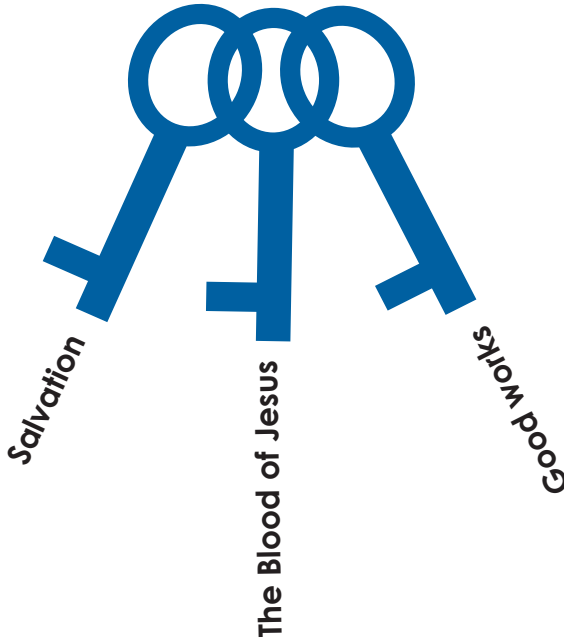




# JESUS REVEALED HIMSELF TO ME

The Lord Jesus came to call sinners

(Jean 3 :16-17)



Nyakamwe Christine 's Testimony





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## Preamble



First and foremost, I would like to thank God, the creator of heaven and earth, the one who created me in his own image, and did not consider my evil and sinful life when I was still in the darkness of Satan. God protected me during the time I got seriously sick.

I got that sickness at the age of 18 years old, I looked like a dead person, but then, in a vision, I saw myself lying on pieces of wood burning with. I was in the devil's realm since I was going to die without getting saved.

Due to God's great love, who never wished to lose me, I was rescued from the enemy's hand. God rescued me in many different car accidents and many other troubles that would have taken my life.

I later realized that all those unfortunate events were attacks from Satan, who wanted to take my life before I got saved. Fortunately, my God stretched forth his right hand on me, and rescued me from the hands of the enemy because he created me for eternal life.

God said himself: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with my loving kindness. (Jer.31:3). The Lord drew me to himself with his great love and I responded". For you who have not yet received him, you need to receive him too, because he is always calling all of us to come back to him.

God's love is amazing, incomparable and unsearchable. The way he loved me is the same way he loved you too, he loves all of us the same way because he is



our heavenly father. His everlasting love touches everybody, regardless of who we are and our sinful nature.

God loved me when I was unrighteous, for no price, he just loved me without any personal cause. I never deserved to see the love of God. There is nothing else that I can say, apart from recognizing that he just loved me **Deuteronomy 7:7**, he simply loved because of his love. his love.

He loved me while I was still a sinner, he loved me before I never cared about him and even never needed him, but he cared about me, thought about me and looked for me until he found me. He, himself called me and washed me with his blood and forgave my sins and cleansed me.

No one had ever told me about salvation, I had even never lived with any saved people, my parents never knew anything about salvation so that they would have introduced me to it **Ezekiel; 16:1-14**.

God called me, taught me, and showed me the right way to pass through, held my hand and guided me; he treated me like a mother to her newly born baby. When he saw that I had grown into a mature Christian, he gave me the mission of spreading his Good News of salvation and encouraging people to care about their final destiny because the Lord Jesus is coming soon.

I was a sinner, disobedient to God, but all those sins were due to my ignorance about salvation. Fortunately, in the right time, God saved me through his only son, who saved me by his bloodshed on the cross.

And now I am forgiven and counted among the children of God.

What should I do to thank God properly? I will just testify of him the way I saw him, I will tell about him to all people of the present time and those of the future forever and ever.

I now express my heartfelt gratitude to God, through the words that Apostle Paul used to thank him for his mercy as follows: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trust worthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive



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eternal life. Now to the king eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever". **1Timothy 1: 12-17.**

## **1.2. Acknowledgements**

I thank the children of God who prayed for me so that I get saved. I more especially thank Mukamurangwa Sebera Henriette; a servant of God, whom God used to take me by force to the house of God, so that I could get saved.

I thank Joyce Meyer, the International Evangelist from the USA. God gave her a burden of taking the Gospel to Rwandans so that they get saved. She used various ways and means to reach us, and the outcomes of her ministry have been so tremendous in this country of Rwanda. Her ministry helped many Rwandans to get saved through the Word of God, including myself.

I also thank different servants of God who encouraged my spiritual growth. They counseled me, prayed for me, and encouraged me to go forward, strengthened me through the way of salvation. Yet we still have a long way to go and still need other mature Christians alongside us to continue encouraging us.

I thank the organizers of Joyce Meyer's women conference in Serena Hotel in which I received my gift of salvation miraculously.

I thank the Pastor of my church called "Living Word Church" of Kanombe, and all the church members whom I fellowship with, who tirelessly support me to continue the work that the Lord gave me and to make it progress.

I wholeheartedly thank my family, more especially my loving husband Ambassador Polisi Denis, and my tender children, who have never discouraged me in this journey of salvation but have rather supported me through all possible means in doing God's Work.

The Almighty God, the beginning and the end of all things, I will thank him always, kneeling down before him and giving him all the glory as he alone deserves it forever and ever, Amen.

My reader(s), I also wish you to be with God and see his everlasting goodness.



### 1.3. INTRODUCTION

This book is the first one I have written, and will be followed by many other books as the Lord will enable me. It is intended to tell and show how Jesus called me when I was a sinner and I responded to his call and got saved. It also intends to show how he changed me, and even the way he gave me his ministry.

The testimony furthermore shows how the Lord revealed Himself to me, the way he spoke to me, and how he entrusted me with the his message: to care about our last destiny, that there is no more time to waste because he is coming soon to take his bride.

It is God himself who commissioned me or I can say that he commanded me to spread this testimony out to all people. Before I started giving out this testimony, the Lord Jesus Himself took my fear away and made me brave.

It was on a Sunday, and I had been saved for one year. We were in a Church service when the Pastor made an Altar Call for those who needed to receive salvation, and there came forward 3 boys and 2 girls.

I heard a voice telling me “Look behind and I will show you something”; I looked around those who were behind me and then God asked me “Do you think all those adults are saved?” The Lord continued telling me, “I saved you when you were adult, so from today, you should tell out whatever I show you and tell you, so that other people can also be saved”.

Truly speaking, testifying about God is every person’s duty

In **Isaiah 43:10-13**, the Bible says: “People of Israel, you are my witnesses, I chose you to be my servant, so that you would know me and believe in me and understand that I am the only God. Besides me there is no other god; there never was and never will be. I alone am the LORD, the only one who can save you. I predicted what would happen, and then I came to your aid. No foreign god has ever done this; you are my witnesses. I am God and always will be. No one can escape from my power; no one can change what I do”.

We are the witnesses that God mentions here in this verse; through his son Jesus Christ, we are the witnesses who should testify about the goodness of God, about the great works he does, about his love and glory, about the way we saw him, so that those who have not known



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him yet can also know him, love him and believe in him. Even our Lord Jesus Christ tells us this in the Gospel according to Matthew 10:32-33 as follows: “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men I will disown him before my Father in heaven.”





## **Part II: I was in darkness and Jesus showed me the light**



After receiving Jesus in my heart, after making Him my Lord and my Savior, my life started changing. I used to be fearful ever since my childhood, my heart was full of distress with no reason, and because of that I lived a hopeless life. I was tired.

But when Jesus entered my life, He gave me peace, joy, and calmness in an incomparable way. I used to be angry and to quarrel for no significant reason, I was a very arrogant and quarrelsome woman. I had an unforgiving heart.

I wickedly used to follow the principle of “eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth”. Whoever hit me I could also hit him back, if you stepped on me even unwillingly, I could also step back on you. I could not forgive. I never loved other people; love had dried out in my heart. As I was growing older, love was also decreasing in me.

I never loved even the children from my husband's family who survived the genocide. I always felt that they were a burden to my household; I just raised them because they did not have any other person to foster them. My heart was full of bitterness and hatred. I had too much tribalism. I hated every person who was not from my ethnic group. I loved nobody. I only loved money and wealth. And I was wealthy but could not give my coin to any person.

Whenever I gave something to other people, I would regret it for a long time. I had no compassion, I thought I knew God but I actually did not. I thought I loved God, but I did not, because I never followed His commandments and I never felt guilty about it.



I did not have God in my life, and I never knew it. Can you imagine reaching the age of 52 years old thinking that if I died in that time I would go to heaven, yet I really was on my way to destruction.

I was ignorant, regardless of the Bachelor Degree that I had earned. And NOW I have come to know the Word of God which is found in **Job 28:28** and which says: "The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and turning from evil is understanding".

Now I have known that the real wisdom we need is the one which helps us prepare for our eternal life. There is nothing more painful like seeing an educated person who is ignorant of this truth. We even have a lot of PhD holders who are ignorant because they do not know God. What would higher education and big degrees profit us if we do not earn eternal life?

Our Lord Jesus Christ said in his Gospel according to **Mark 8:36-37**: "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for his soul?".

When the Lord Jesus entered my life, I did not remain the same, because he gave me a new heart. He also entered my mindset and changed all my thoughts.

The Lord Jesus gave me a new way of thinking. He gave me a new and compassionate heart, which cares about other people. The hatred and tribalism that I had in my heart has disappeared in a way that I cannot explain; now my heart is full of love. I now see every person as a child of God. I have become a friend to all people by the blood of Jesus. I have learned to be humble before God and men.

Radical changes have happened in my life and God gave me a burden for those who do not know the way of salvation. This way to heaven starts by receiving Jesus Christ in our lives. I started praying for people, telling God that many on this earth do not know the way.

The main cause that I found out is that all religions, even those that pretend to be Christian ones, do not teach the reality of the Gospel of salvation to their followers so as to help them know that the only way to heaven is through salvation in Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus came to this world to die for all but, only those who believe that Jesus is the Lord and Savior will be saved.

I say this because I reached 52 years of age while no one had ever explained to me about the reality of salvation, the way we get saved, what we are saved from, and the meaning or the reason of salvation. Many people used to tell me



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about getting saved, but they failed to explain fully the reason of salvation.

I spent many nights crying to God, asking him to explain me the word “SALVATION”, so that I also could help those who were like me before I knew the truth.

My heart used to feel guilty whenever I remembered the word of God in Hosea 4:6 which says: “My people are perishing for lack of knowledge”. This word used to pain my heart, because I discovered that I was also perishing due to lack of knowledge. My prayers were heard, and the Lord Jesus gave me three keys with 3 words written on them as follows:

- **The first key is Salvation**
- **The second key is the Blood of Jesus**
- **The third key is the Good Works.**

After Jesus gave me these three keys, He gave me the following explanations: the first key will be used to open the hearts that are hardened. The second key will be used to set free the people who are in the Devil’s captivity and save them from their sins. The third key will be used to take people to heaven. Then Jesus told me: “I have given you these heavenly keys so that you give them to others as well”.

