



Salvation Stories

SALVATION IS A "BEFORE AND AFTER" EVENT!

My Life before accepting Jesus Christ as Savior:

I am Parmina Mahamud. I was born in a very remote village in South Bengal. We are three sisters, one brother, six people with parents. My father is a farmer. I was once a devout Muslim. I used to follow Islamic rules and regulations, but even then I was afraid whether I would be able to go to heaven or not.

Hujur said that I should wear the burqa, pray, fast, veil, and obey. If you see men, you will not go to heaven. The grave is the first base of the afterlife. For one who does good deeds and prepares to meet Allah, the grave is a house of friendship and joy. And whoever commits bad deeds and errs in obedience to Allah, for him the grave is a house of fear and darkness. The Prophet of Islam, Hazrat Muhammad, said, "The grave is the first base of the afterlife." There will be a lot of trouble in the grave. To be burnt in the fire, to be eaten by snakes, many punishments. I was more afraid to hear them.

Knowing about Jesus and accepting the good news:

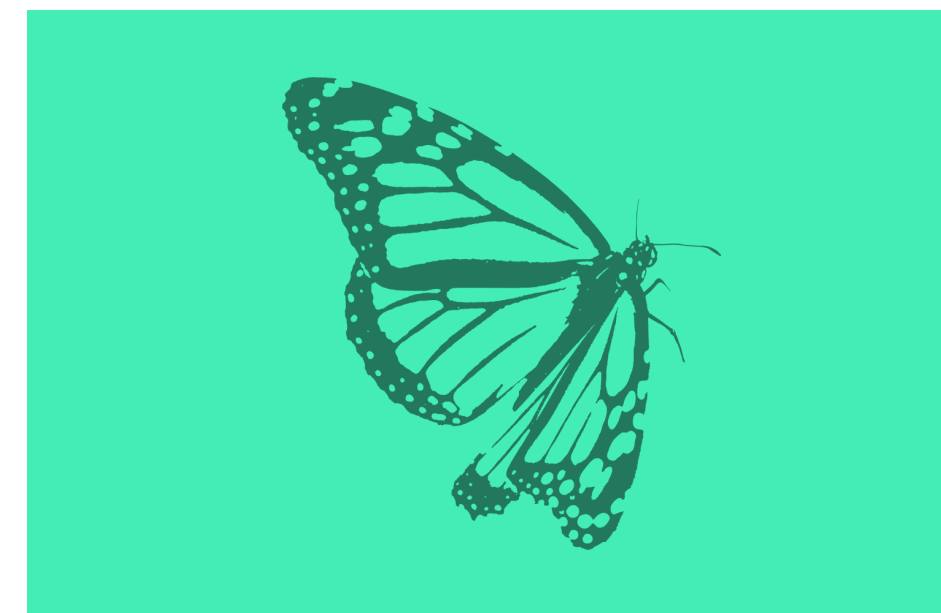
I was a secondary school student at that time. One day my father said he had received the good news of going to heaven. Baba sat us down and explained the good news. But I was young so I didn't understand it. After a few years, one of my brothers gave me a new teaching about good news. That brother told me that we are all sinners. Because we are all sinners because of the sin of Adam and Eve.

The penalty for our sins is death. Jesus took all our sins upon Himself and died on the cross. There is no more punishment after we die.

I felt great a lot after knowing them. All my previous fears disappeared. I no longer fear death. That brother admitted me to a Christian hostel. I tried to learn more about Christianity in addition to my studies. Then I realized that I am a sinner and Jesus Christ died for me. Then I decided to accept Jesus. The Holy Spirit worked in my life and then I made Jesus my Savior.

Ephesians 4:20-24 My life is completely transformed.

But you have not so learned Christ, 21if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22that you put off, concerning your former



conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Then I got baptized. Since then I have been living according to the teachings of Jesus. And I received a lot of mercy from God. When I am in danger, I immediately pray to God. God answers all my prayers. Help me all the time.

My present life in Jesus Christ:

Psalm 34:1-9 gives the answer to my life.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

3Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

And let us exalt His name together.

4I sought the LORD, and He heard me,

And delivered me from all my fears.

5They looked to Him and were radiant,

And their faces were not ashamed.

6This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.

7The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

8Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;

Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

9Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

I am married now. I am with my husband and children. I have completed graduation. I help my husband in the preaching work and take care of the household. Since I accepted Jesus Christ as my savior, I have been tortured and humiliated. Please pray for me that I can share this good news of salvation with more people. Thank you.

