



/ 生命見證集 /

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活現福音
轉化人心
同享主恩

高皓頤姊妹 /Pinky/ 得救見證

在基督教背景的家庭長大，令我自小就有機會透過聖經故事認識福音。雖然如此，父母卻從來沒有強迫我必須盲目地跟隨他們去相信基督。相反，鼓勵我多讀聖經，自己尋找答案，因為他們常常提到“**認識神是你自己一生的學習**”。所以，我從不覺得決志跟從基督有何迫切性，因自己有一生的時間慢慢認識神。可是，隨著在天主教的小學和基督教的中學讀書，宗教儀式的不同、對聖經解讀的不同，令我對信仰的疑問變得愈來愈多，卻又不敢問老師和學校的修女，怕他們覺得我不聽話太多嘴。當時的我總是覺得自己是一位不合格的基督徒。與完全不相信神的人相比，我其實更罪大惡極。因為作為基督徒，卻又負責學校內各種的天主教儀式。神又會怎樣看待我？

直到在澳洲升讀大學，參與校園裡的廣東話教會，透過恆常聚會和小組查經，我才開始認真思考信仰對自己到底是怎樣的一回事。同時，也開始明白跟隨基督，

其實並非沒有任何迫切性。因為神可能下個月、下星期，甚至是今晚就回來。既然對信仰有疑問，為何不積極尋找答案？感恩神在那幾年安放了很多成熟的信徒在我身旁，幫助我更認識祂，讓我得以向他們分享自己心中的困惑。透過一起向神禱告，令我明白自己是多麼渺小無知和尋求神幫助的必要。我亦在大學二年級的時候決志信主，一心盼望自己在以後的日子繼續謙卑順服，透過不斷學習聖經，更認識神，作祂喜悅的女兒。

然而，決志信主以後的我並沒有如我想像中的一樣信心變得更堅固，內心反而衍生出更多對神及自己的質疑。

畢業返港後，在職場遇上的不再像大學教會內充滿愛心的弟兄姊妹，而是只有滿滿的爭競心。不公義的事雖不



是發生在自己身上，卻總是在身邊日日上演。這令我開始質疑神的存在，難道我一直相信的神只存在於教會當中？在不公義的情況下神到底在哪裡？為何縱容作惡的為所欲為？公義難道就只能等到神再來審判的日子來臨才得以彰顯？

同時，我亦開始質疑自己其實是否值得，是否對得起神的拯救。從小我就堅信這世上沒有不勞而獲的事。雖然在遇上困難的時候也會向神禱告，但總覺得自己才是控制命運的關鍵，靠自己才是理所當然的事，只有努力才有回報。對於要白白接受神的愛，神的拯救總令我感到自己好像只是為了得到一張上天堂的門票而已才信主。這叫我總認為自己該需要做得更好，做得更多，不然我就是沒有盡全力進窄門。雖然我清楚明白不能以行為得救，但心裡總是充滿愧疚的感覺。我總反問自己為何要如佈道會中因霎時感動或初次接觸福音就接受基督的人一樣，可以不勞而獲地接受神。我和他們是不是一樣根本沒有清楚明白福音，是否只是為了避過審判才決定跟從主。

記得帶領我決志的姐妹曾經講過，假如你出車禍倒在血泊當中，靠自己已經是不可能的事了。有醫生前來向你施行急救，你還會因為覺得自己不勞而獲地接受他的幫助是不正確的嗎？難道你會介意別人對你不勞而獲地接受拯救的目光而推開醫生？雖然知道神的愛是無論我付出多少，再認識聖經更多都不配，但我卻一直陷在這個思想的漩渦當中。

“他對父親說：『我服事你這多年，從來沒有違背過你的命，你並沒有給我一隻山羊羔，叫我和朋友一同快樂。但你這個兒子和娼妓吞盡了你的產業，他一來了，你倒為他宰了肥牛犢。』 父親對他說：『兒啊！你常和我同在，我一切所有的都是你的； 只是你這個兄弟是死而復活、失而又得的，所以我們理當歡喜快樂。』”
(路加福音 15 章 29 - 32 節)