I think the reason why I was given the meaning of those keys, was to help me fulfill the ministry (mission) given to me by the owner of heaven and earth to take the Gospel to the whole world.

Therefore, from now on, I will write books, showing everything that Jesus has showed me. God revealed his mystery to me so that it will be known to all people that I will be able to reach and those who will read my books. I am hopeful that our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave me the power of the Holy Spirit working in me, will help me accomplish this work that I have started and which will hopefully yield good outcomes as the Lord has planned, and these outcomes will be a blessings to many hearts and bring healing and salvation in them.



## Part III: Testimony in details



**This testimony is sectioned in three parts as follows:**

1. My life before receiving Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord
2. The way I met the Lord Jesus Christ
3. Changes that took place in my life after receiving my beloved Jesus Christ.

### **3.1. MY LIFE BEFORE RECEIVING JESUS CHRIST AS MY SAVIOR AND LORD. ROMANS 8:5-8.**

Before I met my Lord Jesus, I used to be led by freshly desires which pushed me to selfishly fight for freshly things not considering the benefits of others.

I reached the age of 52 years thinking that I was in Jesus yet I actually was not. I was only in a religion that claimed to confess Jesus. I was baptized as a one-year-old baby; my parents named me Christine as fervent religious people. From my childhood, they taught me how to pray and keep the rituals of our religion.

When I was still young, they taught me the 10 commandments of God, and a number of prayers to be memorized and recited by heart, especially the prayer of “Our Father in Heaven” and that of “Hail Mary”. My siblings and I were forced to pray in morning and evening times.

We could not go to bed before reciting the **Rosary** 3 times.



Every Sunday we had to go for the mass, and we had to go for prayers and morning devotions at least three times a week. I had gone through all the steps required by our religion but I was not living according to the will of God, however, I had not a guilty heart because I thought I was in the right way. Though I was in my religion, the Devil kept me under his powers and I was led by sinful nature. It is after getting saved that I realized that being in Jesus is better than keeping the rituals of the religion.

Even though I was a member of a religion, I was under the oppression of Satan, being guided by my fleshly desires.

**a. I was a wrathful woman**

I always was angry, even a simple issue could make me angry. I was always quarreling with my husband, my children, and my houseworkers. And I was the one who always provoked them.

At our home and even at our work place we had no peace but only quarrels. My house workers had no peace as I always slapped them. Whenever I woke up, my neighbors would know that Christine has woken up because they could hear loud quarrels and fights. Even when I found a plate in the wrong place I could start quarreling and shouting to all people in the house.

I was full of wrath in such a way that whenever I woke up on my left leg, as it is commonly said in French (*se lever sur le pied gauche*), I was always full of anger even before seeing any person in the morning; I absolutely needed somebody to shout at and beat so that my soul and my heart could at least feel appeased and satisfied.

I always asked my husband to give me his cheeks so that I slap him and feel appeased and satisfied in me. He was always in trouble because I did not respect him. I cannot tell what the reason was for that. Today, we sometimes sit together and I talk about our past whereby I ask him why he was so patient with me and never thought of divorcing me. He answers me saying that he loved me so much and could at all costs tolerate my troubles!

In fact, the word love is defined in the Bible, in **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**: "Love is patient in all things; love forgives in all things..." My husband used to ask me: "can't you stop quarreling and be at peace with people?"

I would answer him with a loud voice that: "I cannot change because this is how I was created". I would also tell him that in our family we were all like that, that even our father was a wrathful person, that even if I fell on a rock, I would die but not change. The only thing I could do was to say sorry to him and ask him to bear with my violent behavior.



As a matter of fact, my husband is a patient man by nature, and he could bear with my violent behaviors. The people who knew me at home always asked themselves how my husband was able to stand my temper. They all felt pitiful for him. However, I now know that God joins a man and a woman to be husband and wife after finding out that they can live with each other and bear with each other's different behaviors.

There is a popular saying in Kinyarwanda that "two thunders cannot be in the same cloud". If my husband were like me, we could not have stayed together even for a year. Whenever I shouted at him, he would not shout back.

Unfortunately, my fights did were not limited at home; I could quarrels everywhere; at shopping malls, at banks, a public places, even at the drycleaner's place, people would always whisper to one another saying that "the quarrelsome woman or Polisi's bad wife, has come again to make troubles".

At the drycleaner's place where I used to take my clothes to be washed, people were very frustrated and always ran away whenever they saw me coming. But they are now thanking God who changed me because we have now become friends. The changes in my behavior have been so evident that people there often tell me: "We thank God you changed, because you can now talk, without shouting. Every time we saw you we would run away".

There were times when I could be angry with a certain person, and feel like killing him/ her with a sword. I could not forgive any person who wronged me, but looked for a way to harm him/ her even more, as I was based on my principle of "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, a measure for another". Revenge for me was strength. But not revenging for me was irresponsible and cowardice.

Anything a person did to me, I was also ready to do it back to him/her. If you insulted me, I also insulted you even twice; if you made a mistake under my leadership I would immediately slap you with no pity. If a worker made a mistake while under my leadership, his/her salary would be deducted without feeling any guilt; I thought it was normal, I thought I was right, since I had no conscience to make me feel guilty.

### **b. I had ethnic segregation**

I was over-controlled by a heart of hatred and ethnic segregation since the age of 18 years, when ethnic conflicts broke up in Burundi in 1972 and this was worsened by the 1994 Genocide against Tutsis in Rwanda. The hatred I had for Hutus was worsened when I came to know that that all my husband's family was totally killed.



The Genocide against Tutsis happened even in churches led by some so-called servants of God. This broke my heart to the point that when I came to Rwanda in 1994, I made up my mind and decided not to go to church (to the mass) and to belong to a religion anymore, because I believed that such people with bloody hands could not call the Holy God and be heard by him, only the Devil could hear them, and not God.

In our first years in Rwanda, for me to give you a job, I would first of all need to know who you are. I would simply look at your nose. I thought it was difficult for Rwandans to reconcile and thought that as Tutsis, we should also revenge.

Sometimes I would ask my husband: "Do you really think that what you sing everyday about unity and reconciliation is possible?" I could always argue with him, challenging him, as he was calling people for unity and reconciliation, since it was his role as a Politician- he really believed in unity and reconciliation regardless of the fact that none of his parents, siblings and relatives survived. I could ask him many times if he really meant what he was saying or if it was simply a political formality, I insisted on asking him why he encouraged reconciliation while all his family members were exterminated.

There were times when I would feel too angry while we talked about what happened in Rwanda and I heard him totally supporting unity and reconciliation. I could even tell him that he has no heart, or he never loved his family members.

When I insisted asking him if he loved his late relatives, my husband would answer me saying that we had no other alternative except staying together with those who had killed if we didn't want to destroy the whole country. We had to rebuild our nation together. Even though he was right, I was not able to accommodate those killers in my heart.

### **c. I was greedy for money**

In that time, I loved money more than any other things, even the children who survived the Genocide from my husband's family that I was fostering, but I never loved them more than I loved money. To me, it was like a duty (last resort) to foster them because they had no one else to cater for them. When school started, giving them school fees and other scholastic materials was a burden to me and I always told them that I never came to Rwanda to serve the whole world. I made their life difficult and sad.

But after getting saved, God helped me recover, I became humble, knelt down before them and apologized for all the wrong I had done to them, and they forgave me. And today, I have become like their real mother and they have also become like my true children.



When the house worker went shopping and lost even a 100-Franc coin from the balance she would return to me, the fights would start.

Giving anything in our home was very hard for me. I always had an inner voice in me which told me not to give. When there was time to give to my relatives or my husband's relatives, it was like killing me with a sword.

The inner voice always came in my heart and told me that I sweated too much to get this money so I should not give it away. The voice said in me that in case I happen to give something out I would need it back later and fail to get it. It kept reminding me of not giving.

If I happened to give something, I would feel a lot of remorse for a long time, and the same voice would say in me: "you should not regret that because you deliberately gave that thing while I was forbidding you but you did not listen to me". This voice could spend three months in me, regretting what I gave out. I was restless, I was miserable. I had no peace in my heart. The devil had full control over me and stole my freedom.

In life, there is nothing that pains like not having peace in your heart, it is better to go hungry than lose peace in your heart. Hunger also pains but not like losing your peace. Everything I am telling you here is true, I personally experienced it.

#### **d. I was greedy for alcohol and food**

I was a good alcohol boozier and even ate too much. I liked beer and my parents were responsible for this. They used to make us taste alcohol by putting a wet straw on our lips when we were young babies around 2 months old, and we grew up tasting slowly until we found ourselves used to drinking.

When we reached the age of 5 years old, our parents could give us our own bottles of beer while they were also drinking theirs. While drinking, we sat at our side as children and our parents sat at their side. It was a habit at home even though we were considered as Christians, drunkenness was our normal practice.

When I grew up and started working for my own money, I liked beer more seriously. I thought I could not live without drinking beer. I would take at least one or two cold bottles every evening after coming back from work. Before reaching home, I could always feel thirsty of beer and nothing else could quench my thirst except cold beer.





Beer had made me its slave to a great extent. I could often be too drunk since I could not control myself, more especially when I went out to pubs with other friends.

Just imagine how a drunken old woman behaves. Those were the times for me to remember that I was an orphan because my mother and father had died. I would also remember that all my in-laws were exterminated during the Genocide and died without seeing their grandchildren, and I started feeling like I needed someone to revenge on, crying yet I was an old woman.

Since the time when I was still young, I used to eat too much, I never thought that I could be satisfied. Yet we always had plenty of foods had a lot of food at home, but could always be troubled by food, thinking that I would never eat and be satisfied. I had so much greed for food.

Even when I grew up and had my own home, I could eat too much as if I had never eaten. My husband used to ask me: "Where do you put all that food you eat? Do you have visitors in your stomach? By then, I had grown fat to the extent that I weighed 105 kilograms, but after getting saved, I now have 85 kilograms. I did nothing apart from reducing on the quantity of food that I used to eat. You understand that I had grown up with too much greed for food and beer.

#### **e. I was fearful**

I very a coward and had too much fear for no reason. We were wealthy; we had everything needed in life that would make me feel settled and satisfied. My children were going to the best schools, my husband and I had cars and we had a nice modern house, but all those could not give me peace.

