



THE Living TESTAMENT

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What is a Testimony?

This month's 'Living Testament', is just precisely that. Within these pages, you will find real testimonies of real people, here in a real world.

The dictionary definition of the word 'testimony' is as follows : '*A witness, a solemn declaration or statement, evidence, proof, or confirmation*'. So, a testimony is a solemn declaration of approval. Therefore, the Word of God is proven by evidence.

We can praise the Lord that He has made us a witness. With great joy, we are prepared to make a solemn declaration to the world of His evidence, His proof and His confirmation in all of our lives. In the scriptures, God revealed Himself to those waiting in the upper room (See Acts 2) – He also says that

He will confirm His word and the testimony of Christ in each of us (See 1 Cor 1:5-8).

At Pentecost we are told, 'And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance' (See Acts 2:4).

Other signs also follow those who truly believe (See Mark 16:16-20) – they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover . . . many testimonies in this edition will tell of how prayer leads to healing by the power of God through the laying on of hands – proof through evidence.

Praise the Lord we have a God who is true to His word, who is still working in us and through us today. We solemnly declare His blessing in our life. Amen.

Pastor Ray Welch, Exeter RF, UK.



A testimony from Holland

Hello, my name is Dimphna Evans and I would like to share my testimony with you. I heard the gospel about six months ago. Ever since I heard it a wonderful happiness entered my life! I thought I was a happy person already as I used to look at the world and people and affairs quite positively. But a couple of years back, that all changed as I understood my positivity was actually based on dreams and I realised that dreams were not going to be fulfilled, if I did not change my life drastically. And I definitely did not know how. I led quite an exciting life as an artist, being philosophical about things, searching and digging into the meaning of life. That too was unsatisfactory, as I ended up with big questions about truth and honesty. It was all so complicated and I kept thinking it should all be more simple.

I found myself wanting to read the Bible, but I was still quite convinced that my own ideas were quite good. I went to talk to a sister in the street, she had been talking to me before, but at that time I did not understand. When she talked to me and showed me the scriptures in the Bible I began to understand what I was looking for. Here was the trust, the simplicity, the strength, the love I wanted so much. I could see it in my sister, I could see it in the Bible. Since then, a different happiness entered in, I knew it was right. I received the Holy Spirit when I was at home writing a song as I did not know how to pray. It was all about wanting to know God's way, that was one big question! The next thing I knew, a sentence in

a strange language entered in that left me quite amazed. But the happiness that followed was tremendous. I only knew later that I had received, but at that moment I knew God had entered my life. I was baptised by full immersion shortly afterwards. My life did make the radical change it needed.

With God in my life I have already overcome many things. My relationship with the children has changed, as I am now in charge. My husband does not believe and there are times of trouble, but the standards of the Lord are very clear and going by them makes me sure that things are going to work out for the best.

We have had healings – I always reacted to dogs by sneezing and suffering with other flu-like symptoms. I stroked my auntie's dog and drove home forgetting about it. I rubbed my eye and I felt a reaction come on. I prayed strongly and the symptoms went away. My daughter was healed of pimples under her arm. We have also had healings from flu and colds. The blessings are uncountable. Every time I take a step into faith, the Lord is there to help me. I am not lonely anymore. I am stronger in every way. I am willing to learn more and more everyday and see the fruits of it every time. The Spirit makes me see things beyond the natural. It makes me feel humble and very thankful. I thank my Father for everything. Amen.

Dimphna Evans, Holland RF.

A testimony from Czech Republic

I attended religious classes from reception until year three at primary school. I didn't learn much except to believe that there was a God. Then the Communists came into power and stopped these faiths, there was no religion anymore – but they could not stop me believing in God.

When I was 40 years old, I began to think about God again and started to read about strange things like witchcraft. Then I met a priest who invited me to a meeting – many people from different churches were there. This is where I first found out about the Bible, that it wasn't just a book, but the very 'Word of God'. I went there for a long time, but they never told me how I would know if I received the Holy Spirit, so I didn't know if I had it or not.

I started to read about the 'last days' in the Bible and could see that we were in the last times. I talked to the priest about these things and asked him why he wasn't telling the people about the end times. He said that these things have been happening for a long time and that there is nothing new. I told him that there have been bad times in the past and that they had been settled but how long would the Lord be patient with these people?