雖然我一直以忙錄等等的借口來逃避問題，但感恩神這幾年沒有放棄我。透過聖經，透過耳熟能詳的浪子回頭比喻，令我明白自己即使從小認識福音，其實並不比別人優越。自以為是地覺得自己就如大兒子一樣，一直努力作神喜悅的事，何以神反而更喜悅浪子回頭的小兒子？而往往忘記了自己同樣是一個罪人，憑什麼質疑小兒子是否真心悔改，又憑什麼質疑別人只是為了拿天堂的門票而並非真心悔改接受神？無論做再多的事，其實我依然不配承受神的恩典。神渴望的乃是我如小兒子一樣真心承認自己的罪，甘願悔改，回到祂的身邊，而非只是如大兒子般以為作更多的工就能取悅神。神愛我們，不是因為我們是怎樣的一個人，而是因為祂是怎樣的一位神。

回首多年的信仰路，即使我只是一個普通的人，總是周而復始地陷在罪的當中，質疑神的大能，又高估自己的能力，神卻一直不離不棄，領我走過生命中的各個高山低谷。求主在往後的日子繼續帶領我直至步向生命的盡頭，用我的生命榮耀主的名，為祂作見證，與大家一起為主作鹽作光。阿們。

感謝神及父母令我
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業典禮時一位老師問
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題。

林曉楓弟兄 /Hugo/ 得救見證

我讀的小學不是宗教學校，但我哥哥讀的中學是一間基督教中學，它有舉辦佈道會，我大約五、六年班時去過一兩次。我該算是那時開始較詳細地接觸及認識基督教。之後，我入了我哥哥讀的那間中學，這些機會更多。初時我都想成為基督徒，並跟住一些禱文或指引祈禱。但指引提及真正的信是要接受耶穌作我的主（應該是生命的主人）及救主，而我卻不肯定自己即使口說了接受，是否真心接受。所以，雖然我有做過一些「**決志祈禱**」的禱告，但心中仍有不肯定或不安，不肯定是否得救。可惜是當時我沒有主動跟學校的老師傾談，否則結果可能不一樣。之後，又覺得基督教似乎好多束縛和限制，不單止行為上要好，思想上都要好。既然自己都不肯定得救，為何要受咁多束縛和限制呢？於是，我大約中三時算是離開了神，或停止更深入地認識基督教。

讀完中六之後，我去澳洲升學。剛去到的時候不太適應，而當時的我很重視自己的樣貌。樣貌是我當時自信的來源，似乎樣子好就可以提升自己的價值。那時，我很介意自己臉上有暗瘡或印之類的問題。有一天在自己寄宿的家庭，嘗試處理自己臉上的暗瘡，但越搞越差，加上當時孤單和無助感，令自己很不開心，甚至接近絕望。我發現自己雖然離開了神，但情況不是想像中好，仍然會不開心。我寧願自己在今世不開心，或過得不好，或沒那麼自由，也不想得不到來世或死後基督徒可以享受的東西或待遇 - 即是至少包括上天堂。之後，我向神祈禱，說會回到祂身邊。之後便開始返下教會，初時都不算太穩定或投入。但在大學第二年便開始在一間教會漸漸投入，返得比較穩定。那間教會較注重聖經，每星期有講道，小組會查經。到了我接近完成大學課程時，我中學時的信仰問題（不肯定是否得救）都算是不再困擾住我。

但是，到我離開澳洲回到香港後又要適應新環境、新身份（從學生到「工人」）。適應在香港的新教會，加上工作不太順利，不開心，不肯定自己長遠應該做甚麼工作等煩惱困擾著自己。這些都影響到我與神的關係，令我少思考神的說話。到了某個時候，我發現自己又再不肯定是否得救，或是否真正的基督徒。

