



Salvation Stories

SALVATION IS A "BEFORE AND AFTER" EVENT!

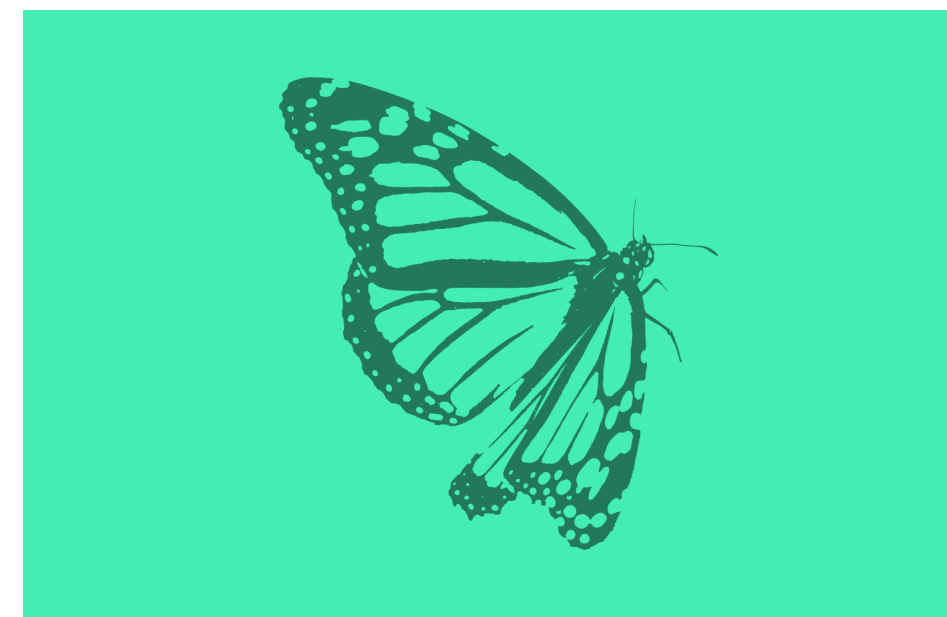
Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! I, Elio, am pleased to share my testimony for the glory of God the Father. I was born in a middle-class Muslim family. I was an ordinary Muslim and irregularly practiced Islamic laws.

In 2014, a neighbor of my village and I had a good relationship. Many people in our village called him a Christian, but I didn't believe that, and many people used to tell me that you should not walk with him as he will make you a Christian. But, I did not care about people's words. Suddenly one day a Pastor who came to the Lord from a Muslim family invited me to his house. That day was a Sunday and worship day. He asks me to worship without saying anything. I sat quietly during the worship. After the worship was over, I spoke to him. I told him you didn't do the right job, you brought me to Christian's house, you hypocrite. Then I walked away from him. I was very angry as I believed that Christians are very bad people. They never marry, they lead unethical life, they don't have any true God, etc. I always keep my distance from those people.

Another day, the pastor visit me and he gave me some books titled "Path of Light", I didn't want to take them, but he said you should read those books, then I took the books. After a few days, when I met him, he asked me did I read those books, I replied I didn't read those books. He requests me to read those books. After going home, I thought, well, let's see what's in the books. After reading the books, I saw that there are many things written about Allah.

Before this, I thought that Christians do not believe in God. But after reading the book, I understood that they also talk about God. The comfort and peace God has given me, have transformed the way I live. I found this verse; “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” -John 1:1 The Bible has changed my life through the stories and hope found in its words. When feeling lost and unable to find comfort, I open the Bible and read about the character Jesus, and other scripture that brings guidance and peace. The only way God could be both merciful and perfectly just was to bear the penalty for our sins Himself. I was excited and I went to the Pastor’s house with my brother/friend to worship. I like it when the Pastor praises and worships. He prayed for me also.

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I became interested to know about Christianity. I go to the pastor's home occasionally to find out. In 2016, I realized that I need Jesus for my safety and eternal peace. I submit myself to the Lord and received Jesus Christ as my only savior for the eternal period.

I got the opportunity to learn theology in 2018 at a Seminary. I met with a teacher and mentor of the seminary to understand Biblical theology. Later I read the Bible and found out that salvation is only through Jesus Christ. John 14 chapter 6 says I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father unless he comes through me. Then I took a baptism on 30 June 2019. Before I was a sinner, now I have faith in Jesus Christ and I have been born again. Please pray for me so that I can remain in the Lord Jesus until death and work in the way of the Lord. And may praise Allah through all good deeds.

Therefore, walking with Christ has helped me grow better as a person today. Following Christ has given me comfort and relief in my life. Since I have given my life to Christ I have noticed that it has helped me to have a better mindset and helped me think more positively about things and others. I am not who I want to be (yet). I am not who God wants me to be. But I'm different. I'm changing. And Christ is at work in me. I believe that's the reality for every person who calls Jesus Savior.