I could see that there was new technology and that scientists messing with DNA were new things. I talked to the priest again and said to him that just as in the time of Jesus the Jews would not believe that Jesus was the

Christ, so he was not believing that it was the end times, even though it clearly was.

Some time later, I worked on the Pastor's washing machine and asked his wife where it was from, she then told me about the Lord and why she had come to Czech. These people seemed to have the same thoughts as me about the end times and could see that it was near. I felt I should do something but it took me six years, before I heard the Word again by another sister whose washing machine I was fixing.

I still didn't do anything, until another sister invited me to a camp. I really wanted to go, but couldn't, then she told me about the Holy Spirit again and this time it suddenly clicked, even though I had heard it before. I asked her how she knew she had the Holy Spirit and it really interested me what she said.

I went to a meeting at Christmas. This was the first time I heard speaking in tongues and it sounded like ancient Hebrew and I knew that this was it – the Holy Spirit – speaking in tongues.

At the third meeting I was baptised and I sought for the Holy Spirit. Four months later, I received and believe me, when I did receive, I jumped for joy. Amen.

Lada Vanek, Czech RF.



Be zealously affected in good things

The Faithful Servant

When you feel all alone,
and the world has turned it's back on you,
Give the Lord the pieces
to mend your broken heart.
Now He knows how it feels,
when the people just don't wanna know,
But keep your eyes on Him,
He'll never let you down.
Follow in His footsteps,
and He will carry you through it all.

The people in this world
can see the light that shines in you,
You are one of His children,
but they don't want to be.
They will only see the things
they don't want to give up,
They will never have the peace
you find in God.

When you rejoice daily,
ashamed is the only thing they'll feel.

When this world sees it's end,
and the Lord returns to take you home,
You will be rewarded, in life forever more.

On that wonderful day,
for some it will be terrible,
If only they had listened,
and overcome their pride.

But to you He will say,
'Well done thou faithful servant.'

Kim Waldron, Exeter RF, England

A Prayer

Dear Lord,

So far today,
I've done alright.
I haven't gossiped,
lost my temper,
been greedy, grumpy,
nasty, selfish
or over-indulgent
– and I'm thankful
for that Lord.

But in a few minutes Lord,
I'm going to get out of bed
and from then on,
I'm going to need
a lot more help.

Anonymous.



Then said I; Here am I, send me

'If you're saying woe is me, you won't be saying here I am, send me'.

Pastor John Kuhlmann, Adelaide RE.

Gen 3:4 'And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die' – This is the first ever religious statement!.

'People worship home-made gods . . . these are hobby gods!'.

'Becoming a Christian after being religious isn't an upgrade! Before, we knew nothing'.

Pastor Pieter Visser, Holland RE.

'The opposite to Here I am send me, is Where am I?'.

Martin Gladdish, North London RE.

'It's no good being sent somewhere with nothing to say – speak the Word of God'.

'When you pick up the Bible, you pick up the very character of Jesus – nothing more, nothing less'.

'Don't be timid with the Word – it's a sword!'.

'Speak the Word the way it is and you will frighten them to life'.

Pastor David Elliott, Fresno RE.

'A volunteer is worth ten pressed men'.

Brian Roberts, Liverpool RE.

'Sometimes we say, Here I am send me – but Lord I want to go this way'.

Colin Farrar, North London RE.

'People save the trees and the whales, but what about Save Yourselves?'.

Pastor Ray Welch, Exeter RE.

'If you don't give anything, how can you appreciate anything?'.

Pastor Steve Murphy, South London RE.

'Let's not pray, Lord please keep me. Let's pray, Lord please send me'.

'Be content, but always strive for more'.

Pastor Jara Prouza, Czech Republic RE.

'Even a donkey makes more sense than us if we go in the wrong direction!' (Num 22)

'Religion : Man reaching upto God.

Christianity : God reaching down to man'.

Pastor Joe Frondigou, Belfast RE.

'You physically cannot hold on to what you don't appreciate'.

Jan-Pieter, Holland RE.

'Camp has finished – watch out world'.

Dennis Murphy, South London RE.

'300 people can change the world!' (Judg 7)

Pastor Steve Gillespie, Liverpool RE.



A testimony from Australia

Hi my name is Angel and although I'm not a real one, God has certainly made me alot closer to one – much to my utter amazement and sometimes sheer disbelief.

Approximately two years ago in April 1998 approaching my 21st birthday, my life was irrevocably changed without me even fully realising how phenomenal that would be. But now I have discovered that with the true, living and AWESOME God, anything is possible, even the seemingly impossible. For example: him making me the thing I had despised – a Christian.

