

## A WORD OF TESTIMONY

It is a great privilege for me to be able to tell how I came to know the Lord as my Saviour. I was born in March 1968 in the city of Londonderry. I am thankful for parents who loved me and sent their children to Sunday School faithfully each week, where I heard the Bible stories of Jesus and His love for each one of us. I enjoyed singing the choruses, my favourite was 'Good news, Good news, Christ died for me.....' Also as a boy I enjoyed a Good News Club in a neighbour's home. Later as I grew up I was taken along to the Gospel Meeting each Sunday evening, where I heard the Gospel faithfully preached, of my need to have my sins forgiven and of God's provision - how that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" 1 Corinthians 15:3.

At the age of fifteen one Sunday evening after the usual Gospel Meeting, an elderly friend David Glenn, was visiting with my grandparents, where I was staying. Just before supper David was talking to me alone in the kitchen. He said "tell me Thomas, would you like to be saved?" As he asked me this question in a personal way, I realised that I needed to make a decision to accept Christ as my Saviour if I wanted to be saved. Just at that time, I answered I would like to be saved, realising that I was a sinner (For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23), and that I needed to put my faith and trust in the Lord Jesus if I was to escape the punishment of hell and be in Heaven for all eternity. David offered to pray, and asked the Lord Jesus to come into my life, forgive my sins, and be my Saviour - as he prayed I echoed the prayer in my heart. Afterwards I had a feeling of being so free and, praise God, my burden of sin was gone.

After I was saved I attended Crusaders, Youth Fellowships, C. E. F. Monthly meetings and camps. I also became involved with a Christian coffee bar, called Spotlight. When I was twenty our Church ran a week of Gospel Mission, where I first heard the Londonderry Gospel Male Voice Choir singing and became involved. I have been a member of the choir for over sixteen years, singing throughout the North of Ireland and attending festivals in Scotland and Wales.

I am so glad to be saved and to know that, if anything happens to me, I am ready for Heaven. Tell me, my friend, where will you spend eternity? I pray that you too will receive Christ as your Saviour, before it is too late.

God bless you.

1<sup>st</sup> John 4:10. "We love Him because He first loved us".

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