

3. I LEARNED THAT I WAS THE REASON JESUS CHRIST DIED ON THE CROSS. HE DIED FOR ME.

Though I was earning and deserving of hell because of my sin, God made a way for me and you to avoid hell, go to heaven, and have real life here on earth. He actually sent Jesus, God in human flesh, to die on the cross in your place. Jesus took my punishment on Himself—and He did it for you too! “But God commendeth (showed) his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8) Jesus died to forgive all of your sins. The greatest thing about Jesus is that He proved that He was God! Three days after dying, He rose again from the grave by His own power. This was great news to me!

4. FINALLY, I LEARNED I MUST DO ONLY ONE THING: BELIEVE AND RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS MY PERSONAL SAVIOR.

After hearing these things, I prayed out loud right where I was to Jesus. My prayer was not the greatest, but I was sincere. I said, “Dear Lord Jesus, I recognize that I need you. I believe you died on the cross, were buried, and raised again so that I could have a relationship with God and go to Heaven. I ask you the best way I know how to save me from my sin. Thank you for dying for me. Please help me now to live for you.”

Since that day, I have been different. I have my struggles at times, but God gave me new life. He says, “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new!” (2 Corinthians 5:17) You can be made new again today!

How do you make sure you are really living? Receive Jesus as your Savior today and start the abundant life He created you for. Read your Bible. Find a Bible-preaching church. It is not an accident God got this piece of paper into your hands. Will you receive Jesus today and begin the life you were created to live?

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Living life to its fullest does not mean constantly feeling unsatisfied. Chasing things like relationships, drugs, parties, sex, and money always leave you wanting. These things bring pleasure for a little time but do not give you lasting joy and satisfaction. If you're honest with yourself, you'll admit that chasing these things has left you with regret and guilt. This way of life brings real consequences: broken hearts, broken homes, broken finances, broken lives. This is no way to live a life that is already too short.

True fulfillment and purpose can only be found in a real relationship with the One who created you. The things you're chasing might be the very things keeping you from the abundant life God wants for you. Let me tell you what I learned from the Bible that has set me free from having a meaningless, unsatisfying life and has given me true purpose, joy, and satisfaction.

1. I LEARNED I WAS A SINNER.

When I was 12 years old, a pastor showed me a Bible verse that said, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) He then proceeded to show me another verse, "There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10) I realized that my own

desires led me to do things God said were wrong. It was not only me; everyone in the whole world sins and breaks God's commandments. Commandments like, "Thou shalt not lie," or "Thou shalt not take the name of The Lord thy God in vain," or "Thou shalt not commit adultery." I was guilty before God. We all can admit to being guilty of sin.

2. I LEARNED THAT MY SIN WAS SEPARATING ME FROM THE GOD THAT LOVES ME.

Being guilty of sin was actually separating me from God. He wanted to be my Heavenly Father, guide me through life, and take me to Heaven one day, but He could not. Jesus said, "The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Sin has consequences in this life and after this life. The Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23) God is pure and holy and cannot allow sinners to enter heaven. He wants to, but it is our sin that will keep us out. It is our sin that will also cause us to be guilty when we meet God after death. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." (Hebrews 9:27) Though God is loving, He is also a just judge and will punish sin. The eternal consequence of sin is ultimately death in hell. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Revelation 20:15)

