

My name is John Doe. I was raised in a Christian home and confessed Christ at 6 years old. Although I never doubted Christ's deity or ability to save, by my teen years, I was unwilling to give up my sin. There was no fruit from my confession because I refused to submit my life to Christ. I was angry, proud, covetous, arrogant, a liar, full of lust and totally depraved.

For 15 years, I wrestled daily with whether the confession I made was genuine. I was trusting in the prayer I prayed, but I still refused to submit. In 2000, I began attending Grace and was convicted through the preaching of the Bible. In early 2001, while reading 1 John, the Lord opened my eyes to see that I was not saved and needed to submit to Christ as Lord. I repented of my sin and submitted my life to Christ as my Savior and my Lord. I was in the worst possible state, thinking I was saved, tasting of the gospel, but on my way to the worst of God's wrath. And yet, in His kindness, in His perfect patience, He called me to repentance and faith in Him. I praise Him and give glory to Him alone.

God has transformed me. I now have new desires, new affections, and new longings, to love Jesus Christ and obey His Word. I love fellowship with Christ's church and am actively involved in a home Bible study, where I am benefitting from fellowship in the body and desire to serve others in whatever way I can. I also cultivate my walk with God through daily Scripture reading and prayer, and am excited for Sunday every week when I can hear God's Word preached and taught.

Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God. He is the servant of all, who died on the cross for all who would believe. He was resurrected and is alive and is the only Savior and Lord. Tonight I want to be baptized so that I might obey Jesus and publically proclaim that He is Lord.