

About the Author

The author claims to be nothing special in his own right.

I have been a born-again Christian for about 30 years. Similar to many I found myself busily trying to make a life and facing the challenges of bringing up 3 kids in world that seems to demand our full attention merely to survive.

My Christian walk was summed up in that I would spend about 5-10 minutes a day praying and/or reading the Word and attending church, although not always regularly.

BUT GOD, who is rich in mercy.....(Eph 2:4)

.....one day as I was driving along and exiting a freeway literally STOPPED ME in my tracks with His Word...

“WHAT PROFITS A MAN IF HE GAINS THE WHOLE WORLD BUT LOSES HIS SOUL”

Now for the sceptics who don't believe in God all I can say is that His existence doesn't depend on your limited knowledge.

And to those who don't believe God speaks to people today all I can say is that after He speaks to you, you most certainly will believe.

Let me describe what it felt like.....

It felt as though I had been stopped by the word which was like a huge rubber stamp which hit me right across my chest (though I heard the words clearly as well in a firm but loving voice)...frozen from doing about 60 km/hrto nothing!

I felt pinned very firmly into my seat and my first concern (ridiculously) was whether there was a vehicle coming up behind which would hit into me (I actually glanced into my rear view mirror and saw no-one coming).

I also remember silly thoughts like ... 'If I was riding a horse, I would be lying on my back on the ground at this stage' and 'if my car was not a Ford the seat would have probably broken under the force'.

I don't know how long the whole incident took, it was perhaps only a matter of seconds, but when I came to the realisation that it was GOD who had spoken to me and that he was not going to take me home at that time the car suddenly started moving again.

All I could manage was “OK God, I hear” though I don't know if it was just a thought or if I said it aloud.

Some instantaneous realisations came from this experience...

- 1) God is not to be trifled with...He is the one who is to be listened to
- 2) God is loving but very firm
- 3) The very life we have comes from God ...it is His breath within us and every breath we take is by his grace our life is but a vapour
- 4) And 'my' money is not the most important thing to me....my relationship with God is!

(this was also backed up in the fact that what I was thinking about when he so graciously 'interrupted' was how to make money and have enough to retire on!)

The new me is now needless to say very different.... God fills my thoughts almost every waking hour. I find myself with an insatiable appetite for His Word. I wake up thinking about what God wants..... hungry to spend time with Him in prayer, worshipping and reading his Word or listening to it on CD and listening to teachings. My every thought is consciously 'before Him' and the great blessing is that I have this sense of His presence with me whenever I turn my thoughts to Him.

I have had a very exciting walk since that day with God doing much in my life but that is another story.

Two teachings in the churches today (which are interconnected) burn within me as major errors that bring the church to the place where many people in it are ensnared by 'the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches'.

- 1) Tithing 10% belongs to God and the rest is mine
- 2) Prosperity God wants me to be rich in this world (and I am therefore entitled to hoard 'MY' money)

THESE ARE NOT NEW TESTAMENT TEACHINGS OF JESUS OR THE APOSTLES AND WERE NOT THE PRACTICE OF THE EARLY GENTILE CHURCH

(And I feel with a very strong conviction that God wants me to share His Truth on these matters)

But please, believe nothing that I say...be like the Bereans of Acts 17.....go and see what Gods word says yourself!