My fear increased as I grew up, it was not only in my old age. It got worse when I reached the age of 52 years old. When I tried to do anything, I would hear an inner voice telling me that I would not manage it. As a young girl, the same voice would tell me that I was very ugly and would not find a man to marry me, because no one loved me; all people hated me.

That inner voice made me develop a very negative attitude towards all people because I knew they all hated me. I even studied in fear, but forced myself until I completed my Bachelor Degree. My fear had become like a chronic disease in me. That inner voice would make me spend sleepless nights. I sometimes woke up in the night at 1:00 or 2:00 am and failed to sleep again until the morning. I would wander around my house as everyone was asleep and get stomachaches due to panic attacks.

To help me fall asleep, my husband used to massage me or scratch in my hair, without any success at all. I was totally tired in my mind to the extent of feeling



my brain burning like fire in my head. I even ran the risk of taking off my clothes and running mad. I had lost my memory and could not remember where I had even placed things.

Due to this constant fear, I used to sweat day and night even when the weather was cold. I always had a lot of fever. This led me to visit my gynecologist who told me that I might have gone into my menopause. He gave me some medications which did not change anything in me.

All that time no one was aware of my malaise, because I used to pretend that I had no problem. I used to put a lot of effort in whatever I did so that I would not fail. I always fought for myself because I never knew that there was a God who could defend me and help me. My heart was heavily loaded and I was always feeling too much pain in my heart without knowing the cause.

Despite being so fearful, I managed to attain something in my life due to two principles that were guiding me. The first principle was from my late father who used to tell us the following while we were still young children: "it is better to die than to be useless". He wanted to mean that instead of being a useless person in the society you should rather choose dying and leave the earth.

The second principle was from my husband, who used to tell me as we were still newly married that: "if you look for yourself you find yourself, and if you don't find yourself you die". He simply wanted to mean that no one can live another person's life, and so everyone lives by the works of his/ her hands". Indeed, the Word of God in **Proverbs 19:15**, says: "Laziness brings on deep sleep and shiftless man goes hungry."

My husband kept giving me the advice of working hard in these words: "you should not look at our parents and expect them to continue providing for us on what they worked for and produced, neither should you look at your relatives and think there is something they can help us with, no, we ourselves should work hard and provide for ourselves".

He told me these words because we got married while both of us were still students, and we got our first child before completing our studies. In reality, in that time we suffered, but this is not the right time to give that testimony!

However, despite those difficulties and hard times, we kept our problems to ourselves as a secret, nobody, not even any of our relatives could know that we sometimes slept hungry and struggled to feed our child, and that we sometimes could just take a cup of black tea without sugar- and that was our meal for the night.

Here, I wish to say that the words we speak are a very important thing. We



need to avoid telling our children words which devalue them, because those words can later change our children's mindset and make them become worthless people in the society.

We should know that a person is led by his/her way of thinking, and the way of thinking is created by the words we speak. Therefore, we need to always have positive words to speak to ourselves and to our children, encouraging ourselves and them as valuable people. The word can create and the word can destroy/kill.

The above mentioned principles from my late father and from husband are still helping me in all spheres of my life until today. I am a person who never believes in defeat. Even in this way that I started to walk in salvation and to serve God, I can never accept to be defeated.

### **f. Conclusion**

In short, this testimony shows how I was before I got saved and how I was a slave to my fleshly desires. I was not actually managing my body.

Instead, it is my body that was managing me and commanding me to do whatever it wanted in order to make it happy. Due to the spirit of selfishness, I was spiritually dead, and the Spirit of God was not in me since I was not obeying him.

I was unknowingly breaking the heart of God as it is said in the book of **Ezekiel 6:9** as follows: "Then in the nations where they have carried captives, those who escape will remember me, how I have been grieved by their adulterous hearts, which have turned away from me, and by their eyes, which have lusted after their idols. They will loathe themselves for the evil they have done and for all their detestable practices."

In that time, God was speaking to the Israelites, but today he is speaking to you and me. Here, the word of God is telling us that whenever there is something that you are lusting, which has taken your whole heart, that very thing has become your idol. In that case, God may leave you because God does not accept to live in the heart of someone who worships other gods.

I was an enemy of God since I was against his leadership- **Romans 8:16-17**. I was dead and deserved eternal punishment because my life was limited here on the earth.

Truly speaking, the worldly wealth was the target of my heart. I strongly strived for having a very rich family, to see our children with a better life than ours, earned without much toil.



God found me in troubled times, without knowing him; without looking for him, without giving him any consideration at all in my life. This is how we can see the unconditional love of God to us.

God loves us as we are; he loves us despite our ignorance and weaknesses. His love to us is not based on our righteousness, but he loves us freely since we are all sinners. The evidence of his love is seen through giving his only son to die for us on the cross.

The way of expressing our love to God is nothing else other than accepting and receiving his gift that he freely gave us, which is Jesus Christ. He who rejects Jesus hates God as well. The one who rejects God rejects eternal life. Jesus is the source of life and he who rejects life chooses death.

This is the time to confirm that what Paul wrote in **Ephesians 2:8-9** is true, which says that: We were saved by grace through faith, not because of our good deeds, but it is only a gift of God so that nobody may boast of it.

We are saved because of God's love. God wants us to do only one thing: to believe in Jesus Christ, for free, without any price, without any bribe, without any sacrifice, without paying him any money, he only wants us to give our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ alone.

The way God searched me so that I may inherit eternal life, is the same way he is looking for all other people to get saved and also obtain that eternal life. Whoever hears God's voice, I beseech him as he is still alive and breathing, not to harden his heart: time is rushing and our Lord Jesus is coming soon. Nobody knows what tomorrow holds, we have to run quickly from the wrath of God that awaits those who despise him and refuse to receive salvation.

### **3.2. How I met the Lord Jesus Christ (Mark 2:13-15)**

My Lord Jesus Christ did all His best to make sure He finds me. He revealed Himself to me in the morning of April 30, 2006. That day, He called me with a gentle voice and asked me to receive Him in my life.

I had never thought about looking for salvation since I did not know anything about the word itself. I heard about this word for my first time when I came to Rwanda in 1994, I was 40 years old by then. I was a member of a religion and not a born-again Christian, and had never heard about salvation.

We used to receive what we thought was salvation when we were still young children at the age of 11 years, without knowing what we were doing, nobody explained to us the meaning of salvation, and they just used words which are not in the Bible. They only taught us how to memorize and recite prayers by



heart. After spending like three months, the Catechist would take us to church to learn how to memorize prayers. They taught us the words that we would tell to Jesus on the day of swearing our oath to him/meeting him, and they forced us to memorize those words.

On that day of swearing our oath to Jesus, our parents would dress us with white clothes. Boys would wear white trousers and white shirts, and girls wore white long dresses and veils just like brides do. And then when it was time for that ceremony, which was considered like the rite of passage, we were called to stand in line, in front of the altar, and asked to recite the words that we had been taught.

Those words were as follows: “I, so and so (each one of us would mention their name, like: I, Christine Nyakamwe...), deny Satan and all his works, and all his temptations, I surrender my whole life to you Jesus”.

We were asked to recite those words without knowing their meaning; therefore, such a confession could not make Jesus enter our lives because those words were not coming from our hearts. That is the reason why we could not get saved; instead we just strived to have a good life, distracted in worldly pleasures by Satan.

What we can say here is that, at that time, little did I know that salvation comes from God alone, and was given to his children in due time, and so nobody has the power to give salvation to other people by force. Indeed, we should not harass people and terrorize them in order to make them accept Jesus.

On the contrary, our duty is to explain to people what salvation is, rather than trying to fill in God’s role. Thereafter, God alone will put in them that free will of accepting salvation, convincing them on their sins, and give them the thirst for accepting salvation. I always asked myself how a person could really get saved while still on this earth.

In that time, there were a number of women who always came to make me understand that I needed to get saved. I repeatedly asked them what we get saved from, but they were not able to explain. I always told them the following words: “I do not steal, I do not commit adultery, so what will be get saved from?” And they all kept silent, unable to give me an answer to my question.

No one was able to give me explanations on the importance of salvation. I had never gone to fellowship with those who called themselves born-again Christians; neither did I enter their church, because they were useless to me. Whenever I saw people going to church with Bibles in their hands, especially on week days, I would laugh at them because I thought they were lazy and did not have any work to do.



Besides, I never had the habit of reading the Bible, which I did not even possess, and I had never wanted to possess it. My religion was not teaching us to read the Bible ourselves pretexting that we could not understand the scriptures therein.

Despite the fact that I did not understand the true meaning of salvation - nor sought it, our heavenly Father never gave up on me. He had so much pity for my stubbornness and the miserable life I was living and he controlled my steps every day, without me knowing about it.

Imagine how living a weary and exhausted life, without knowing what can give you rest, while other people are getting the Grace of God through free salvation, is a terrible thing in your life. God did not consider my ignorance; He had a lot of pity on me, came to me, called me Himself and gave me salvation.

Therefore, I cannot help thanking Evangelist Joyce Mayer, a Servant of God that God used powerfully, who came the long way from the USA to Rwanda, to reach many Rwandan hearts and help them with salvation. Among the many Rwandans that God purposed to reach and give salvation, I was also one of them.

On April 30, 2006, which was a very special day to me, beyond all the other days I had lived and will ever live. It was the day I met my Lord Jesus Christ who freely accepted to be my Savior and made me his daughter. God himself told me the following words: "Since the day I called you and you responded to me I accepted you as my child".

On that day when I welcomed Jesus Christ to be my Savior and Lord, the servant of God, Evangelist Joyce Meyer was conducting a women's conference at Serena Hotel. About three days earlier, a certain lady came to see me at home with an invitation card for that conference. She beseeched me to go and attend that conference, but I refused. I returned the invitation card to her and advised her to go back and give it to another person who could accept it.

She left my home very sad and disappointed, I could even see some drops of tears in her eyes as she said goodbye to me. I did not mind and laughed at her as I thought there was no reason for her tears in her eyes.

I want to tell you Brethren: God is powerful, and he has many ways of doing what he intends to do. His ways are many. And what he plans will absolutely come to be fulfilled.

Very early on that morning of April 30, 2006, God sent me His Soldier; Honorable Mukamurangwa Sebera Henriette. She also came to invite me for the conference. She used some strength because people were tired of beseeching



me. Henriette came to my home at 7:00 am, smartly dressed up, very confident, knowing that she would win me, and told me that she was coming to pick me so that we go to Joyce Meyer's Conference, but I refused, pretexting that I had some other obligations to attend to. However, Henriette boldly insisted saying: "I have come to pick you for the conference and I will not leave without you". Since I knew my friend's determination, I kept on my position and insisted that I was not going to go anywhere. I told her that I would not go. I even told her that it is not because a white woman has come from the USA to preach in Rwanda that I would go there.

