

Testimony – Bill Heckathorn

I was raised in a Christian home from birth and was always taken to Sunday School and church. Through my Dad's Air Force career, we attended non-denominational Christian Chapels. I do not know that I fully understood the Word, but I was being prepared.

In college at Ohio State, I took comparative religion courses and “searched” with an open mind. I came to the realization that there not only was a God who created heaven and earth but that he created people and loved them too. I fully accepted that Jesus was God in the flesh and arose from the dead, to save us all, unworthy though we are.

Knowing and acting are often two different things, but I continually have seen signs of His presence and guidance (sometimes with a 2x4) in my life: from meeting and falling in love with Laura, to directly saving my life at least twice in Vietnam, to having me walk away from an airplane crash that should have killed all on board (I actually fell to my knees after running about 100 yards and gave immediate thanks), to literally pushing me into the right Graduate school, etc., etc., etc. This has gradually opened my eyes to His way rather than the world's ways.

Though His guidance and grace, I believe my faith and actions have grown stronger as I have matured. We are now active participants at Voyagers Bible Church and have found a calling in supporting and caring for our missionaries, both in the US and abroad. Praise God.