



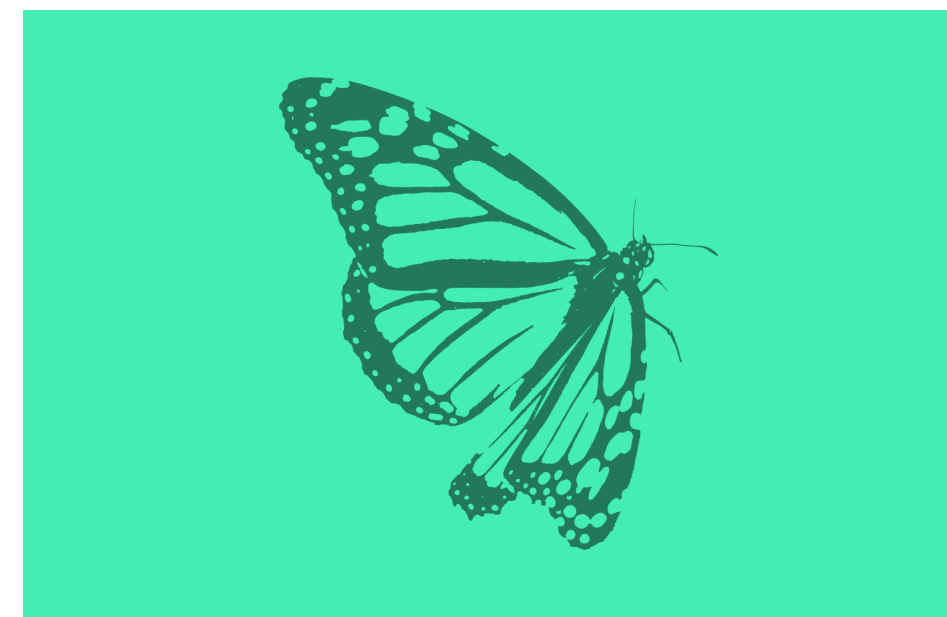
# Salvation Stories

**SALVATION IS A "BEFORE AND AFTER" EVENT!**

(My Past Life) I was born and raised in a fundamental Muslim community. One must keep in mind that Islam is one of the most rigid religions in the world. Its practices are rigid as well. Many of them are against women. Some of them are the representation of women as the inferior sex, provisions in divorce favoring men, etc. I had to obey Islamic rules and regulations by force. My life was under the sword. I always thought that I am an independent girl and I should have freedom. But I did not have that opportunity in Islam. Though I have tried to make happy the god of Islam. I did not make happy the god of Islam through my work and ritual. As god's expectations were high and I was not able to fulfill the demand. At the age of 18, I became very much mentally disappointed. My family tried to marry me when I was 13 years with an old man who have five wives at a time. I escape from home. I took shelter at one of my relative's homes. I was in a very difficult situation as I didn't have money or food. I just cried over the whole night. I was looking for mental satisfaction but I didn't. After a year of escaping from home, I got a Facebook contact who is a Muslim convert pastor and a renowned speaker. I tried to connect with him over social media. I used very slang words and behaved badly because he left his previous religion. He answered very gently and wisely. I had lots of comparative questions about Christianity and he tried to respond to all of the questions. He (the pastor) asked several challenges about me, my faith, and my eternal life. Here are the challenges.

The Qur'an says "To those who believe and do deeds of righteousness hath Allah promised forgiveness and a great reward" (Surah 5:9). Question: Are you doing enough good deeds to receive salvation on the Day of Judgment? Question: Are you doing all you can or are you relaxing in your dedication to Allah? The Qur'an says, "O ye who believe! Turn unto Allah in sincere repentance! It may be that your Lord will remit from you your evil deeds and bring you into Gardens underneath which rivers flow, on the day when Allah will not abase the Prophet and those who believe with him. Their light will run before them and on their right hands; they will say: Our Lord! Perfect our light for us, and forgive us! Lo! Thou art Able to do all things," (66:8-9). Notice how it says if you are sincere you may receive forgiveness.

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Question: How do you know you are sincere enough to be forgiven by Allah?

Question: Does it give you peace to know that even if you are very sincere then, at best, you may receive forgiveness?

(My Afterlife in Christ) I was so unhappy as I didn't find the answers from myself and the Muslim scholars. I got several teaching and learning about Christianity. I understand that In Christianity, Jesus is God in the flesh who paid for our sins on the cross (1 Pet. 2:24). Because of that, we Christians are secure in Him and do not have to worry about doing enough good works to please God since we are saved by grace through faith in Him, (Eph. 2:8-9). The Bible says that God is love (1 John 4:16) and that He loves all people (Matt. 5:43-48; John 3:16).



The Qur'an never says that "God is love." The Qur'an says that Allah does not love unbelievers (2:98; 3:32). In the Bible, Jesus said in John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." In Christianity, the greatest act of love is performed by God Himself since Jesus is God in flesh (John 1:1, 14; Col. 2:9). Jesus is the one who fulfilled His own words on this. He laid His life down for us. The Bible contains many verses to provide wisdom and serenity and bring comfort and courage in difficult times. There are also many Bible verses about happiness to help guide you to find a positive and bright outlook on life.

I received Jesus Christ as a personal savior in my life in 2017. I am happy that I have mental happiness. I proclaim the gospel. Please keep me in your prayers.

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