While we kept arguing on whether I would accompany her to the conference or not, the noise reached my husband who was sleeping and waked him up. He came asked us what we were making noise for. Henriette explained all to him and asked him to help her convince me to go with her.

Then my husband also implored me to go with Henriette, since he knew that I did not have any work to do that could be a cause for not going to the conference. I said that "even if I do not have any work to do, I will not go anywhere because I don't like to meet with the so-called born-again people".

Then my husband asked me if I would only live with sand, bricks, and cement, and would never need to fellowship with other women (he said this because those days I was supervising a new house that we were constructing-and I loved it so much). I still said NO and kept on my position.

This made him angry and he therefore used more authority saying: "Honorable Henriette cannot come this early to invite you to a good conference and you refuse with no reason. I say now, get ready and go with her". This is how, after too much resistance, I finally surrendered, unwillingly, with too many complaints and murmurs inside my heart, and went with Henriette.

But I decided not to go with my car because I was angry and forced to go without my free consent. I told Henriette that she will drive me to that conference and back to my home because I did not want to consume my fuel for things which were in her interest. I then went with her, but I was like a sheep which was being pulled with a rope without knowing where and why it was going.

I was so surprised when, as we were sitting in the conference, the servant of God, Joyce Meyer started preaching, she said that she was going to speak about "**fear**". At the place where I was seated, I felt my heart beating loudly in my chest, and I said in myself: "It seems that I am going to hear only about my life". She again said: "whoever lives with fear lives with the Devil".

I then started saying in myself: "She is exaggerating, she is even telling lies", because I thought she was insulting me. I asked myself this question. "Does



this mean that I have been living with the Devil?" I considered her as a liar and thought what she said was impossible. I did not know that the inner voice in me was from the Devil, I thought it was my inner conscience that was continuously talking to my heart.

Joyce Meyer continued speaking too much, saying that the Devil sometimes makes small things look like big mountains for us to lose our inner-peace.

Joyce Meyer further said that people who are fearful become insomniac, which makes them run mad due to their heavy insomnia. She also said that 99% of people who run mad (become foolish) are made so by the devil through a spirit of fear. She continued and said that cowards never prosper in what they do, but always lose.

It reached to a point where I asked myself how she had read my mind and my darkest thoughts, yet she could not see me as we were very many in the room. And it was my first time to see her.

Only God who is in Heaven knew what was happening in my heart, where no human being could reach. He is the one who sent His Word to save me, the very Word He used when He called me to receive His son Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord.

When the servant of God had finished preaching, the Pastor who was the service leader invited those who would like to receive Jesus to stand. From what I remember, 8 ladies went forward to be prayed for.

Then the ladies who were seated next to me were pushing me to also go forward and receive Jesus but I was still reluctant and told them that; "Leave me alone, I do not receive things that I do not know". They did their best and I categorically refused.

When they continued forcing, I refused as the inner voice that used to discourage me came back and started mocking me, saying: "Eh eheh! Mrs. Polisi, are you going to show yourself in front of all these many people to receive Jesus, can't you do it in your heart? Jesus will here you even when you do it silently in your heart on your seat".

That inner voice from the Devil was trying to show me that I was going to shame myself and my husband who was a respected personality as the Vice-President of the Rwandan Parliament!

Satan knows very well the importance of receiving salvation in our lives, and he very well knows that it is only through the confession of our mouths, not only doing it in our hearts. He knows that when we get saved we leave the way that





leads us to destruction and go to heaven. That is why he always uses his tricks to stop us from receiving the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives. **Romans10:9-12.**

Here, I want everyone to understand this truth that the only way to heaven does not start from any other way except through salvation by receiving the Lord Jesus Christ; not when somebody is baptized, not through prayers, not through good works, not through doing theological studies, not through acquiring religious knowledge, but through accepting the Lord Jesus Christ who dies for us all so that we may be saved.

In the Gospel according to **John10:7**, our Lord Jesus tells us that “I tell you, I am the gate of the sheep. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved”.

You cannot enter through him without receiving him first and choosing him to be your Lord and Savior. The Lord Jesus does not force people, he waits until you deliberately accept him. In John 14:6, the Lord Jesus himself says: “I am the way and truth and the life. No comes to the Father except through me”.

He is the way; he is the one that we need to go through so that we can reach the Father in heaven. And Jesus is the witness that God will give when he judges us, because he had the body that we also have and he overcame it.

The ladies who were seated with me continued forcing me to stand up and go forward to receive salvation, but I still resisted them. I asked them: “what is the thing that you receive?” They simply laughed without answering my question. I did not know that salvation is Jesus.

Imagine being in a religion that tells you about Jesus Christ, but they do not tell you that salvation is in him! Instead, they teach you Jesus as a history. I told them that I was not stupid, that I was educated, and so I cannot receive something that I do not know.

The more those people requested me to stand up, the more I heard the inner voice in me discouraging me, and insisting in me that I should not go forward since Jesus could hear me even on my seat. Satan is bad and mischievous. He started showing me that I was a wife of a very important personality in the country and should not make a public confession.

The enemy Stan continued convincing me that my husband had very strong political responsibilities in the country, and calling me Mrs. Polisi to make me feel proud of that. Do you think Satan does not know that my name is Christine...! He does! Those women after failing to convince me started whispering to each other in these words: “Let’s leave her alone, maybe it is not her day today”, which I also did not understand. They were disappointed and kept silent.



When I was resting in my heart, I heard another inner voice whispering to me in my heart, pleading, softly and peacefully. The Lord Jesus Christ, King of kings, is the one who was speaking to me with his gentle voice in these words: “Christine, what will you lose if you come and receive me, so that I save you from the fear that you live with?”

That voice surprised me, and started thinking that “if going forward to receive that thing which these people are talking about will give me freedom from the fear I have lived with for a long time, I am going to receive it and see if I will be healed”.

I stood up quickly and went forward to receive what I didn’t know. When those ladies saw me going forward, they came after me, and started giving me congratulations, even before I received what I went forward for. When they congratulated me, in my heart I said, although I do not know what this thing is, it must be a special one.

The Pastor asked us to repeat the words after him which made me think about them, because those words were like my vows that I was giving to the Lord publicly, before a big crowd of people. There were many women in that conference hall of Serena Hotel, and most of them knew me.

These are the words we were repeating after the Pastor: “I am no longer Satan’s child, I am no longer under his kingdom, I am no longer his slave, Lord Jesus I am yours now, I will follow you and live by you for the rest of my days. You are my only King, Lord and Savior, my leader. Please Lord, delete my name in the book of death and write it in the book of life”. Then after repeating those words, the Pastor prayed for us.

I want to tell you that whatever the Lord tells us is true. He is the truth. As soon as I received Him, He gave me promises that helped me to go forward and He has indeed fulfilled every promise. The fear that I had lived with since my childhood left me at once. The peace and joy that I had never had in my life entered my heart.

That day I went back home extremely happy. I told my husband that I had received Jesus. He said: you can’t be saved because you are a person who always fights. I told him again that I really had received Jesus, but he again said: let’s wait and see, because if you really received Jesus I know you deceived him, I am sure you can’t change.

The Lord Jesus confirmed that I had received him and gave me a good night. I slept very well; that night was the best one I had ever had in my life. I overslept like a small child, and my husband thought I was dead. He could touch me and shake me to see if I was still breathing. I woke up late in the next morning, at 9:00 am. Then my husband said: “Now I really admit that you have received Jesus.



For you sleeping long like that is a miracle". My husband said this because he had really seen how I slept like a dead person. Yet he is the one who did not close his eyes the whole night; he wanted to check at every minute that I was not dead.

That was the first miracle that the Lord Jesus did in my life. I used to have sleepless nights before my salvation, and sometimes I could feel a heavy burden in my heart that would come from nowhere. For me to have slept that night was something miraculous that freed my mind. I no longer have nightmares and troubles that I used to have before.

And from that time until now, I no longer have sleepless nights. I sleep in peace and have enjoyable dreams. I even no longer sweat, nor fear. I have total peace, given by the Lord Jesus alone, for there is no other person who can give the peace that Jesus gives.

From that time, I do not sweat anymore, even my skin has changed and become more beautiful. I am full of peace. This miracle made me see the Lord Jesus in a different and unique way. He is the Prince of peace, he is the only source of peace, and there is none else.

This experience has also helped me realize that neither a good man nor a good woman, neither good children nor good parents, neither good houses nor tall buildings, neither beautiful and expensive cars nor bank accounts full of money ...none of these can give you peace.

All these things I possessed them, but I never had peace. I was always fearful and restless with no known reason. And I never admitted that it is Satan who caused all those problems in my life. Before my salvation, my husband used to tell me about my sleepless nights and advised me to give myself peace, which I tried by force, reciting many prayers that I had memorized, but in vain. I recited many prayers, including Hail Marry, Our Father who are in heaven, so that I could get peace and sleep, but this did not work at all. There is no person who can give himself peace. In the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John 14:27**, Jesus told his disciples: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you. I do not give to you like the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, or be afraid".

The Lord Jesus left us a legacy of peace, when you get peace, you get everything. If you have not received Jesus Christ, you need to receive Him so that you get the Peace He gives. Having money and a lot of wealth without peace is a misfortune.



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### 3.3. Changes that took place in my life after receiving Jesus Christ

After receiving my Lord Jesus Christ, I gave him a vow to follow him and serve him, this was due to the promise he had given me that he will heal me from my fear, and in his faithfulness, he really healed me.

After receiving salvation with my fellow new converted, the Pastor told us to go and find churches of our choice where we will be fellowshiping. I immediately changed my former religion (Roman Catholic) and joined another Church.

In my new church, whenever the choir sang or during the preaching of the Word of God, my heart was touched and I started crying. When they preached the Gospel I cried again, I always had tears in my eyes. Every word that was preached about would touch my heart; it was so sweet to me as if it was my first time to hear such a Word of God or song.

Almost all church members used to carry their Bibles with them, so I was encouraged to buy my own and started reading it because I had not possessed it before.

I then started waking up very early at 3:00am to pray and read the Bible. For me it was like the day I came back to Rwanda from Burundi in 1994, I had made up my mind not to go to church anymore because of the atrocities that had taken place in some churches.

When I took the decision to stop fellowshiping with others, the strength for home prayers dried out, which was different from how were in Burundi. I no longer conducted prayer sessions with my children; instead, we lived like pagans without praying. I even forbade my children to go to the mass.

However, after my salvation, I realized that the closer I drew to God in prayers, the happier and peaceful I felt in my heart. I started feeling a strong light in my heart. Because of those rapid changes in my life, I felt I needed to be a real Christian, and had a strong desire of making many people know about this salvation.

