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*God, through His Son Jesus, provides eternal grace for our failures and human limitations.*

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## My Testimony.

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The Bible not only reveals God's eternal plans purposes and promises

But also shows how you can know God for yourself.

***Teach it, don't demand it.***

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Though I had a good family and enjoyed my work and my life when I was twenty I began to search for more meaning to life. I thought there must be something more than just working, partying sleeping and dying so I started reading books on ESP and self-hypnosis, believing at that time that the something more must be some type of supernatural power of the mind. I read many books on ESP, self-hypnosis, the power of positive thinking and anything relating to the human mind until I read a book by Billy Graham titled, World Aflame.

Though there maybe much in the book today that I might not agree with, at that time in my life when I had no knowledge of God at all Billy Graham's book, World Aflame showed me that the messages and prophecies of the Bible were just as real today, as they were two-thousand years ago, this amazed me. Since I had always thought, "What possible use could a book written two-thousand years ago have for anyone today?"

I read more books by the same author and later went and brought a rice paper black leather bound gold edged King James Bible. At that time I mistakenly believed if the Bible didn't have these qualities it was only a book and not a proper Bible.

Then for about eighteen months each night, with the aid of the Daily Union Scripture booklets I began to read the Bible I had brought. Later I had a desire to go to a church, I went to one that was close to me, but no one talked about God once the service was finished and I had a multitude of questions I wanted to ask and the minister wore a black robe and white collar so I thought, "What would he know about me?" I was still living a worldly life.

After about six weeks of attending this church a friend took me to an Assembly of God church. To my pleasant surprise they did nothing else but talk about God, their excitement about knowing God thrilled me and after two-weeks a beautiful married couple asked if I would like them to come around and teach me the Bible, I was thrilled and excited to say the least.

Church meetings were held in rented warehouses not church buildings and no one cared what people wore (as long as it was modest and not sexually provocative). This was about forty-five years ago, moving outside of stained glassed window cathedrals and listening to ministers who dressed in plain clothes and not holy robes was a totally new and exciting spiritual thing in those days and those seeking God and not religion embraced it by the thousands since in those days the teaching was focused upon God's grace and the heart and not outward appearances, ceremonial rites and religious customs and tradition.

## **My Conversion.**

After attending the AOG church for about six weeks, I responded to an altar call fully aware I was a sinner before God and on that altar call I received Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour, soon afterward I was fully immersed in water and baptized. There was singing, tongue talking and all sorts of things going on around me, but none of it mattered, because I knew that this was between me and God, it was not a decision I had made easily. I knew it was a total surrender of my life to God and to Christ at that moment.

When I came to Christ the only thing I knew of the Bible was the message of the cross and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and that though I was a decent man according to the world's standards I was fully aware that I was a sinner before God and because of this I wanted to know the man who suffered and died on the cross for me.

Other than the basic salvation message I knew very little of the Bible and believed the man behind the pulpit was next to God and knew everything from cover to cover and because I had been a man of the world believed all who belonged to the church congregation were holy (yes I was honestly this naive).

Since I had a great love for Christ and zeal to know him I embraced with naïve zeal everything the pastor and elders taught fully believing they knew the Bible far better than I did which of course they did since I knew very little except that it was God's book and holy. It never entered my mind in those early years to think that perhaps not everything I was being taught was Scripturally correct.

When I look back there are many good memories, during worship services there were young and old men who would stand praising God with tears in their eyes whose lives were completely changed from worldliness to being totally committed to serving the Lord.

There were teenage girls who came into the worship service dressed in mini-skirts and heavy make-up (it was the fashion then) who lessened their make-up and lengthened their skirts not because they had been told, but because they grew in the love of Christ and desired to live their life before him and not according to the influences of the world.

I did enjoy many years of fellowship with other zealous Christians and learnt a lot that was right, but also a lot that was wrong, but amongst all the error I did find the Lord Jesus Christ and God's grace. I was in Pentecostal churches for seventeen years, the Baptist church for ten and then spent a few years visiting various other Christian churches. I found that in each Christian church that confesses Jesus there are many things that are good, beneficial and spiritually healthy and certain other things that were not so health-giving.

From my personal Christian experiences I have come to believe that our spiritual Christian life is very much like our mortal life in that we are forever growing. From the first day of honest heartfelt surrender to God I believe that those who are faithful begin a spiritual journey in the love of Christ and God's grace that is forever growing in the fruits of the Spirit and forever growing in the Lord's wisdom, prophetic understanding and Scriptural knowledge and will be forever growing in all these things until the Lord returns in glory.

Because of this my mindset now is not limited to any one particular Christian church, denomination or religious institution, but rather I see myself as belonging to the global worldwide body of Christ made up of men and woman of all nation's languages and cultures and live in the total confidence that the Lord knows those who are his which means I do not have to judge or concern myself with another brother or sisters salvation, but rather focus on encouraging, showing grace and mercy and teaching what is right.

In my writings on [www.biblehouseofgrace.com](http://www.biblehouseofgrace.com) I try to avoid judging or condemning any Christian religious institution, organisation or church and rather focus on what is scripturally right with the heartfelt hope that God's Spirit of love and grace flows through whatever I maybe saying. Having said that (right or wrong) I tend to feel very little compassion toward those who are in leadership who deliberately twist and distort the Scriptures and use their followers as merchandise for their own selfish gain and greed or use their followers who are truly seeking God for the sole purpose of extending their own religious empire for their own glory and fame or so that they can live a lifestyle of self-indulgent luxury and excess.

My mental focus as I write is global and focused more toward those who are outside church walls or confused with their faith or have turned against the church system because of certain hypocrisy's, religious traditions and legalistic dogma within some Christian churches they may have attended rather than toward those who are happy with the fellowship and church they are in.

This is because those who are happy in the church they worship in not only know the love of Christ and the grace of God, but also have eternal life if they are faithful and trusting in Christ and God's grace for their salvation. However in saying this I am certain that no matter what state a person is in should they read [www.biblehouseofgrace.com](http://www.biblehouseofgrace.com) they will be spiritually stimulated, inspired and encouraged. In this mortal world we all suffer various hurts, heartaches and trials but if at the end of it all we are being lowered into the grave with our faith in tack eternal glory is waiting and all our sorrow will be as nothing when we are raised to glory and see him who laid his life down for us.

I have a great love for the word of God, there is nothing in this life that brings me more joy, but I will never impose it on others who are not interested and I pray and hope I will always clothe whatever I write and teach in God's love and grace.

Ever since that day my life changed, I accepted into my life the man who is missing from the bloodstained cross God filled my heart with his love, his mercy, his grace, and clothed me with the righteousness of Christ, which I certainly was not worthy of and even now after all these years of walking with God I am still fully aware that I am made righteous before God only because of what Christ did for me at Calvary.

Since the day that Jesus Christ saved me from my sin, I have never again wondered what life was all about. Jesus ended my search for the meaning to life.

Jesus said: -

- All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out (John 6:37).

Through all my failings, and there has been many, I am constantly amazed at how faithful the Lord has been to me with these words.

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End.