

## Testimony of Jeffery Campbell

I remember what it was like to chase after all the things in life that I thought mattered. I loved to work and to make money but not so I could have the money. I liked the money because it bought me things. I would buy electronics, clothes, motorcycles, and cars. I knew that something was missing in my life but I didn't know what it was. I often felt empty inside.

It was about that time that a family member invited me to church to see their new preacher. He was supposed to be really dynamic and the music was supposed to be good. I grew up going to church so I thought it would be entertaining to go to the service. He began to talk about sin and how it separates us from God. He talked about Jesus and said He was God come in the flesh. He preached that this Jesus had allowed Himself to be crucified and died as a sacrifice for my sin. He said that if I would turn away from my old lifestyle and ask Jesus to forgive me for my sins that I could have a relationship with Him. It was at that moment that I realized that what was missing in my life was Jesus. I knew that I wanted a personal relationship with Jesus and I asked Him to forgive me and He said YES.

All the things that I had bought to fill the void in my life never lasted. Soon the newness would wear off whatever exciting thing I had purchased and I would again feel the emptiness. The newness hasn't worn off of my relationship with Jesus. I had heard about Jesus my whole life but had never listened. I have no doubt that He has made me a new creation and I am doing my best to serve Him daily.

God has done some amazing things in my life over the past few years. He allows me to pastor a wonderful church, I have a beautiful wife, four beautiful daughters and am working toward a PhD in Preaching from Southwestern Seminary. God has provided for me every step of the way and I am praying that He continues in the future.