



RAYMOND HADDAD'S TESTIMONY

My name is Raymond Haddad; I was born on the 22nd of August, 1997. I was born into a Catholic family and would only go to church on Easter and Christmas. I was always taught that my good works would get me to Heaven, but for some reason I didn't know if that was the truth or not. I decided to phase it out and continue my life as a young boy who only cared for **himself** and only wanted to do things for **himself**. I would manipulate my parents into giving me what I wanted and got it most of the time, but that all started to change in May, 2003. At that time my dad received JESUS CHRIST as his LORD and SAVIOUR and after that my life at home changed dramatically. We started to go to Faith Baptist Church and when my dad asked if I enjoyed going I said "yes". He did not know that I only liked it because I got to play with the kids there. My family continued to go to Faith Baptist Church where I heard the Gospel preached but still thought that I could go to Heaven through my good works and by obeying the Ten Commandments. I then found out through a Sunday School lesson that the Bible says in Titus 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of the regeneration, and renew of the Holy Ghost;" I then began to have doubts about my eternal destiny.

After a couple of years of continuing to go to church I started to like the difference in the people that were there. On one Friday night at the end of a Bible Club lesson my teacher, Linda Sabry asked the class if anyone wanted to get saved. I thought about it and then saw my friend put his hand up so I decided to raise my hand as well. I

then talked to the teacher and I prayed a prayer, but I didn't pray it or mean it with my whole heart and soul. Still, I left that day thinking I was going to Heaven. Two days later on the 16th of April, 2005 at about 8:00 pm on a Sunday I decided to take advantage of my parents by putting a Godly movie on so that I could stay up later than 8:30. I succeeded in it by watching a movie called "The Story of JESUS for Children." I started to get interested in the movie and wanted to know more and praise be to GOD at the end of the movie there was a little devotional that the characters led. After the devotion they asked if I would like to receive JESUS CHRIST as my personal LORD and SAVIOUR. I continued to think about what JESUS did for me on the cross of Calvary and knew that without a doubt that I wasn't going to Heaven. As I sat on the edge of my seat I followed in a prayer and got saved, but there was a difference this time. This time I meant it.

After I got saved my family moved from St. Thomas More Catholic School to Sherwood Hills Christian School. We were receiving a new teaching method which included Christianity and are continuing to faithfully attend Faith Baptist Church where I couldn't be happier. As two years went by I started to doubt my salvation through many things and then rededicated my life to CHRIST. About a year later I found out that the church was going to hold discipleship classes, so I decided to put my name down. After I finished the course, GOD laid it on my heart to get baptized, so I went up to my pastor, Pastor Bill Zaydan, and asked him if I could be baptized into the church. He then agreed to allow me to give my testimony to the church with a couple of others. The church then had a meeting to see whether or not to allow us to get baptized. When the church voted in favor of it I got baptized on the 4th of April, 2009. I

followed my SAVIOUR's example and got baptized by my uncle, Charlie Haddad. I knew that it was only a symbol of my faith in the LORD and that it was obedience to JESUS CHRIST. I am so glad that GOD has given me the opportunity to grow in a Christian home and wouldn't trade it for anything in the world.

GOD offers you HIS gift of salvation and all you need to do is accept it. GOD loves you and I hope that through my story you make a decision to take HIS gift. I did it and to tell you the truth, no matter how good the world looks it won't satisfy. People think that I'm missing out, but I'm not!!! They are!!! They're missing out on a great life with GOD and not only that, but a life with HIM in Heaven **FOREVER**. Please make the right decision because if you do you won't regret it!