



Salvation Stories

SALVATION IS A "BEFORE AND AFTER" EVENT!

My Earlier Life

I am Muneer. P. K. I hail from Kerala, India. I was born in an orthodox Sunni Muslim family. When I was a child, I was sent to Madrassa and was taught the Basic religious truths and was so close to following my religious beliefs.

But I could not follow all the principles of Islamic faith and Sharia Law as it is. Still, I tried to hold on to my Islamic faith since I was taught in my Childhood that all the previous Books, Torah, Zaboor and Injeel were corrupted and only the Holy Quran is the true one. I tried to follow Islam till I became fourteen. But I could not lead the holy life it required. Then I had a question, whether I would be able to lead a holy life and I strayed away from my faith and began to lead a worldly life. For four years I led a life of my own.

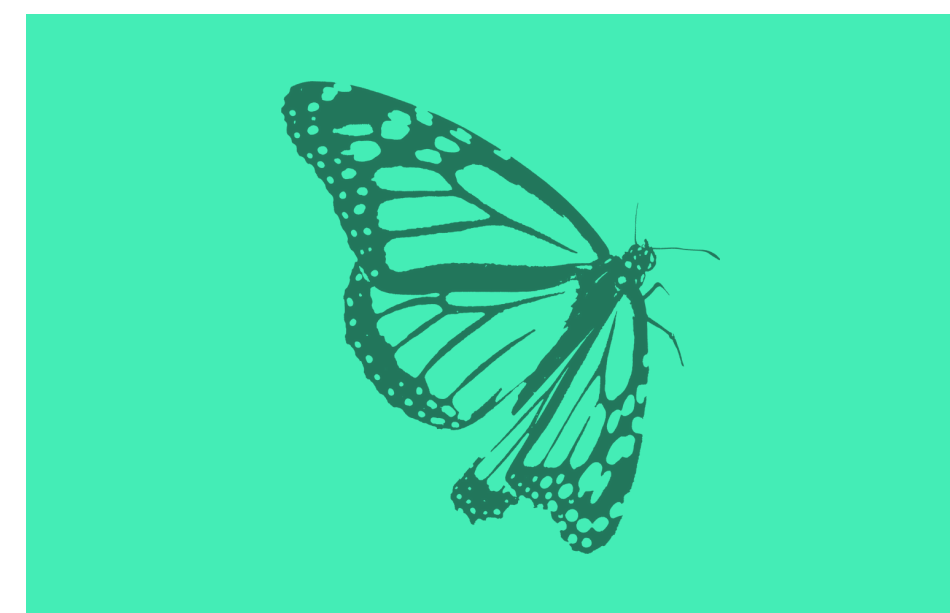
My Search for the Truth

When I became eighteen, I began to think, if I continue like this, where will I spend my eternity and what will happen if I continue in my sinful life? I turned back to Allah and began to do things that would please him. Then I asked my religious teachers what I had to do to be forgiven from all the sins that I had done in these years. They told me to repent and submit myself to Allah and come back to him. They also told me to follow all the Islamic rituals like daily five times prayer, zakah etc.

Though I came back with an earnest desire to follow a life without sin, I failed in it. I was so sad. I asked Allah why I am not able to follow all your laws and why I fail in all these. I did not get an answer. Still I followed all the Islamic rituals with a desire to enter into paradise.

I tried to live like this for the next three years. But I was a failure. When I asked my religious teachers about it, they advised me to try again and again, repent and pray, and in the end Allah will make me perfect. They said that they are also trying to be perfect and are trying to walk with God.

Salvation



Jesus! The Only Savior!

I was so sad and could not control myself. But one day, God Almighty sent a servant of God and he shared about Jesus with me. I was infuriated and told him that Jesus was only a prophet. He is not more than that. I am not able to see and worship Jesus as God. He told me that if you can prove that Jesus is only a prophet, I can believe Islam. If I prove from the Bible that he is the Savior of mankind would you believe it? I thought that that was the best opportunity to lead him to Islam. I had the belief that the Bible cannot say that Jesus is God. Then I agreed with him to have a discussion. For the next one and a half years, we discussed it on every Sunday evening.

A lot of my questions were answered. I began to search the Quran and the life of the messenger of Islam. I could see that nobody could follow what God asked to do. My conversation with the missionary really helped me to understand a lot of Biblical truths. In 2002, I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior. I found out that He was more than a prophet and He is the only way to heaven. I knew He shed His blood to wash away my sins. On that day, I tearfully accepted Him as my personal savior. As we read in Matthew 11:28 'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' I experienced real heavenly peace in my life. I realized that I can lead a life of peace in Christ, since he had already bore on Him all of my sins.

Now I am serving the Lord and sharing His love with a lot of others. I have my wife and three daughters who do their home schooling. I praise God that He chose me and gave me the realization that Jesus is the only way.