My big concern and prayer today is that many people who are heavy laden, with burdens that have bound their backs, who live with fear like I was before, should also come to the Lord Jesus so that God can give them rest. I felt a lot of commitment in knowing about salvation, so that I can also teach it to others. This made me ask God the following two things:

The first thing I asked God was to change me totally so that I would not appear like a liar to the people around me, especially those ladies who saw me receiving salvation. I then later said it would look disappoint if I appeared like a liar



in what I was doing, and people would say there is no salvation since Christine has failed to change.

I again said that it would be disappointing if I appeared like a liar before people, while many people knew me in a negative way. I cannot be happy if people start saying that there is nothing in getting saved like Christine did. Some people who are disappointed by those who pretend to be saved but do not show any changes in their lives, merely that instead of getting saved like those unserious ones, it would be better not to be saved.

For this reason, I prayed a prayer that said: “God, I ask you to change me and deliver me from my sinful nature, please do it now and quickly so that I will praise you, because I do not like things that go slowly, so if you do not do it quickly I may make up my mind”.

The second thing I asked God what I told him as follows: “Jesus, I don’t know you, neither do I know your salvation, therefore, I ask you to reveal yourself to me so that I can know you”. My Lord Jesus Christ did not delay to reveal himself to me. He gave me everything that I asked him.

### **3.3.1. The Lord Jesus changed my life**

Even though I am saying these words, I know very well that nobody should pretend to be holy on this earth, but my Lord did big miracles for me. Since the day I met him, there have been tangible changes in my life, in my way of thinking, in my way of speaking, in my way of handling problems and solving them, in my way of praying, and in my relationship with God and other people.

These changes in my life were due to the fact that God accepted me like his real child, and until now, he continues to help me, whenever I make a mistake, my Lord shows it to me gently, I hear his rebuking gentle voice, ask him to forgive me, and I decide not to repeat the same mistake.

My Lord Jesus Christ is good; he is full of compassion and love. He has been everything to me; he is a good Father to me. When I face difficulties, I bring them to him through prayer, and then take my rest while he is dealing with them. There is nothing that can trouble me again or steal my peace.

Even if a person wrongs me in some way, it no longer hurts my heart to the extent of becoming cruel. God keeps my heart in his peace. He fulfills his promise written in **Psalms 32:8** which says: “I will teach you and show you the way you will pass through. I will give you advice; my eye will remain focused on you”.

God raised me like his child through his Word in the Bible. He also used his voice to rebuke me, to give me love and strength. I have enjoyed talking with



my Lord through different ways and on many things, and until now we still talk to each other.

I cannot finish writing all the words that God told me. However, there are two most important words that he told me as he taught me how to walk with him and respect him.

God told me the following important words: “You should not make my salvation a joke because I am a serious God, walk with wisdom, if you don’t walk with wisdom I will leave you because I cannot walk with stupid people”.

God removed my old characters slowly and progressively. I love God because he never forces us to do things; he is patient with us and guides us with love, without asking us many challenging questions as to why didn’t you do this or that, and he never speaks to us ironically.

#### **a. My Lord Jesus healed my anger and enabled me to forgive**

God took away my anger. Though our nature never goes away totally, the transformation was considerably drastic in me. I used to quickly get angry and would shout for hours, and my anger would not stop easily. But today I try to manage and restrain my anger.

Today if somebody irritates me, I just say one word or two words, and then try to avoid getting angry, because I know it is no longer worthy for me to burst out with anger again. In the past when I was still under Satan’s slavery, that used to characterize my life every day and I knew I was right.

I used to shout to people with too much wrath, for about twenty minutes. When I had to go somewhere after having some conflict with you, when I came back and saw you I easily remembered about our conflict and started insulting you to resume the conflict again.

Even in cases where I had a conflict with you, after a long time, if you again did something bad for me, I could insult you and even remind you of the former conflict. But now I have learned how to bear with people, and how to restrain my anger, even if I cannot reach it at 100% but it is my target, I know I will reach it because I struggle much with it.

God continued to correct, to the extent of sending his servant to me one day after telling her about me, that even if I was an old woman, she was going to be my spiritual mother.

God told her about me the first time he sent her to make me confess my sins; thereafter he could send her back as regularly as possible, especially when-



ver I was extremely angry again. She always came and told me what God had sent her for, and I really shamefully found that it was true, which facilitated my confession and repentance there and then.

This is how those habits started leaving me step by step, especially as I started fearing God. And the Word I read in **Proverbs 19:19** which says: "A hot-tempered person must pay a penalty; if you rescue him you will have to pay it again". This is where I knew that my hot-tempered nature was a sin, and that no wrathful person will go to heaven. In the past I used to think that it is normal.

Nowadays, truly speaking, when someone provokes me, I don't see the need to get into an argument with him/her, I rather pray for him/her so that the Lord will reconcile us. And when I see other people who are not getting on well with each other, I counsel them and if they fail to reconcile to each other, I just pray for them so that only God will reconcile them.

I am a living testimony about these things. Nothing can change man's thoughts apart from the Holy Spirit of God with his Word. In short, my life has changed.

Changes in a person's life are witnessed and testified by other people, especially those who live around him/her. My husband is the one who testifies about my changes. He once told me that: "The man who is in you is really powerful; he was able to take away your wrath and fighting spirit, and we he gave you rest and peace. It is really a miracle to see that you have stopped your cruelty and live peacefully with us at home".

One day my husband told me that he now feels very happy for the changes that took place in our home. My children also said the same. They are happy to see their how mother has become kind and peaceful after disturbing them and frustrating for a long time. They thank God who changed me because they now have peace.

We now live in harmony and happiness in our home. We now agree on matters regarding our family, respect each other and help each other in everything. I now see that we live in a special love and cooperation.

Insults are over. Our home has become like a heaven. When you come to our home you see a lot of peace. I personally feel that I am now a blessed mother in my home.

The Lord taught me to forgive and guard my heart against spiritual injuries. I am now able to forgive and understand others, which was not easy before.

As he was teaching me how to forgive, the Lord told me that he was going to teach me what a human kind is. The Lord used to repeat those words to me



several time. And I therefore could not figure out why he was telling that to me, as if I did not know what man means.

At some point in my life, my former friends stood against me, those I had helped when times were hard. My heart was full of pain and I would cry over that for many days. I often asked God why he had abandoned me and left me in these problems, and why he had made me a friend to these people who later disappointed me.

I never considered my part in what was taking place, but blamed others, thinking I was innocent since I felt no guilt in my heart. I came to a point of thinking that the best way to solve the problem was to quit my friendship with them. But the Lord told me to love them more. To me this sounded impossible.

The Lord told me as I was crying one day: “a hero celebrates when coming back safe from the battlefield, but you why are you boasting and celebrating while you are still in the battle?”

Those words touched my heart and I felt so much shame. I felt sorry for those I wronged, and realized that while under the sun, I may have wronged others, and that I also needed forgiveness, because I was still in the battle field for righteousness.

Those words however, never took away my sadness, but continued to cry until a voice from heaven told me: “if I punish you for those you beat, insulted, and for those you mistreated, what will happen to you? Remember that you have not even apologized to them”.

That is when everything that I did before my salvation came in front of me like images of how I behaved before my salvation: how I used to beat my house workers, how I had no respect for them, how I used to go by insulting people wherever I went, and many other bad things that I did in my past. It was as if I had gone back to my old life. And then I felt like forging others since what I had done to others was worse than what they did to me.

From then I understood that even if I am already saved, I am still human like other people. My tears changed my goal, I no longer had any concern about other people’s wrong doing over my life, but I rather forgave them because what I had done to others was more terrible as compared to what they did to me.

I then started feeling shameful for every bad thing I had done to people. I felt I was more wicked since they did not have even a tenth of my wickedness.

That is when I started drawing closer to god in prayer and asked for forgiveness to those I wronged. I used the radio and apologized to all the people that I had





wronged before my salvation. I used the radio because those people were so many that I could not remember all of them, neither was I able to go and find each of them individually. Among them there were those who constructed my house, my former maids, those who looked after my cattle, and all those that I had wronged in a way or another.

I then understood why the Lord said many times that he was going to teach me about human kind, and that a man could not reach the glory of God, since we do wrong every now and then.

Human beings are flesh, human beings always change, they sometimes like and some other times dislike, they are sometimes ungrateful, they sometimes work and get tired and give up. Man will die as a human being, due to the sinful nature we are born with. Only God is holy and does not change.

Those situations that I passed through and the words God told me taught me and helped me know myself and know how mankind is. In addition, I have also known when people live together, conflicts are obvious, so we should not judge one another since we all make mistakes.

The Lord also spoke to me through the word written in Luke 6, which says: "... love your enemies". I read it carefully as a new verse to me, especially on verse 35 which says: "but love your enemies, do good to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your rewards will be great, and you will be sons of the highest God, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked, be merciful as your father is merciful".

Before then, I never thought that I could love my enemies, and had no concern for others, but God in his wisdom taught me about it. When God wants to teach you how to love people, he brings to you those that you think are impossible for you to love. He brought in my way those that seemed almost impossible to love in my life, as a sample of the people that I needed to love. This experience helped me to truly love and know how to guard my heart against spiritual injuries and anger.

This gives you the power of guarding your heart from wrath and hatred. I also personally thank God for those people who wronged me because loving them and forgiving them helped me to know how I can love and forgive any person, even my enemies. That is how God taught me how to love and forgive, and that is how he guarded my heart.

Today, nothing can trouble my heart, because I have learnt on how to guard my heart against such troubles. And I do it using the Word of God which is in me. We must know that our hearts are the dwelling place of our thoughts and decisions.



When you hand over your heart and mind to God, he will guard you from hatred and evil thoughts that come from the Devil who is the enemy of God and people.

I learned that God and his Word must occupy the first place in my heart. God dwells in my thoughts, wherever I am, and we talk to each other in my heart. The enemy no longer has a room in my heart.

I live very peacefully. Nothing shakes me, there are no more conflicts in my home, and whenever I face some challenge, I can confidently say like Joyce Meyer that “it does not matter to me”. I have also learned to be satisfied and grateful to God in everything and every day that God gives me to live.

I have learned to be thankful to God in good things and in bad ones. I go with the Word of God which strengthens my heart, written in **Isaiah 26:2** and says: “You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast because he trusts in you”.

Every one of us must learn how to guard his heart against bitterness and complains, because if your heart is full of such you will be defiled, and not go to heaven. The Word of God in **Hebrews 12:15**: “See to it that no one misses the grace of God, and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many”.

The Lord Jesus also says in the book of **Ephesians 5:26**: “To make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word and to present her to himself as a radiant church without stain or wrinkle, or any other blemish, but holy and blameless”.

