

My testimony

Peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ! My name is Roy Paul. I was born in Trichur(1964) brought up in a Syrian Catholic family in that faith. My schooling started at Nirmala Convent School, Ayyanthol, Thrissur, Kerala, India studied till 4th standard. We have moved to Thiruvananthapuram, where my father got job transfer. There I was studied at St. Mary's School, Pattom. While I was studying in high school, I wish to become a Catholic priest, so I filled up and complete the required form and sent to the seminary. Waited for reply but I did not receive any response. Later, I went to study at the Govt. Arts College, but I was not interest in studies, disobeyed my father, not submit to anybody, I have gone on my own way through worldly pleasures. I have lived a life without fear of God become an atheist, lived in communist way of thinking. I was a defeated person by failure, stubborn and rebellious.

At the age of 21, I got an opportunity to work in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia by my parents' recommendation. And my marriage was made at the age of 24 by the parent's arrangement. But I could not take my wife abroad after marriage, so I have to quit job and returned home, lived in Ernakulum. At that time my affliction began. Problems started. I have neither money nor a job. That's time my wife was pregnant. I have started to think how to live, how to go ahead, all forsaken me, and I become sad and heavy burden. I have lost my peace and hope. It was then I wanted to escape the situation somehow went to Potta Catholic Ashram for meditate the word of God. Here, Father Panakal speeches inspired me, and God visited me by His kindness. My heart becomes broken. I made the first mention of my call upon my God. Later I was realized that it was God who blocked all my ways so that looked upward to heaven. I have submitted myself little before God, I got some relief. God answered my prayer. Soon I got a visit Visa to go to Dubai, were I search and got a job. Immediately my wife and daughter join with me in Dubai.

In Dubai, we got an opportunity to attend Pentecostal meeting((IPC) through a relative. Initially I was not interested. Then I realized presence of God, I have accepted Jesus as my Savior and Lord. By the grace of God, at the age of 30, I have taken water baptism, it was thought given by God, not by any person's influence. and dedicated myself and consecrated to God. I began to read the Word of God, studied Bible through online course. Spend time listening word, bible commentary while driving car. I have zeal to know and desire to be like my Master Jesus. I' have been anointed by the Holy One. God teach me to know the deeper truths and revealed the Word. Then by grace, God has given me ministry, to share the gospel through media/Website. Lord separated me to become His disciple, a witness for Jesus Christ. God helped us to arrange marriage for my daughter. Next year, in 2017 lost my job and returned to India with my wife and son after 32 years of work in Middle East. It was good spiritual experience in the wilderness.

When I remember my childhood, it is always sick days with tonsilitis and asthma. Then I have taken ayurvedic medicine and tonsilitis were cured at the age of 13. And my asthma healed when I was attending/praying Pentecostal convention meeting in Dubai at the age of 32. I believe all our sickness/illness healed by Jesus' Stripes!

We have prayed to God to show which church meeting we should attend. It was wonderful that God brought us to this fellowship(NTC) since 2000. Here, praise and worship, spiritual song is pleased by God. Here, teaching is to live a separate and holy life, to grow spiritually, to prepare for the coming of the Lord. God cares for us and provide all our spiritual and physical needs pertaining life and godliness. God delivers us from all dangerous and troubles. God guides and leads us in victory. And by the grace of God, we are serving God by His will and for His glory.

Instead of me seeking God during troubled times, here was Jesus the good shepherd coming after me and bringing me back into His fold and give abundant life and protect from destruction. Praise, glory, thanks be to the Holy God, who has done great things to me with all goodness, mercy, and kindness with heavenly blessings. I have decided to follow Jesus all the days of my life. I have tasted that the Lord is good. I have learned that knowing God and getting closer to God is the greatest thing we can do in our lives. We cannot waste our times. We are living in the end times of this age. And we have to serve God all our days. We have to follow Jesus Christ's example. And live a Holy life that pleases God. We have to lay hold of God's kingdom in leading people to heaven! *It is good for me that I have been afflicted, that I might learn your statutes* (Psa.119:71) Our Lord Jesus is coming soon. Hallelujah!