

Baptism Testimony

This is a difficult testimony to give because I don't think I would like my pre-Christian self very much. Talk of God and Jesus makes before Christian me and other atheists and agnostics uncomfortable. "God this and Jesus that, can't she think for herself?" we grumble to each other.

What we fail to notice, because of how quickly we backed away, is the sense of peace that this Believer possesses. When you trust God's Plan and accept His sacrifice for us, it's easier to be thankful and happy.

Deeply happy Christians freak out those who are not. Society and the Media tells us we need recognition and things to be complete, to be worthy. Choosing to accept the Bible means I'm stepping off the Progressive balance beam and following an ancient path travelled by millions that others are still trying to erase.

I came to Christ through science. In college I learned about our miraculous brains. Then while homeschooling my family I learned about our miraculous solar system (which Elder Andrew clearly explains in his lecture series on the Berean Bible Church Youtube channel). Then I studied epidemiology which is the study of disease and disease statistics. And epigenetics, which shows that every biological adaptation is already written in our DNA. These adaptations or traits are expressed when certain switches are turned on or off – so God's notes are literally written inside of us. How many miracles do you need to see God all around us? They all point to an all-knowing God who loves us and wants us to thrive, and explains why so many early scientists were men of God.

God is the Creator of everything. He brings matter to life - what Astrophysicist Carl Sagan called "the star stuff of the Universe."

Jesus was real. His cruel death for our sins meant that centuries later, whether they accept it or not, everyone knows about his sacrifice and his love for us. Even though we never met him or saw him in-person, Jesus' story and teachings live on.

I choose baptism now because God's love for us and God's Plan are Awesome.

And I really like this church, with its student-of-history Pastor, Conservative message, and large, homeschooling families.

My parents received Christ in the second half of their lives, so I guess I'm following their pattern. But my youngest, Zhen Beri, chose this way at the start of her adult life, which she'll tell you about shortly.

At a challenging turning point when the economy and politics were about to squeeze us out of Hawaii, God worked through my husband and Zhen, and brought us here to you. It's an inconceivable turn of events. How could I choose to turn away from Him.

So, Agnostic, Mother, Science Olympiad parent, COVID protester, Big Island migrant, and Berean Bible Church visitor. God's Plan sure is strange and AWESOMMMMMME!