Stain is the sin that dirties the heart, and a wrinkled heart is a heart which is full of hatred. God will not live with people who have hatred and injuries in their hearts, even if they are not the ones who caused it. We need to endure and guard our hearts in everything, and this is how we can overcome.

### **b. The Lord Jesus saved me from ethnic segregation**

The ethnic segregation that characterized me before left my heart miraculously without me knowing. I really don't know how it happened. The Lord Jesus enabled me to love all people without any distinction, but because they are all God's creatures. I now see every person as a child of God and needs to be treated with value and dignity, as he/she was created by God in an amazing way.

Man is the most precious creature and more valuable than all other creatures, and most loved by God, to the point that God loves man more than he loves angels.



Angels are our ministers who help us defeat our enemy. Therefore, when you hate a person and wrongs him/her because of who he/she is, it displeases God very much. It is like us parents; you cannot be pleased with someone who hates your children.

God cannot be pleased with people who have hatred in their heart. There is no reason at all for which you should hate another person. I therefore totally forgave Hutus. I no longer see people or treat them as Hutus or a Tutsis. I just see what we can benefit to each other. Even when hiring my employees, I no longer look at their noses; I only see their skills and performance.

Knowing that you are a Hutu or a Tutsi is useless to me now. The Word of God that I read in **1John3:14** also helped me realize that hatred has consequences, so I decided to primarily guard my heart from hatred.

That Word of God tells us that: "Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him".

When you hate a person you create bitterness in this person's heart and cause him/her to also hate you, because you have made his/her heart bitter; and we have seen that bitter-hearted people will not see God.

Hatred kills the life of a person. Let's avoid hating people, instead let's give them love and cause their hearts to be filled with love and joy, and by doing so, we will be building the Kingdom of God.

### **c. The Lord Jesus took away my greediness for money and worldly desires**

The love I had for money and wealth is over now. As I told you earlier on, whenever I gave away even if it was a small thing or little money, Satan would whisper inside me that I acted foolishly, and that what I gave to people would be needed later. This made me spend much time regretting.

The Lord took away the love I had for money and the worldly things by telling me that, everything we have is his, he just lent them to us, and that we should not misuse what we have, for we are just his stewards.

God taught me the principle of "bringing back his own". This principle that the Lord taught me helped me not to keep caring for my own, because I learnt that I am not my own but I belong to the Lord. He told me: "You people astonish me. You were all borrowings from me, and all the belongings that you possess were lent



to you by me, and when I want to get back the things that I lent you, you refuse to return them”.

Indeed, this word taught me to stop thinking selfishly about myself alone all the time. I also understood that I do not belong to myself but to God, and my body is not mine but it is for God. Therefore, I should not use my body to do anything I want; I should rather use it to do what its owner wants. My tongue is no longer a tool for insulting people, but for encouraging people to know God through preaching. My feet are not tools for going to the bars anymore, but they are tools for going into the house of God, and of carrying the Word of God. My hands are no longer tools for beating people but for praising the Lord and blessing other people sharing what I have with them. Today I feel happy when I share what God gave me with others who are needy. I feel blessed when God gives me something that I can also share with others.

I have learnt that what profits you in this world, is not what you give to yourself but what you give to the poor in need. That is what blesses you and will make a house that you will live in when you go to heaven. The Lord Jesus said: “where your treasure is, your heart will also be”.

This means when we give to others especially the needy people we give to God, who will live with us eternally, but if we love the wealth and pleasures of this earth we will perish with them. Every person and his/her family should work hard and do everything possible for them to live and please God by giving to others who are needy. We should remember that the religion that pleases God is the one in which people love one another and share what they have with one another, which is God’s true Church.

The Word of God in **James 1:27** says: “The Religion that the Lord our father accepts as pure and faultless is this, to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world”. In fact, God does not consider us because we belong to a certain religion or fellowship in big churches, he considers us because we show compassion to other people and give them love for God is love.

The word of God written in **Jeremiah 17:11** also taught me not to love the worldly things and took away the worldly lusts that were in me. It says: “Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay, is the man who gains riches by unjust means. When his life is half gone they will desert him, and in the end he will be proven to be a fool”.

Every servant of God should reach to a point of becoming a sacrifice for others, just like Paul in **2 Corinthians 12:14**, where he says: “Now I am ready to visit you for the third time, and I will not be a burden to you, because what I want is not your possessions but you. After all, children should not have to save for their parents,



but parents for their children. I will very gladly spend for you everything I have and expend myself as well". A true servant of God does not seek interest from the people that he serves; instead he/she should always be able to support them, using all the means and gifts that God gave him/her in order to bless other people in all ways, spiritually, materially and financially.

However, God also taught me that even when we become generous to people we must seek wisdom, so that what we do becomes a blessing to us. This life is very hard; there are many mischievous beggars; they beg not because they are really needy, but because they are lazy and do not want to work; they want to live under the dependency of others.

When you get saved, you strive for serving God with commitment. You feel a lot of courage and dedication, serving and helping others easily, you enjoy giving to others. This is exactly what also happened to me, but when God saw that I was doing it out of emotions and ignorance, he advised me as follows: "Be wise, even in giving to others, you need to be wise. God again said: "Remove those locusts which are behind you".

Today I have learned to be wise when I want to give something to a person that God has not instructed me to give. God knows us better, he know our needs. I have also learned that a person who is truly saved and believes in God cannot be a beggar, and spends his day begging to all people, including children and adults like him/her. The one who can know our problems is only one; Jesus Christ, and he is the one who has answers for all our problems.

The Word of God that I read in **Philippians 4:6** has also instructed me concerning this issue. I have realized that every person should ask to God who knows where his answers will come from. But begging is just fighting for oneself, exposing oneself, and this is often with no success.

God does not take pleasure in people who fight for themselves because this shows him that they do not have faith in him. Begging is a bad habit, and we need to get delivered from it. The Word mentioned above tells us: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God".

We need to know that we are valuable in the sight of God. God gave us a brain that we must use and make good decisions for our lives. Whenever you face a problem, you must know that it is yours and only you must find a solution for it.

We should not expect others to solve our problems; our friends, our aunts, our uncles, or our siblings. These people cannot bring solutions to our problems or our needs. Instead, this can generate conflicts and hatred between us and them, because no person can be able to fully cover the needs of others.



When you think negatively, your answer also will be negative. When you face a given problem, do not ask yourself about what you will eat or put on, or how your children will go to school, but rather think about what you can do to find food, clothes, and school fees.

Thereafter, you need to pray that God will give you good ideas, give you means to reach your goals. The Lord once told me: “While waiting you must be doing something”. Even the Word of God also tells us in **Deuteronomy 28:8** that “The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you”.

You therefore must do something with your hands in order for the Lord to bless you through it. I have witnessed many believers who are lazy and refuse to work, thinking that only praying without working will make God bless them and provide for their every day's life.

God himself, in his message that he gave me for you, told us that it is worthless to pray and refuse to work. We also need to remember a Kinyarwanda proverb which says: “**Usengera Imana kw'ishiga ikagusiga ivu**”, that is to say that God does not consider the prayer of a lazy person who only prays and refuses to work; he ends up becoming poor. In Kirundi, the same proverb says: “Usengera Imana kw'ishiga ikagusiga umunyota”, which has the same meaning.

#### **d. The Lord Jesus took away my greediness for beer and food**

God used his strategy to quench my desire and greed for beer and food. To make abandon my love for food and alcohol, he punished me by hitting me on the head because I was not willing to quit. As I said earlier, I used to like beer so much. Even when I got saved, I continued drinking because I said to myself that it had nothing to do with salvation.

I used to drink openly and in public, with no shame at all. I used to drink at home and in bars. After five months, one person saw me and reported to my Pastor. The Pastor later called me and said that he wanted me to go and see him at his office the following Saturday for some personal issue to discuss with me.

I went to see him in his office, and he asked me: “I heard that you are drinking beer, is it true?” I told him that it was indeed true that I continued to drink beer and had no plan to quit it because there is no other drink that could quench my thirst, especially every evening after work.

I continued telling him that I did not see any sin in it because I never got drunk. The Pastor told me that it is not good to drink when you are a born again Christian, because the Holy Spirit cannot live in the heart of someone who drinks alcohol. Then the Pastor said sadly that he was not able to stop me from drinking



but he wished he could. He concluded saying that he was only going to regularly pray for me so that God will know how to deal with this issue". He laid his hands on me and prayed, thereafter he said: "Go and continue drinking, never force yourself to stop it, but wait for what the Lord will do".

I went back home and continued drinking as usual. After two weeks, I felt some changes in my body. I was used to drinking my beer and enjoy it with pure conscience. But from that evening, whenever I drank even one bottle, I felt a strong headache and nausea for the whole night. Sometimes I could even fail to wake up the next morning feeling my head very heavy and dizzy.

I tried to make efforts for not giving up drinking my beer, but I reached the extent of even failing to eat. I then started feeling very weak, like a sick person. Then I myself decided to stop drinking, but I thought it was my personal decision and not God who did it. I pretexted that my old age could not resist strong alcoholic beer, because even my mother had to stop it when she was too old and her body could not take it anymore.

After my decision to stop drinking alcoholic beer, I went to our farm to check on our cows as usual. And at around 12:00 noon, when the sunshine was too hot, I felt extremely thirsty and needed to drink some beer again.

Immediately I started my car and drove back home very fast to go and take some beer at home. I sent one of the children who were at home to go and buy me a bottle of a beer. The child asked me: "Mummy, do you want to drink beer again?" I told her: "mind your business, you go right away and bring it to me". When she brought it, she opened it and served me in a glass. But as I was about to put it on my mouth, I felt something sharp like an axe splitting my head, and the glass fell down on the ground and broke. I had not even tasted a drop.

Instantly I felt as if my head was split into two pieces. I touched my head with my two hands and went to bed, feeling too much pain. From then on, I quitted drinking alcoholic beer for good. I never touched it again. I swore to God that I will never drink beer again, because I had seen that God did not want me to continue drinking it.

That is what convinced me that even before it was God who caused me the headaches and nausea whenever I had drank alcoholic beer because he wanted me to stop drinking it. The heart that loved beer was changed, today even when I sit with people who drink beer I do not feel any desire of drinking it. I thank God for this victory; he helped me overcome beer in my life.

As far as eating too much is concerned, the Lord also helped me to slowly reduce it. I used to eat too much before since my childhood. People commonly believe that a child desires food because there is no much food in their home,



but this was not my case. We had every type of food at our home. We even had meat every time we needed it, since my father had a very good paying job. He also had a very big farm that produced all types of foods.

However, having all we needed at home did not stop me from being greedy. Whenever I went to school, I could not wait for lunch time, because my heart was always focused on food, thinking that I would not be satisfied. I ate as if I was in competition. All our children shared on one same big plate full of food. But I always wanted to eat more than my siblings. I grew thin and restless, yet I was eating, because morally I never got satisfied. I was a slave of food. Even when I grew up and had money to buy food for myself, I still overate.

