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As I look back over the years since I was truly saved, I ask myself was it really worth it?

Sadly, even though I was raised in a Christian home, attended a Christian school and regularly attended a Southern Baptist church, I was still lost. I played church all my life, went to youth outings, and after church fellowships while growing up, all this, but I still "played" church. After growing up I attended church and would act one way around those people then another way at work or around my buddies.

All my life I cared only about myself, I didn't care who I hurt. In 1981, I started my career as a law enforcement officer in the State of Florida working in undercover work before going to street patrol. My life was a mess to say the least.

During my years as an officer, I struggled in some areas of my job, but refused to give up finding the answers I wanted and needed. The job started getting to me. I was dealing with the everyday struggles of stress that comes with wearing a badge and I can remember how I would get so sick of the crime scenes, the attitude of the people and dealing with administration on a day-to-day basis.

I started becoming numb to people's feelings and would go to calls hoping that something would go wrong so I would get hurt or even killed. I just stopped caring about myself and my life.

Then one day a fellow deputy came to me and asked if I would attend church with him. I told him I didn't want the roof to fall in on me and I didn't need God anymore.

The next week the same deputy told me that someone at his church told him to tell me "Hi" and if I would come to church again, he would like to see me. I told him to let me think about it first. I couldn't get that

simple gesture off my mind. I kept wondering who was in that church that knew me? Soon after that I did attend church again and found out that hte person was Jesus Christ. I started attending church on a regular basis and then started talking with the pastor, but like always I just got tired of going and I quit.

In 1991, my grandmother passed away and about 3 months later, I took my mother back to south Florida so she coudl go through some of the family things and deal with Grandma Mac's Estate.. While I was there I asked to attend the church I was raised in. On Saturday night I was so uncomfortable for some reason. I coudln't stop thinking about going to church again. On Sunday night I went anyway, but something happened that rainy night in south Florida. I finally looked at life completely different than I ever had before. For the first time I realized I was lost and going to Hell unless i asked Jesus Christ to forgive me of all my sins and come into my heart. I can remember kneeling down beside my friend's car and asking Jesus Christ to save me. Man what a difference I felt in my heart. In the Bible it says, *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"* 2 Corinthains 5:17.

When I returned home to North Florida, my job and everything was different. I started talking about what had happened to me with my fellow officers. Some of them were cautious to say the least. A short time later I had to retire from law enforcement because of injuries that I acquired through the years.

After leaving law enforcement, I thought that I would return to my hometown of Belle Glade, FL, try to put my life back together and rebuild my life. I am now in full time ministry and with evangelism and outreach to the law enforcement communities.

So, the big question is, **"Was It Really Worth It?" Yes it was!!!** It is the best thing that has ever happened in my life. Now, my question to you is, "Are you saved?" "Are you going to Heaven?" The Bible says, *"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one."* Romans 3:10. It also says, *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"* Romans 3:23. And in Romans 5:12 it says, *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."* But there is hope in the next scripture.

The Bible says, *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"* Romans 6:23. Look at what else it says, *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him"* Romans 5:8-9. And finally look at this, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"* Romans 10:13.

You see, it is that simple. Anyone can ask Jesus to come into their heart and save them. It doesn't matter what your condition is, Jesus Christ has taken care of it all on the cross of Calvary. I hope and pray that you will make a decision right now just what you are going to do with your life. I tell people all the time, if God can save me, He can save anyone.

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