我在那間教會輾轉返了四年，但都不是太投入。當時Alan傳道籌劃開植一間教會（現在的活恩堂），並邀請我試下返下。我本來有點猶疑，但都試下，結果就返到現在。

返了咁多年教會不代表自己無煩惱、無疑惑。有時有

些疑惑自己之前想通了，但之後又再彈過來。今年讀碩士，不用返工，多了時間與人傾下信仰問題。有朋友同我說，當你考慮是否水禮，其實不用想太多，你只要諗自己是否信耶穌，水禮之後的事，就不用諗或擔心太多。



而當我不肯定是否真正的基督徒時，聖經有段經文算是帶給我安慰：

摩西在曠野怎樣舉蛇，人子也必照樣被舉起來，叫一切信他的都得永生。神愛世人，甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信他的，不致滅亡，反得永生。（約翰福音 3 章 14 - 16 節）

當我擔心自己是否真正的基督徒，或是否擁有永生的時候，只需要問自己是否相信耶穌，就可以。

回想我信主後，其中兩個改變：


1. 以前覺得基督教似乎好多束縛和限制，但現在我覺得世上的一些享樂或所謂自由看似很好，但未必能令人心得到真正或長久的滿足。「耶穌回答說：“凡喝這水的，還要再渴；人若喝我所賜的水，就永遠不渴。我所賜的水要在他裏頭成為泉源，直湧到永生。”」（約翰福音 4 章 13 節）我現在覺得，喝完還會再口渴的水應該可以用來形容一些在世上的享樂、自由或追求。即使得到但之後可能會覺得不夠或不滿足，甚至可能會因此而不開心。所以，喝到耶穌所賜的水更加重要。我也求神讓我繼續喝到耶穌所賜的水。

2. 以前每當考試，只求神在考試方面幫助自己，考試過後又將神放埋一邊。但到了現在，雖然我都想有好成績及有好表現，都會求神幫助自己，但我覺得這些都不及與神的關係重要。

最後，我是一個容易不開心，比較悲觀及介意其他人點睇自己的人。我知道將來自己都會有煩惱、疑惑，及需要面對社會或身邊的人的期望、要求和壓力。但我會嘗試從聖經、祈禱及弟兄姊妹尋求幫助、安慰、鼓勵和指引。

希望世上越來越多人信神的獨生子及喝到耶穌所賜的水！

HUGO LAM in May 2019



鄧可衡弟兄
/Arnold/
得救見證

I am Arnold Tang, the youngest in a family of four with my parents and older brother. My father is a Christian, so I grew up going to church and having knowledge of the Christian faith. Though I have always thought of myself as a Christian, I did not really know God. My life was far from the ways and will of God, for I led a corrupt lifestyle, hate-filled, rebellious, and indulging in passions and lusts.


It was until I went to the US for college at the age of nineteen, that my relationship with God had a

pivotal change. I lived in a host family, with godly host parents who brought me to church. I was very impressed with the passion that African American church had for God. At the same time, I began to read through the Bible systematically. My interest in God grew gradually. I started singing hymns



to God. And it was in singing hymns about the love of Christ that began to give me a sharp sense of the glory of the grace of God. I was overwhelmed with joy. I began to devote myself in the pursuit of God. I got baptised the following year in the host parents' church and served as usher and choir. I went on to another college and joined a church that was very evangelistic and heavy on discipleship.





Being a Christian not only gives me joy, it introduced me to trials and suffering never known before. I despaired of not reaching God's demand of total obedience and self-denial. I faced frustrations and temptations in my pursuit to be godly. Oftentimes I grew very weary of this walk and wanted to go back to living for myself.

Despite my often failures, and even turning my back on God for extended periods of time, God still drew me back to Himself. These

trials also caused me to throw myself upon Christ for mercy. So my peace and hope in Christ grew these years as well.

“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” This is my song of victory. Christ is my exclusive hope in all circumstances, and I am glad that I have a Savior who loved me and died for me. And I know for sure that He will guide me all the days of my life, and afterwards receive me to everlasting glory.