I grew up with that bad behavior of adoring food. At school I was restless until it clocked 12:00 which was our lunch time. Even whenever I was in church praying, my heart was on food, thinking about what I would eat when I returned home. My heart was really dominated by a strong gluttony for food.

As said earlier, when I had grown and got married, I still overate. My husband used to tell me: "At Nyakamwe's home you like eating!" In reality, I was eating like someone who has visitors in the stomach. After getting saved however, when I started serving God, the Lord started telling me words that were advising me to stop overeating.

God spoke to me in different times. He started with telling me that: "My servant cannot eat the way you eat". Thereafter, I repented the sin of gluttony and started reducing the quantity that I used to eat, but a bit later I resumed it again.

The Lord then told me: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God". I again decided to stop overeating, but later again I did it.

God has many ways of correcting us. When he saw that I had failed to stop my gluttony, he took me into a vision in which I felt too much fear and finally took an unchangeable decision to stop overeating. This experience showed me that what God had been telling me was serious and needed my attention and consideration.

One day I decided to stay at home the whole day, preparing some discussion that I would conduct with people later. But I spent the whole day eating only and did not do anything. I came to realize that too much food weakens, when you have overeaten you start feeling sleepy. That is exactly what happened to me that day. My husband was also at home.

Then after getting the breakfast, my husband called me to join him and share with him. We ate together, despite that I had just finished eating again shortly.





Then I resumed my assignment. Surprisingly, within less than five minutes I fell asleep. When I woke up, that day's lunch was also ready.

Once again my husband told me: "Please come and we share lunch, it is ready". I left the room where I was and went downstairs to join him for lunch. After eating, I felt too much sleepy again and wet to bed. This time I slept deeply.

That is when God gave me the vision that frightened me. In the vision, I was sleeping in the back room of our church. Then I saw myself eating pieces of meat that were still being cooked in a boiling pan. What disappointed me is that I was sleeping while others were in church hearing the Word of God.

Then after some while, there came a man to see me at the place where I was sleeping, he took a razor blade that I had put near me, and told me: "Old woman, there is nothing else that you need except having people cut your nails. Please let me cut your nails".

He cut my nails, I had very long nails, and after cutting them he showed them to me and said: "Do you see how your nails had grown too long? You cannot even cut your nails by yourself anymore!"

I woke up and felt afraid, and that is when I understood that my gluttony had made me lazy and will separate me from God, thus taking me to hell. The vision made me understand that an old woman is a weak person who is not able to do anything, just as I was no longer able to even cut my nails.

An old woman, spiritually speaking, is a person who is very weak in God's affairs. It is a person who looks discouraged in serving God. Therefore, you understand that overeating weakens you and causes you to feel sleepy, thus render you unable to pray and serve God.

Another thing I have learned is that when you have eaten too much it is not easy for you to fellowship with God. And the power of God, which is the Holy Spirit, does not work in someone whose stomach is always too full.

God works with people who are able to control their stomach, who take some time in prayer and fasting. God was seeing me as an old woman who was good for nothing and could not help herself. From then onward, I reduced my quantity of food and my fellowship with God changed tremendously.

God does not want us to have a big desire for anything, be it food, beer, people or any other thing. Our desires are for many things, and the Lord will not take up with us, because whatever we desire, we give a lot of time and energy on it. Whenever you put something else other than God first, you provoke God, and you are aware that He does not take anything from us which is not in the first place.



When you give the first place of your heart to something else apart from God, God shifts and leaves you because he is a jealous God. And he does not share his glory with others. As I mentioned earlier, the Word of God written in Ezekiel 6:9 tells us: "Then in the nations where they have been carried captive, those who escape will remember me, how I have been grieved by their adulterous hearts which had turned away from me". Too much desire for worldly things does not please God.

In the **Song of Songs 8:6**, the bride told the groom these words, just consider as if it was you telling them to Jesus since he is our groom and we are his brides. She told him: "Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm, for love is as strong as death, and its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like a blazing fire, like a mighty flame".

It is therefore important that we stay in God's chest, but placing him in first the position of our hearts, and so God will also keep us on his heart, and we will become like bracelets on God's hand. When you keep something valuable on your hand, you keep your eye on it. So, we also need to behave in such a way that God will keep his eye on us, so that we will overcome this world through his power fighting for us.

Having too much desire for worldly things more than God is very dangerous. It disappoints God and makes him jealous. Yet it is written that his jealousy is like a consuming fire. Therefore, we should avoid provoking him. The Israelites were provoking God to anger, and many of them perished in the wilderness. On their way to the Promised Land, these people still desired what they had left in Egypt and were not satisfied with what the Lord was giving them in their journey to Canaan.

They desired the things that were left behind in Egypt and failed to get them back. They even worshipped idols and statues on their way and this irritated God. God tried to discipline them to the extent of speaking to them on Mount Zion, but they did not quit their worldly desires.

Therefore they perished in the desert. We also should avoid irritating God for fear of losing our everlasting life because of loving worldly things that will be destroyed with our souls. Let us put our hearts on things that will edify our souls and contribute to taking us to heaven for everlasting life.

#### **e. The Lord Jesus took away my fear and made me bold**

God healed my fear. Today there is nothing that can intimidate me again and take my peace. The moment I received Jesus, the first miracle he did for me was to give me rest and total peace in my heart. The heaviness that I used to have in my heart left, the discouraging voice I used to hear inside me left, swea-



ting that troubled me stopped. It is true that troubles and problems are there every now and then, but the Lord became the bearer of all my burdens.

Problems and challenges are always there, but I have seen that the Lord Jesus takes care of us and protects us. Every time I face any challenge, I don't fear or get upset but I give all to him, trust him and he takes control of everything.

What he told us in Mark 11:28 is very true, where he says: "Come to me you all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest". I wish every person who is burdened will receive Jesus and find his rest.

No one has ever sought for him and failed to find him. And no one came to him and was chased out. Jesus is always waiting to receive any person who wants to come to him. Every person naturally has fear in him, but we should not think is normal, because the spirit of fear comes from Satan.

The Spirit of God gives us peace and happiness. So, any person who has no faith in God is always fearful and without peace, wondering how his future will be.

Such a person is number one on the list of those who will perish; he comes first among all other evildoers. The Word of God in Revelation 21:8, tells us: "But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars- their place will be consigned to the fiery lake of burning Sulphur. This is the second death".

A person who lives with fear has kept Satan in his life. He is the one who keeps telling us words to discourage us, telling us that we have no refuge, and that there is no hope for today and the future. Therefore, we need to put God in our hearts so that he can heal our fears, and be hard-eared to Satan and chase him out of our hearts.

Our ears should stop listening to Satan and be dedicated to only listening to our God. Our thoughts and plans should only focus on God's guidance. We need to stop thinking about our personal problems that we encounter in life, God is alive and always ready to fight for us and protect us. We only need to make God's Word our daily guide, and so that is how we will enjoy his endless Peace in our lives.

## **f. Conclusion**

A special message that I can give here for my readers is that Love and total peace come from nowhere else but from the Lord Jesus Christ. Since the very day when I received salvation, I have realized that having all the wealth of this world without Jesus is nothing. Having the Lord Jesus Christ in your life is far



better than possessing any “good thing” or “wealth” on this earth. I now understand and wish every parent who needs to ask for some valuable heritage to God as a legacy to his children, should ask for salvation which is Jesus Christ, and the living Word of God that will last forever and ever. When you only leave wealth to your children as their legacy without Jesus, they may end up fighting over them and misusing them. But having Jesus in their lives will help them love each other and have wisdom on how to get more out of what you left them with.

The Word of God in **Psalm 33:12** tells us that: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance”.

Another lesson that I learned in this is that memorizing the Ten Commandments cannot make us righteous. It is only the Lord Jesus Christ who comes into our lives and makes us righteous. I learned and memorized the Ten Commandments by heart since my childhood, but they never helped me in my life. I just remained the same as if I had not learned them.

The Word of God in **Romans 3:21** emphasizes this in the following words: “But now righteousness from God, apart from the law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference”.

It is true that even without Jesus, one may know the Law by heart, but we remain powerless in putting what we know into practice, because in our nature we only have the ability to do what is bad instead of doing what is good. We plan to do what is good, but we suddenly are forced to do what we do not like.

Even Paul who was a great Apostle of Jesus Christ tells us about the same thing that happened to him. In his Epistle to **Romans 7:21-25** he says the following: “So I find this law at work; when I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law. But I see another law at work in some part of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin with me at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?”

We get saved through Jesus Christ, which I have detailed in my testimony. Without Jesus leading you and showing you the way, correcting your shortcomings, teaching you to be humble, can you go to heaven? No, you cannot finish this race successfully. And as a result, you cannot go to heaven.

We will go to heaven because of him, and through his blood that cleanses us. It is for our good to totally give ourselves to him. Remember, he does not help those who are far from him, and he does not forgive those who are not with him.



So, we need to know that those who believe in Christ will not be judged **Romans 8:1-4**. There are many people who make their personal righteousness, thinking that they will be justified by their works without having Christ.

It is impossible, when you do not have Christ, whatever good works you may do cannot justify you. Your flesh will always lead you into worldly desires, and many other sins that are done in the heart. We need to continue remembering the three keys that open the heaven for us:

Salvation, the Blood of Jesus, and Good Works. If you lack any one of these three keys, you cannot go to heaven. And the way to heaven starts by receiving Jesus Christ, believing in him and dedicating yourself to him.

### **3.3.2. The Lord Jesus Christ revealed Himself to me**

As I have said earlier, whatever I asked for from the Lord never took long, it just happened the way I had asked. The Lord Jesus Christ revealed himself to me in three different ways.

#### **a. In a loud voice he called me and gave me visions**

Here, I am going to give you a few examples on how the Lord revealed himself to me, since I cannot write everything in this small book. In the night of 28 November 2006, which was a special night that I have ever had or will ever have in my life, the Lord Jesus Christ called me with his loud voice. It was the first time my Lord called me with an audible voice.

I was in a deep sleep, and at around 2:00am, I heard him calling me and telling me: "Christine, wake up and pray, ask me to give you customers who will rent your building".

In those days, I indeed had no tenants for my building, and only one tenth of the house was used. Those who had occupied the remaining part had left in the same period. Consequently, I was not able to pay the bank loan.

I then knelt down, trembling, and prayed as the Lord had commanded me. I told God: "Lord, I did not know that you can speak to people in that way, and since I have been asking you for renters to occupy my house for a long time, Lord I knew that you had heard me. But because you have commanded me to pray again, I will do it, with tears, so that you see how serious my issue is".

