truman Show, Matrix, V for Vendetta, Divergent, Alice in Wonderland, and many more that are too numerous to name. It reminded me of times when I found the truth and how I felt. A good example is Christmas. When I found out that there was no real Santa Clause climbing down my chimney, that bothered me. How could I have sat on Santa's lap (a stranger) to tell him what I wanted for Christmas and he had no idea who I was. He was only an image of the Holiday, but at the same time they are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. We cannot serve two masters. I don't like to pretend that something

is true when it is not. It's like the saying, "fake it until you make it". No, don't fake it. I was the direct opposite of believing these types of sayings. This is how I felt when I met Jesus Christ and my great fall from the world's way of living was detrimental. I was met with a force that said, it's time to walk in truth that is known but not practiced. I knew of Jesus Christ, but I didn't practice his teachings after I was saved.

I celebrated Christmas since I was a child. I was born into the tradition along with religion and religious activities. I believed in Santa Claus and all the stories that were told about a fat white male coming down the chimney in a red costume. I sat on a black male's lap during Christmas to tell him what gifts I wanted ignorant to the facts that my parents were Santa Claus. This was the idea that was sold to me and I bought the lie. I passed the tradition down to my child. Once I started to study the word of God and the Holy Spirit began to guide me, this was one of the areas that was

brought to light. I realized that it was hypocrisy to say I believed in the Lord yet celebrated Christmas which was an image in honor of Jesus Christ. Yes, when I did not know the Lord for myself and I had no relationship or the leadership of the Holy Spirit, I celebrated the religious holiday with my family because I was doing it out of ignorance and tradition for forty years. When I repented, I began to turn from the ways that kept me in bondage to sin. Christmas was one of them along with other holidays. My life was turned upside down when I was truly born again through trying the spirit by the spirit. My body, soul (mind, emotions, will power) were submitting to the faith in my spirit which was Christ. My actions were beginning to line up in 2013 to surrender my will to Christ, and I had a chose whether I wanted to celebrate with family. I didn't feel guilty because I didn't want to participate, and I didn't allow anyone to make me feel guilty because I didn't celebrate.

It wasn't until 2019 that I realized Christmas reversed the meaning of the cross and it is a tradition that the Lord said do not celebrate (Mark 7:6-9).

Christmas supports the religious traditions as an image of the birth of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, yet they deny his power. It also supports the economy to spend money for the gods it worships. The tree is the image, but Jesus was also hung on a tree with no leaves. A carved image stripped of its covering. Jesus was stripped of his covering like a tree and adorned with a crown of thorns and I was part of mocking him by purchasing the Christmas tree and adorning it with ornaments along with crowning it with a star or some light fixture to illuminate the darkness. When I did not know Christ, I was clueless to this image. I celebrated because of the spirit of love, the spirit of given, but not the spirit of Christ. The gift was Jesus Christ, not presents under a tree. I am not against people celebrating, and I am not against being with my family on that day because people

must work out their own salvation. It is not my job to force anyone to believe. I am only expressing how I felt through my transformation and my awakening of the truth after my encounter with God and Christ. My responsibility is my salvation and my children. I cannot add what God wants me to do for Christmas. I can change the tradition to worship God and Jesus then give gifts of thanksgiving to my family.

My life experience about salvation was a journey until I was faced with my born-again experience through the Holy Spirit which changed and shifted my life into another direction from destruction. Jesus Christ was my gift for salvation. Salvation from my experience as of September 1, 2019, had two parts. If another part exists, I will find out in the future as the Holy Spirit guides me into the promise. Salvation included a public confession of Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior by faith from my heart and baptism. He was my redeemer from the bondage and brokenness I

experienced in “My Egypt”. Faith in Jesus Christ extended God’s gifts of mercy and grace to endure the process of the trials and tribulations. When I was born, I was a sinner until I chose Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Although I was trying to keep the commandments and do the right thing, I could never seem to get it right. God had an appointed time and situation in my life that catapulted me into my destiny. My belief through faith launched me into the Kingdom of God in 1987, but it wasn’t until 2013 that I was born again, and the Holy Spirit was activated to begin the redemption process in my life to reverse my sin through repentance. Redemption led me into the wilderness to be cleaned of all unrighteousness that was attached to me through my old life. The Holy Spirit was preparing me for the Lord. My life began to heat up like a blazing fire to burn off the residue of sin. I had to go through many trials and tribulations that was purifying me. I had to work out my own salvation through my

circumstances. The Holy Spirit led me through the wilderness to burn off everything I had learned about my life that was not aligned with God's Will.

