

Dave Gibson Sample Testimony:

For 17 years of my life I was seeking answers to life's 2 most important questions: "What is my purpose in life?" and "Where will I spend Eternity?"

While growing up our family regularly attended church and I learned about God. But early on I became very disillusioned with the church and organized religion as I observed the inconsistencies in the lives of many within the church. All of those years I had head knowledge about God, but I never grasped how to know Him personally. I had a little religion but no relationship.

The philosopher, Pascal, once said, "There is a God shaped void in the heart of every man that can only be filled by God Himself through His Son Jesus Christ." I was trying to fill this emptiness in my life and find a sense of purpose through success in sports, academics, and finding acceptance and approval from others. Outwardly my life may have appeared successful and fulfilling, but inwardly I was very empty and searching for purpose.

Early in my senior year in high school I received a phone call that really shook me to the core. I was told my good friend Mark had committed suicide, and for the first time I began to search and ask serious questions about life.

Shortly after this incident a guest speaker gave a talk in our church entitled "The Ultimate Rejection" taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 7. He described the final day of judgment when we stand before God and He will say to many, "Depart from Me I never knew you." It was as though the Lord was speaking directly to me.

He then shared that God created us to love Him and enjoy a relationship with Him forever; but our sins have separated us from God and none of our good deeds will save us. That day I turned from my sin and by faith prayed to receive Jesus Christ into my life.

The Lord filled the emptiness and gave me a new sense of purpose and direction. I also gained a certainty that I would spend eternity in heaven. Life has not always been easy and my problems did not all go away, but I now have a security in knowing I am deeply loved by the Lord, completely forgiven, totally accepted by God, and absolutely complete in Christ.

After college I served with the ministry of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and later as a Missions Pastor. I've also been blessed with a beautiful wife and 5 wonderful children, all who love the Lord. My ambition in life is to know Him and make Him known. Please read the following pages with an open mind and open heart and ask God to speak to you..., "You will seek Me and find me if you search for Me with all of your heart." Jer. 29:9-11

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