

## My Testimony and The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST

*“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of CHRIST: for it is the power of GOD unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.” Rom 1:16*

Let me encourage you, if you have not already, to accept JESUS CHRIST as your personal SAVIOR and LORD. This is at the core of everything I have written in this book. In fact, my faith in JESUS CHRIST is the only reason I did not commit suicide as I went through a painful divorce and took my journey beyond betrayal. GOD’S comforting presence and guiding light kept me from using a permanent end to a temporary problem. I thank GOD for HIS intervention on that dark day when I decided that my pain was too great and I could not go on. That Saturday morning, driving down Rt. 24 in Brockton, MA I saw myself in a deep dark pit. As I sat in the dark, I looked up and could see a small circle of light. Suddenly the circle started to close, like the sun was going through an eclipse. Finally, the last slivers of sunlight were extinguished and I sat in total darkness and total silence except for a voice that said, “You can end your pain right now and no one will find you for three days.”

I formulated a plan that would lead to a very peaceful end. My children were at their dad’s and not due to return home until Sunday evening; and with one phone call, I could tell him to keep them and they could walk to school from his house Monday morning. I had already spoken to one of my close friends who would not expect to hear from me again for a couple of days. So, I could get a way with it and no one would be able to stop me. Then I heard HIS voice. “Kasundra you are scared, tired and you need to rest. Go home, get in bed and go to sleep.” I immediately took the next exit, did a “u turn” and headed home. Upon arriving, my son who lived in Florida called. I half-heartedly told him I was “fine, just not feeling the best.”

After the call, HOLY SPIRIT reminded me of HIS instructions. I was to go to sleep and so laid down. But the pain and the idea for ending it kept coming to the forefront of my thoughts. A strong and sudden pressure pinned me to the bed when I determined to follow through with my plan. For about 3 hours I wrestled and tried to get up but was unable to and finally fell asleep. When I awoke some three hours later, the sun was bright, the sky was blue and I felt so much better. Thankful that I did not take the permanent option of killing myself over a situation that was eventually going to end, I called my son and told him of my experience. That’s when he told me that after hanging up the phone, he said to a friend, “I’m afraid my mother may take her own life. Something in her voice didn’t sound right.” Not knowing what to do, he sat alone crying, trying to imagine life without me. I promised to get help if there ever was a next time. But, because of the SPIRIT of GOD living in me, there was never a “next time.”

This is why having a personal relationship with GOD through faith in JESUS is so important. I'm not describing a religious exercise. This is a real, intimate relationship where you hear HIS Voice and experience HIS Presence. Below are the scriptures that cover the GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST and a brief prayer inviting HIM to become your SAVIOR and LORD. Please read carefully and thoughtfully, asking GOD to confirm the TRUTH of these words to your heart.

*“For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of GOD.” – Rom 3:23*

*“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of GOD is eternal life through JESUS CHRIST our LORD.” – Rom 6:23*

*“But GOD commended HIS Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners CHRIST died for us.” – Rom 5:8*

*“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of GOD: not of works, lest any man should boast.” – Eph 2:8-9*

*“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the LORD JESUS, and shalt believe in thine heart that GOD hath raised HIM from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” – Rom 10:9-10*

“LORD JESUS, for too long I've kept YOU out of my life. I know that I am a sinner and that I cannot save myself. No longer will I close the door when I hear YOU knocking. By faith I gratefully receive YOUR gift of salvation. I am ready to trust YOU as my LORD and SAVIOR. Thank you, LORD JESUS, for coming to earth. I believe you are the SON OF GOD who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day. Thank YOU for bearing my sins and giving me the gift of eternal life. I believe YOUR Words are true. Come into my heart, LORD JESUS, and be my SAVIOR. Amen.”

If you prayed sincerely, you are now saved from the payment (death), penalty (separation from GOD), power (control), proclivity (tendency) and preference (fondness) for sin (what GOD says is wrong). Your sins are forgiven, you have eternal life and are free to pursue the abundant life promised in John 10:10. Now ask GOD to lead you to a local Bible believing and teaching church where you can be nurtured and grow in your faith. Welcome to the Family of GOD and your new life in CHRIST.