

A WORD OF TESTIMONY

"Remember thy creator in the days of thy youth" (Ecc chl2 v 1)

Like so many I was born into a Christian home and going to church and Sunday school every week — (we should all be thankful for faithful Sunday school teachers and those **involved with children's work**) **was very much the norm. However I realised from an early age that I knew that this was not going to get me into heaven. It was not until I was 9 when I really believed what God allowed his only begotten Son to go through for me and you (John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him shall not die but have everlasting life". I was at this stage that in child like faith that I bowed the knee in faith. In the years that have passed since I have failed him on many occasions but he has never failed me. Life may have its up and down moments but He will never leave you or forsake you. In His goodness He gave me the ability to attend mainstream primary and secondary school and now for the last 8 and half years I have been working for the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. It is my hope and pray that you will come and put your trust in him who gave his life for you and you like me can say with the hymn writer 'Just as I am without one plea that thy blood was shed for me'.**

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