It was painful to turn from something I thought was good, but it wasn't right in accordance with the word of God. God said do not create any images in my name and do not serve other Gods (Exodus 20:4). I had no idea that some of the things I was doing were other gods. Who know why? Because I didn't know God, so I would never be able to recognize who was not of him until I went through my experience and called on him. Christmas is the results of another god. The God of my life gave me the gift of salvation which provided me with the Holy Spirit that led me through Redemption, Revelation, Resurrection, and the Restoration of the Kingdom of God. Christmas did not deliver me from bondage or save my soul, Jesus Christ did. So my goal is to celebrate the King. This brought me to the origin of the church to Christianity to religion to traditions to

creating Christmas in America. I was born into this origin, but I had to work out my own salvation and understand the meaning surrounded the things that I saw because a lot of what I saw made my sense.

Chapter 4- The History of Christmas

There are many origins of Christmas, but I am going to focus on how it became a law in America. I have included a few Christmas History websites (Christmas History). Christmas was made a federal holiday in the United States June 28, 1870 by President Ulysses S. Grant [\(1\)](#). The bill was introduced into the House of Representatives by Burton Chauncey Cook of Illinois who was a Republican [\(4\)](#). It was approved by the Senate on June 24, 1870. This information also shields the light on official we vote into office and their agenda's. If Christmas started through the system in America, it was not of God or Christ. I do not see that process in the bible so that leads me to ask the question what spirit was guiding the decisions in the House of Representatives and the President because it doesn't match the Almighty God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob or the Holy Spirit. Are there any church's preaching or teaching concerning the spirit leading the political

system and voting who pass laws that create division and separation in the name of their god? How easy it is to pass a law to take prayer out of school and pass discrimination laws about religion. The answer is clear. This country is not serving the Almighty God. They have put themselves in position of God and created an image called democracy which is the principality, ruler, authority and spiritual wickedness in high places in accordance to Ephesians 6:12, and if we eat from the deception like Eve we remain spiritually blind to the will of God, and we continue to stay in our sin and ignorance to the purpose of Jesus Christ's teachings until we repent and turn to God. Once we know these truths, we can serve wherever God sends us in the city, state, or borders in America without being influenced by the culture. We are not to be "conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will" (NIV).

If people have a hard time believing these truths, then it would be nice to have a face-to-face discussion in love to hear other perspectives on the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But God's word is not up for debate. It is what he said. When we have another mind other than Christ, there will always be disagreements, but let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5-11). Renewing my mind daily helped me to know what was in God's Will for my life. Choose this day whom you will serve because you cannot serve two masters (Joshua 24:14-15; Matthew 6:24). You will love one and hate the other (Matthew 6:24). I had to make this decision in 2013 and the years after to stay in alignment with God's Will so everyone I encountered was in God's Will for my life. They were people, places I had to experience to get the teachings I needed from God and Christ to serve in the Kingdom. So, my path was destined by God.

Chapter 5 - In the End

Seeking the Kingdom of heaven was the key to pushing through for ever lasting life with Christ. It was also the key to heaven opening its gates for us to enter his kingdom with praise and worship not just through lip service, but by being a tree planted by the rivers of living water producing fruit each month. What matters is that I know God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit for myself. They are guiding me through my life and direct my steps daily. Walking with God doesn't mean the enemy does not come up against me. It means I see them before they arrive because God knows. I know that God allowed it and it for my elevation and his glory on earth as it is in heaven.

I submitted my gift unto the Lord as a service by writing and operating my business in helping the body of Christ in Nutrition, Health, Fitness and Wellness.

Additional Salvation Scriptures

The Holy Spirit

Galatians 3:2

Did you receive the Holy Spirit by keeping the law? Of course not, for the Holy Spirit came upon you only after you believed the message you heard about Christ.

Jesus purpose is in Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14,15; Luke 4:43-44

His Mission is explained in Luke 4:18

He expounds on his mission in John 3:5-21

Traditions: Mark 7:5-9

“Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

He answered and said to them, “**Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.**

Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition” (KJV).

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