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Word of testimony – It is no secret what God can do.

Salvation is not an indoctrination of knowledge or a matter of your length of attendance in church.

Only Christ can satisfy.

any sayings in world that are not true, this one is true: “[Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners](#)”. John says something similar:- “[Father sent Son to be the Saviour of the world](#)” (1 John 4:14).

Am I a sinner? If not a sinner then cannot be saved.

Man became a sinner because he rejected the word of God.

God says “[Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved](#)”(Acts 16:31).

Don't ask why or wherefore, just come and believe.

Many commit the sin of limiting God.

“[All things were made by Him](#)”(John 1:3).

Is He not able to save us? Do we doubt His word?

Preacher was born into farming family 3rd of 4. Father was a Catholic and Mother a Protestant.

Not saved because parents were, because they weren't.

God began to speak to him. “[Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God](#)” (Romans 10:17) .

He didn't know he was a sinner against God. All sin is against God – greatest sin to keep heart closed and keep Christ outside. “[Away with Him... crucify Him](#)” (Luke 23:18-21).

Had a good friend who ended up in asylum because of drink, another drowned himself, another injured himself.

“[pleasures of sin for a season](#)” (Heb 11:25).

Deep down there was something missing. Maybe you don't know what it is but it is Jesus Christ.

Age 18, milkman, driving over bridge. Heard like a voice, 'something missing'.

Deep longing within heart.

Are you satisfied tonight?

Christ Jesus paid the penalty for sin. We are all sinners (Rom 5:12).

In 1955 invited to Billy Graham relayed to St Giles church. Elgin.

Thought as good as any other.

For time realised one God had created. Had sent His Son to die on the cross.

You can't get saved when you like. You get saved when God takes a dealing with you.

He paid the price, suffered bled and died so you might be saved. Had we been at Calvary's cross, we would have been no different.

God loves you, wants to speak to you and present the Saviour to you.

Mat 18:3.

“The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from every sin” (1 John 1:7)

We need the faith to believe. “Fear of the Lord is beginning of knowledge” (Prov 1:7), “No fear of God in men's eyes” (Psalm 36:1).

Knew as reviewed life, with no thought for God was destined for hell.

Jesus Christ, a historical figure became a living reality that night.

“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Hebrews 7:25).

Absolutely nothing is hid from God.

We don't know what a day may bring forth.

We have an enemy called death.

Someone among us will be the first to meet God. What about you? Are you ready?

Ended up on knees looking at gospel texts from the Bible.

“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” (John 3:16).

“whosoever” - you me and anybody.

“shall not” - cannot.

If you perish you will still exist but face flames of hell for all eternity.

Wasn't a something he was looking for but a someone.

As a sinner – not right with God.

“ye must be born again” (John 3:7).

“He that believeth on Son”(John 3:18).

If trust Son as Saviour a free will pardon will be given.

“Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Ps 119:105).