I had over the past few years in my life cultivated an intensely cynical perspective of religion and its diverse associated doctrines. Although deep down I believed in some supreme force, it most definitely (in my opinion) was not connected in particular, to the supposed 'Christian Theory'. I truly thought humanity chose to believe a God or many god's – whatever their particular doctrine – because it was in their nature and maybe they were just too weak within themselves and needed to believe in some force outside of themselves. In addition the overt hypocrisy I witnessed in so many so-called Christians made me highly critical of their 'god'.

Deep down, however, I had always been searching for answers to the fundamental questions of life and this had brought me into contact with people from all walks of life,

backgrounds, cultures and religions . . . but had never found those answers. I also studied Philosophy and Psychology in my B.A. at Melbourne Uni which always had me chewing over these things as well, but unfortunately to no avail.

It wasn't until I heard the true gospel preached faithfully by a couple of Spiritfilled Christians in a vineyard in the midst of my indefinite trip around Australia, that I finally came into contact with the answers I had been waiting for my whole life. Praise the Lord! The simplicity of God's plan, the answers, the solutions are all in black and white, as plain as the nose on my face and straight out of the Bible, which astounded me at first. It was just so unlike anything I had ever heard in my life.

Anyway, to cut a long but wonderfully true story shorter . . . after about four weeks of attempting unsuccessfully to pinpoint the flaws and loopholes in the beliefs of these Christians from every angle I could possibly come up with, I finally decided to obey the word of God to repent, be baptised and consequently seek for the promise of the Holy Spirit.

In the instant I received God's promise of the Holy Spirit and 'spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance', I was absolutely overjoyed.

I can never fully explain in words what it meant, how it felt to be in contact with God

whom I hadn't even believed existed and to know – not just hope – that he was so close that He had proven his very existence to me! The joy has not left me to this very day.

Words can't even express the inner peace, comfort, understanding and love that just emanates from within to see the power of the Creator of our very universe in my own life so obviously and also in those peoples' lives who too obey God's clear commandments.

I was an avid 'party animal', drinker, ciggie and mull smoker and I swore worse than most of the guys I knew. I never had any intention of giving this up, in fact I loved it! People used to affectionately call me a 'Ferrel' and I know heaps of people would say 'Yeah, so what? What's wrong with living your life like that or doing what you want?' Well, personally I have never had a reason not to do those things . . . until I found out that God existed!

The message I put to those who read this, is this – Obey God's simple and clear commandments – repent, be baptised by full immersion like Jesus did all those 2000 years ago. Receive God's promise of the Holy Spirit and speak in a new language that you never learned, in an instant . . . and then see how you feel about all those things!

They will all pale in comparison is my suggestion! I instantly lost the desire for all of it. I never had one withdrawal symptom or

craving. And that was only the beginning of the miracles I have seen and expect from our Lord God.

Angel Dunne, Adelaide RE, Australia.

Just a thought . . .

Are we like Moses and
in our pseudo-devotion say :

'Here am I Lord. Send Aaron'.

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'Quote, Unquote'

*'We bring the Christ
back into Christianity'.*

Pastor Rex Haese, Sept 2000.

*'The Lord won't answer just
one prayer and not another
– He doesn't say,
two or at the most three'.*

Russell Polhill, Sept 2000.



Forsake not the Fellowship

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 02 – FREE
Friday 08 – Prayer Evening (E&P)
Saturday 09 – Outreach (E)
Friday 15 – Prayer Evening (P)
Saturday 16 – Activity (P)
Saturday 23 – FREE
Friday 29 – Prayer Evening (E&P)
Saturday 30 – Prophecy Boards (E)

OCTOBER

Friday 06 – Prayer Evening (E&P)
Saturday 07 – Prayer & Fast (E)
Saturday 14 – FREE
Saturday 21 to Thursday 26 –
KIDS CAMP (Morecombe, Lancashire)
Friday 27 – Prayer Evening (E&P)
Saturday 28 – Outreach (E)

Revival Meetings in the South West (UK)

SUNDAYS at 2.00PM & 5.00PM

Clyst St. George Village Hall, Clyst St. George, Exeter, Devon.

(Nearest Bus Route : No.57. Alight at the roundabout of Bridge Hill and A376 Exmouth Road)

WEDNESDAYS at 7.45PM

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