

My Testimony

I was born in a family with three girls and three boys. When I was born my mother gave me to my grandmother and grandfather to raise. I didn't see my dad much. I was a great kid growing up, but as I grew older, I became a sinner. I went to church and was baptized, but I was in and out of the bible all my childhood. I didn't know Jesus as my Savior and Lord until I became a young man and was a father myself. At that time I began to have a spiritual relationship with Jesus and that's when my life started to change.

Jesus showed me the life of love. Before that love was something I had only for myself, but not for every body else. I loved God so much, but again I sinned against the Lord. I committed adultery, lied and I did every other sin I could do.

When I went to prison, I didn't know what my purpose in life was. I didn't even know why I was put on this earth because I felt like I was a sorry excuse of a human being. I began to think about my life and what a screw up and failure I had been up that point. I wanted to change to show everybody that a person like me can and does change.

I confessed all my sin's and repented and asked God for His forgiveness and by God's infinite grace and mercy and a lot of hard work, I've been forgiven and been seeking God daily. I feel like I'm one of God's biggest miracles because of how God pulled me out of the **depths** of hell on earth to have a life that's worth living. A life that I feel good about. I finally became willing to do something different.

The day I came to prison, I started living my life all over again for Christ and not of my own anymore. That was the day everything began to change for me. I will never forget where I've come from. I don't want to forget. If I forget, then I'm destined to back to prison. I never think I'm better than anyone, but I also don't think I'm worse than anybody. I know there's a lot more good in me than bad, and I can use all my negative life experience in a positive way to help somebody else grow in Christ.

Your brother in Christ Jesus
Charles Tinsley.