茅嘉瑜弟兄
/Kevin/
得救見證

Introduction

My name is Kevin. I am 29 years old. I completed secondary school in Hong Kong. I began university in the US in 2008, continued further studies in Dublin, Ireland in 2009 and graduated university in 2014. I worked in the UK and Singapore prior to my return to Hong Kong in 2017.

Before knowing Christ

Although I grew up in a non-Christian home, I had a concept of God influenced by the few Sunday School classes I attended as a child. I believed

God existed and was in control, but was far-off and uninterested in my life. I believed in moral absolutes but did not know upon what these could be based upon apart from subjective feelings and experiences.

Lost...

I was unsure of my identity when university began.

I found it difficult to anchor my identity to my family. My parents divorced when I was 2 years old and I grew up in the brokenness that was my family.

I found it difficult to anchor my identity to country or culture. My formative years in primary and secondary school took place in Canada and Hong Kong, respectively.

Since I was uncertain of who I was, I was also uncertain of my purpose. I entered university in the US as an "undeclared major", directionless.

However, there was one thing I was certain of: a strong sense of right and wrong.

But where did this come from? By who's standard were right and wrong judged?



Though I tried to calibrate my moral compass to what peers and parents told me were right and permissible, I could not walk in good conscience to what I felt contrary to. Why did I feel this way? Did moral absolutes exist or was morality merely subjective?

My identity insecurities and my questions regarding morality drove me to seek answers in religion.

I explored Buddhism and Christianity since they seemed most familiar to me. The Buddhist idea of karma seemed like too much work and was unappealing. So, I decided to find out more about Christianity.

...& Found

I arrived in Ireland in 2009 and soon met Darren, my senior in

university and president of the university's Christian Union that year. We quickly became familiar like brothers.

Darren invited me to attend church with him. I was gripped by the sermon on Romans delivered by Pastor John Samuel the first Sunday I was there. The God of the Bible had moral absolutes that I could rely on. I wanted to pursue that absolute good. But I had missed the mark. I have done wrong in God's sight. I needed to make right with God. I needed God's forgiveness. And God in Christ offered that forgiveness.

A few days after hearing the sermon, in the quietness of my own room, I prayed to accept God's offer of forgiveness in Christ and surrendered my life to God.


I began attending Bible study at church, mostly to observe how Christians lived. I saw Christians hearing from God through Scripture, wanting to obey God and praying for help to do so. The more I listened in, the more interested I was in reading Scripture.

As if in answer to my desire, I was gifted the NIV Student Study Bible – my first Bible, for my birthday. I began reading Bible for myself, starting at the Gospels.

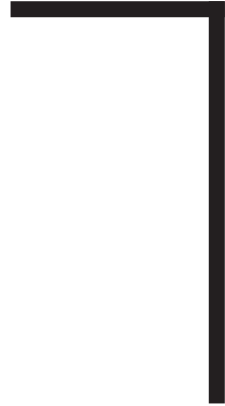
“...if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.” (1 Peter 2:3)

I was hungry for God's word. I wanted to read the Bible cover to cover. I followed the commentary in the study Bible and slowly learned how to read the Bible as I listened to more sermons and attended bible studies.

A desire to obey God was birthed in me and Scriptural milk strengthened me to obey. I was convicted of my habitual sins by the Spirit and was emboldened to throw off all that grieved God.



God, in his abundant grace and mercy, caused the inner man to grow in stature and understanding at breakneck speeds. I was gifted with the opportunities to serve fellow brothers and sisters through university Christian Union as well as through leading Bible studies at church.



On 22 April, 2012, I was baptized by full immersion by Pastor John Samuel at Grosvenor Road Baptist Church.

I have continued to heed Pastor Samuel's encouragement (**"Keep on keeping on"**) in the manner of **Hebrews 12:1-3** and **Romans 12:1-2** with confidence, knowing that **"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion at the day of Christ Jesus."** (**Philippians 1:6**)

Sola Gratia. Sola Fide. Solus Christus. Sola Scriptura.
Soli Deo Gloria!

Kevin Mao
3 April 2019



