

### **My Salvation: An Event of Transformation**

The event that shifted the course of my life and transformed everything about me was when I came to know Jesus Christ in January of 2023. I was saved the very moment I realized what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross and the eternal life I could gain by giving my heart to Him. Immediately after I was saved, God blessed me with total renewal and transformation that changed the dynamic between myself and the people around me and also sparked spiritual growth in all areas of my life. This event led me to abound in love towards everyone, kindness, selflessness, service, and peace that surpasses all understanding. I was freed from chains of sin that held me in anxiety and depression and was given new life in the name of Jesus Christ.

The first transformation that I noticed was the utter peace that flowed over me in the first seconds of being saved. I have always struggled with anxiety and, as I grew up, the prospect of what happens after death and the meaning of life started to seep in. I was more than troubled as I started to grow up and see more of the world and its evils. Additionally, the pressures of being a teenager started to leave me with a feeling of hopelessness and emptiness. I knew to my deepest core that there was something greater to life and a fundamental truth. I started searching for that truth and for satisfaction, which led me down many wrong paths as I looked in the wrong places. Finally, God revealed Himself to me and I knew that I had found real truth. I found that I could trust my Heavenly Father more than anyone. I found that I was loved by the God of the universe and created for a specific purpose. These facts and the story of Jesus gifted me peace which is now the core of who I am. This newfound peace is the greatest reflection of what Jesus Christ did for me.

Furthermore, my relationships with other people were transformed along with a new understanding of the inner workings of people. Before being saved, I was bitter and was opposed to deeper relationships with others. I lived with pure hatefulness and spite towards my peers, parents, and friends. I knew that my hate was controlling me and God revealed that it was my greatest sin. When I came to Christ, I immediately was filled with an undying love for everyone I came into contact with. I learned the meaning of true love after hearing that Jesus Christ died a brutal death for our sins, just so that we may live through Him. As a result, my relationship with my parents took on new meaning, and a season of opposition towards them finally ended. I have grown so much closer to my family and my salvation has strengthened us as a unit, as well as my friendships. I can truly say that I am overflowing with passionate love towards everyone in this world, even my enemies. I take joy in humble service, encouraging others, spreading the Gospel, being a light, and loving with my whole heart.

Lastly, coming to Jesus gave me a purpose in life which redefined me. I was appointed by God to spread the name of His son to everyone I possibly can. I know that I am to be bold in my faith and step out to reach others. I know that I am to be separate from the world and shine the light of Jesus. I was given purpose in every aspect of my life, even including my career. I feel deeply that my calling is to be in the medical field and I know that God wants me at College of the Ozarks. I know that in this field I will be able to serve God by saving lives and being a vessel for God's healing. I know with conviction that I was created for a specific purpose and I live to fulfill it. This scholarship would help me to fulfill my calling and do good work in the name of Jesus. Thank you for considering my application.