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“Take ye heed how ye hear”

Man's common problem – Sin
God's command to all – Repent

What is the gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:3-5. There is a risen Saviour who men could see.

The testimony of a Christian is that they have personally met with Christ.

Born July 1974 in Methil to a family of non-practising Catholics.

Grew up, picking on younger siblings. Expressed sin in heart.

As grew up, grew in sin. Had knowledge of sin but also love of sin.

At age of 21, gran who was a believer died. She had sent him to Sunday School where some things had sunk in.

At age of 22 moved to Glenrothes. Had been drinking but didn't like it. This gave chance to change.

One night went to Auntie who had been converted and she told him he needed to be forgiven of his sins and accept Christ as Saviour. He promised to read his Bible to try and prove things he had said to Auntie about UFOs and Aliens in Revelation.

In Revelation 1 read of one depicted as a great Saviour.

“Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear My voice and open to Me, I will come in and sup with him.”(Revelation 3:20). These words were spoken to a bunch of religious people who had the Lord Jesus outside their lives.

At point of reading this he realised that the Lord was not in his life. He had tried his own way to correct life and do good.

Reading on through Revelation saw God's judgment coming on earth and men continuing to turn away from God in sin.

Continued on reading John's gospel and his 3 epistles.

Realised needed more than just head knowledge. Had to open heart to the Lord and let Him in. Realised couldn't live without God and that he could be the great benefactor now.

He got saved one night in his bedroom when he opened his heart to the Lord. He knew the gospel was for eternity but still didn't tell because was scared that he would fail.

As continued to read found John 10:28 “neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand” and also found about sharing gospel.

The first person he told was his brother. Rom 3:20-22 Shown righteousness of God upon believing.

Do you have that righteousness?

1 Cor 1:30 “Christ is made unto us of God...righteousness..”

“Christ in us the hope of glory”(Col. 1:27) - God's Son sent from heaven to become a man. All who trust in God will be glorified in the future. Christ justified a sinner, having paid for the sin.

Heart grew cold and tried to run on old knowledge. Doubted salvation and started to accept that maybe wasn't saved.

Knew that only hope was in Christ.

Ps 25:8 “therefore will He teach sinners in the way”

John 14:6 – The way to come to Christ and the way to continue.

Ps 77:2-3: “In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord: my sore ran in the night, and ceased not: my soul refused to be comforted. I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah”

If you will open your life to Jesus Christ He will come in and save you.

God keeps promises “If any man come to me I will never cast him out”

Christ speaks to people through His word.

Today is the day of salvation.

John 4:35-38