

Owen Bevan - Testimony

Before I trusted in Jesus, my life was worthless. I struggled with lust, hate, greed, and crippling anxiety and depression. I often had suicidal thoughts and attempted to take my life three separate times. My sin was pleasurable, and man, I loved it. It always left me feeling empty and meaningless. But then, I learned that God hates sin, and He hates my sin. When I looked at the Ten Commandments, I realized that I had broken them all. If I were to stand before God, I would be condemned as a sinner and have to pay the penalty for my sin, which is death. That put the fear of God in me.

I have had enough of the broken promises of sin. It led me to my point of surrender in my room late at night in February of 2025. At that point, Jesus met me in my absolute and total anguish. I was defeated and alone, but I cried out to the Lord. Jesus saved me and held me tight. He told me, “You are mine, and my love for you is deeper than any sin that you can commit.” Surrendering to Jesus was the best decision that I have ever made.

So if you haven’t surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, you can make that decision today. Jesus took the penalty for your sin so that everyone who believes on Him will be saved. He was completely humiliated and mocked in your place. He was brutally beaten with 39 lashes and forced to carry a heavy and rugged cross 2,000 feet up Calvary’s hill. Jesus suffered more than anybody else, and He understands your pain. He bled and died so that you could live. If God were to ask you why He should let you into heaven, and you don’t know your answer, I encourage you to place your faith in Jesus Christ. Judgment Day is coming, and the only hope is in Jesus.

Since putting my faith in Jesus, He freed me from lust, hate, anger, and greed. I no longer have crippling anxiety and depression. My suicidal thoughts have been washed away by the blood of Christ. I now want to read the Word and pray. I want to serve others in a way that is pleasing to Jesus. Jesus has completely changed my life and saved me from spiritual death and the second death. All praise to Jesus for who I am today and what He has done for me.

Foundations class has helped me to have a more organized understanding of sin and how to be saved and how I can help others to be saved. It also helped me to write out my testimony, which is hopefully organized. Foundations helped me understand that baptism is a commandment and not a choice. God has used Foundations to grow my faith and understanding of God’s Word.

My favorite verse is **Galatians 2:20** — “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith

in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” As well as, **Ephesians 2:8** — For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,