

Salvation Testimony

I was raised in a well disciplined home with many rules. My mother, coming from a very religious family, had us well trained in doing right with high moral standards. It was not unusual for us to get up early Sunday morning and head off to church. This was a part of life for me. However, it was not until I was a teenager that I had heard anything about Jesus, salvation or hell. It still did not bother me any, after all I was a very good kid. It was not until I went to teen camp that I understood that only those who have put their trust in Christ will go to heaven. I was rather disturbed that God would not even take into consideration my disciplined life style. So I decided to dare God. I said, "God, if you want me, come to me, show me that this is real". Little did I know that He would take me up on it. All week I looked and listened for Him, in all the excitement and strange ways of charismatic worship. I knew I was right, He was not going to show, after all it was all fake and I did not want a part in it. On the last day of camp some preacher came up and taught from **Galatians 3**. I really did not understand what he talked about, something about the having the spirit. Funny thing though, I was stuck on the first three verses. Why? I did not know, but I could not hear anything nor move past these verses. "O Foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth....." And then the preacher went on to say something about, "The truth shall set you free and that Jesus is truth". The more questions I had the more light I received. Then the evangelist said, I want you to replace the word Galatians with your name. O FOOLISH MARTIN, WHO HATH BEWITCHED YOU, THAT YE SHOULD NOT OBEY THE TRUTH, BEFORE WHO'S EYES JESUS CHRIST HATH BEEN EVIDENTLY SET FORTH, CRUCIFIED AMONG YOU. 'Wait a second', I thought, "this is it, this was God talking to me". How foolish I was to think he needed to send me a sign. He had already come, He had already taken my place on the cross, He had already forgiven me, He is the Christ the truth that sets free.

At that moment my will was broken and I knew I had to do business with God and that I did. I asked Him to forgive me of my sins and apologized for being such a fool. I later found out that there was a bible verse that said, 'A fool saith in his heart that there is no God'. Jesus paid it all.

By God's grace.
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