

Pastor Daniel's Testimony

My testimony really begins with my grandfather's story. His name was William Robert Hanna.

He was a machine gunner in the 1st World War. He believed at the time that he was fighting for our American freedom and way of life. He and his 3 man team would set up their 30 caliber machine gun and fire for a few minutes and then they would pick up the gun and equipment and run for their lives. The enemy would lob a mortar shell precisely into the position they had just left. He said the life expectancy of a machine gunner in world war one was 24 hrs or less. They say there are no atheists in war.

He began to pray. He prayed that if God would save him, he would serve God with his life when he returned home. So when he survived the trenches and came home from World War 1, He was so grateful to God for being alive that he brought, not only his own family, But our entire Hanna clan to the local Baptist Church. Our entire clan put their faith in the blood of Jesus Christ and His death on the cross to save them from their sins during that time. That's how we became a Christian family.

So that's the reason my parents had me going to church even before I was born. The first 7 years of my life, I probably heard the Gospel 100 times, but I didn't understand it. Then one day at about 8 years old, My Sunday school teacher named Jerry Dunham, At the first southern Baptist Church in San Diego, Drew a chalk drawing, if you can imagine, Of a deep dark pit with no way out.

And he explained how our own sins had put us there. By 8 years old, I had already committed one of the worst sins of my entire life. And I knew I deserved to be in that dark pit and there was no way out.

Romans 3:23 says "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"

Are you the lost child today trapped in the dark pit of sin with no way out?

Romans 6:23 says "for the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Jesus died on the cross for our sins. He used his own blood and death on the cross to give us the way out of the dark pit that our sins have put us in. Will you, with childlike faith today, call out to Jesus to save you from your sins?

Romans 10:9 says "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you will be saved."

The moment I understood I was a lost sinner in need of a savior and that savior was Jesus Christ, It was like my soul was flooded with brilliant light.

When my Sunday school teacher invited me to, I prayed a simple prayer.

You can pray this prayer today If you like.

Lord Jesus, I am a lost sinner in need of a savior. I believe that you died on the cross for my sins and rose again on the 3rd day. I repent, I turn away from my sins, I ask you to forgive me for my sins and I ask you to come into my heart to be my Lord and savior. I pray this prayer in Jesus name amen.

I invite you to pray this prayer today, and own Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

If you just prayed that prayer, then welcome to the family of Christ. You are my new brother or sister in Christ. Be sure to tell someone that you know loves God about your new life in Jesus.

Thank you.