I knelt down and prayed as the Lord Jesus had commanded me, and I shed tears. I had gone from place to place, looking for tenants, but in vain.



In that time, I had advertised the building through newspapers, NGOs, Diplomats, International Organizations, with all my efforts, but nothing worked out for me. Nobody came to rent it.

Some clients were coming to visit through the building, and after discussing on the conditions of the rent, they would tell me that they were going to talk to their bosses and come back later. Thereafter I would wait for them to come back in vain. I tell you brethren, when God has closed, nobody can open, and when God has opened, nobody can close **Revelation 3:8**. I witnessed this with my own eyes.

I tell you the Lord Jesus is truthful. That very day in the afternoon, at around 4:00pm, two men came looking for offices The New Times magazine. They came without me calling them, I didn't know that they needed to shift from their former offices of Kacyiru, but the Lord knew it and brought them.

Those men, God guided them and brought them to me. When they arrived, I welcomed them and they toured the whole building, and they selected the rooms that they needed. The following day, we signed a contract and they moved into my building. Clients continued to come one after another until my house was fully occupied.

God works for us even without our knowledge, without our efforts. There are even many things God does for us without telling us and we just see them happening. However, in this case, the Lord wanted to clearly show me that he did it himself, so that I will not think or boast that I did it with my strength or my intelligence. He wanted to teach me how I need to trust God alone. I tell you, there is no good broker for our businesses like Jesus.

The Lord Jesus knows everything; he knows the plans of every person. He is the answer for all our problems. He even knows all people who need to shift from their countries to come and do their business in our country, and those who need to find new offices for rent just like those that he brought to rent my house. I have understood all this and am now at peace.

Today, if a certain tenant wants to terminate our contract and leave my house, I just take his letter to God and pray in these words: "Lord, you see this client wants to leave, please help me find another one for replacement".

After that, I continue praying regularly until I see other clients coming to rent that vacant room. I no longer waste my money and my time advertising to find clients. God sends those that he wants to use to bless you.



This miracle from God strengthened my faith, and taught me many things on how God works. It convinced me that the Word God said in **Jeremiah 33:2-3** is true. We cannot do anything by ourselves unless God helps us.

That is the reason why God wants us to call to him for help whenever we face challenges. He said: "This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it, the Lord is his name. Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know".

This very Word of God is also found in **Philippians 4:6** and reads as follows: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God".

Whatever we desire must be taken to God through prayers, and He knows which way or side our answers will come from. It is not good to look for people to answer our prayers - not even your relatives or friends.

Later after a few days in the same month, the Lord called me again and said "Christine, what I gave you is not enough? Why are you running after thieves?" At that time, I had met and agreed to work with a man from Senegal, as the Managing Director of his company. This man had won a tender in Rwanda Electricity Company/ EWASA (then called ELECTROGAZ). The tender was for 1,300,000 Rwandan Francs. He showed me a letter of that tender, and I agreed. I also woke up trembling as usual, and asked for forgiveness because I had done that agreement without God's consent. The lesson I learnt from this experience is that the Lord is always there to help and give good guidance because he knows everything.

Nevertheless, the Word of God in **Jeremiah 17:5-8**, tells us that: "This is what the Lord says, cursed is the one who trusts in a man, who depends on flesh for his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord. He will be like a bush in the west lands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes, its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought, and never fails to bear fruits".

I later realized that the Senegalese man wanted me to become his tool, and aimed at stealing my all my money. I have no words or deeds through which I can fully thank the Lord for his salvation.

The next morning I did not respect the appointment with that Senegalese man. I simply told him that I had not yet fully understood the business of his company. I said that I still needed more explanations about that business.



I know it is God who wanted to show me who that mischievous man was. When we met again the following day, I asked him if two people can do business together without knowing each other.

I continued saying that: "I would like to advise you to take me just like a simple worker for your business, I will work for you and you will be paying me, so that you can first see how I perform before you entrust me with bigger responsibilities in your business. And when we have sufficiently known each other, you can employ me to bigger positions".

This made him angry and he said: "But why did I want to share my money with you?" I answered him: "That's what I also feared. I am not your relative, neither am I your friend, we do not even know each other well, so why should you entrust me with your money?"

Then he said: "Do you want to know who I am?" I said YES. He then said: "I am going to show you who I am." And he switched on his laptop, showed me pictures of his prostitutes, the ones he had left in Senegal, others in Canada, and the ones he used to sleep with in Kigali.

I was terribly surprised, and decided to leave him alone and went home. I thanked God and am still thanking him for he protected me from falling into the pit that Satan had dug for me. I immediately understood that he man wanted me to also be his concubine and his instrument, so that I could steal my husband's money and take it to him. I really do not know anything that can forbid me to serve my God.

Not long after the past incident that I met a Rwandan man. We had known each other for some years. He told me he wanted to leave his business with me. He wanted to manage his business while living abroad. He, as well as his accountant, told me what he gained out of his business and the percentage I would be getting. I asked him to give me three days to pray about it and see what the Lord says about it. I left and prayed over it for three days.

On the fourth day the Lord answered my prayer. As I was a sleep, in a vision, He took me back to my former secondary school. I saw two airplanes entering my room. Both of them crashed and fell on my bed. I woke up from my sleep and started asking myself many questions about this vision with no answers.

I only thought that since I had been praying over the business, maybe this was the answer, though it was very confusing. I therefore decided to take three more days praying, to get a real answer for this issue.

I concluded these prayers on Sunday as we were in a Church Service, and I still insisted in my personal petition asking God to what it was about. I then heard





a voice telling me: “Don’t be a fool. If it were a good plan, those airplanes that you saw would not have crashed and fallen; they would rather have landed successfully. This means that your business and that of the man that you want to partner with will fail”. I then thanked God and took the decision to go and tell the man that I could not partner with him.

Another thing that I learned is that if God tells you to do some activity, He also gives confirmation signs. After like two weeks, I learned that the Rwandan man’s business was bankrupt. I thanked the Lord for His love and mercy. He refused me to partner with that man whose business was bankrupt because that would lead us into big problems later. I had shortly come across a certain Lawyer who explained to me that any business that fails to pay its bank loan in forcefully and officially put in auction by the power of the law.

That Lawyer also told me that there are many people out there whose businesses were going to be put in auction sale, and he mentioned a number of names including the name of that man who wanted me to partner with him. God is so good and fights for us.

When your fellowship with the Lord is good, He will keep you from dangers, and will warn you before anything bad happens. The Word of God in Psalms 16:7-8, says “I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before, because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken”.

### **b. He healed sick people and increased my faith**

First, it was on 19 March 2007, at 7:00 pm, I was watching a program on TV where the High Court had people giving their testimonies on the Gacaca court. I saw a lady, who could not walk straight, give her testimony on how she survived the killings that was conducted against the Tutsis in 1994. She explained how she was raped, cut on her shoulders, beaten and thrown in the Nyabaron-go River, and how the Lord saved her miraculously. I followed her testimonies carefully. Then I heard a voice telling me to take a pen and write her name and address to pay her a visit. I obeyed the Lord and did what he told me to do. I started praying for that night, and promised God that I will visit her.

After a few days, I woke up early and went to the Sector Office, to get her address. The Sector Leader sent for her and only after few minutes she was there. After looking at her, I burst into tears: she looked worn out, powerless and extremely sad, as if life had given up on her. She told me her story, how she was the last remaining of her family, how because of her disability, she couldn’t live normally and had given up on hope. I knelt and we prayed together. She told me everything she went through, and told me how she went to different hospi-



tals but nothing worked out for her. I told her, since you went to many doctors with no change, then I will have no other doctor to take you to but we will only look to God for help.

Since we met she got better and better. Now as I speak, she is well physically, and spiritually. She gained hope to live and even forgave the ones who raped her. Ever since, she has been a true advocate of reconciliation, urging those who survived the genocide to forgive those who killed their loved ones, and for those on the killing side to ask for forgiveness and repent for their atrocities. She is now being invited to go and give her testimonies in Schools, Churches and in big and small gatherings.

What I learnt from her testimonies is that, we should not overlook the command of God, whether it sounds small. Do you think when He sent me to her, I considered myself as a messenger of God? I never thought the Lord wanted to empower her through me

In May 2007, the voice of God told me: “Tomorrow, you will go to church”. I woke up in the morning and went to church. After a while, a lady who was sick came in and told us to pray for her as she felt she was almost dying.

Surprisingly the Pastor told me to lay my hands on her. I prayed for her and went back to her seat. After church, I took her and sat her in my car and asked her what her problem was. She told me that she was on birth control, but her monthly periods had stopped; now it was the fourth month. She was not even able to walk and was feeling dizzy. She said she had tried every doctor in town but it was all in vain. I knew a place where they sold FOREVER Living Products which would help her.

As we were driving, God told me: “You will pay for the medicine. If you don’t, she will die and her blood will be on your hands”. I bought the drugs for her and drove her to her house. That night, I prayed for her, and in the morning, she gave a phone call telling me that the Lord had healed her from all her troubles.

I thank the Lord who has healed that lady, and for Him to let me become part and partaker of that miracle. For sure we can’t say that it was because of those medicines, the miracle was from God Himself. This can be compared to what Jesus did, when he took the mud and put to the eyes of a blind man, and got healed. When God told me to pay for medicines, He knew that she did not have the money for that. I later found out that she was jobless and was living off her husband’s salary.

The following Monday at 6:00am, the Lord introduced me to a 17-year-old girl, who was paralyzed from the waist downward. She had been having this problem for three years. I was travelling back to Kigali from Cyangugu where I had



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gone for a three-day field work.

I met this girl in the bus on my way back to Kigali. Her mother told me that she had taken her to almost every hospital, and she was then transferred to Kigali Central University Hospital (CHUK). I asked her to call me if there was anything I could do. We gave each other our telephone numbers for further communication.

As I said those words, I asked myself, what would I be able to do where all medical doctors have failed? When the bus started off, I heard an inner voice telling me to pray for that girl- which I did immediately and continued praying for her every night.

On Thursday morning as I woke up, I heard the same inner voice telling to call Felicitée who (the sick girl's mother). I called her and asked her about her daughter's condition. She told me that they had conducted all the medical tests possible but could not find anything wrong. And I realized she was becoming more and more hopeless in her voice.

That morning, I went to see them at the hospital, taking with me some fruits and some medications to rub her back. I did not choose to do that, the Lord Himself instructed and commanded me to that. On Sunday evening, at about 4:00 pm, the girl's mother called me and asked me to go and see what the Lord had done to her daughter. She had started standing up and walking.

The miracles that the Lord did before my eyes and those He did in my life are so numerous that I cannot be able to put them in this small book. Nevertheless, for those who have not received Jesus yet, I hope and pray that this book will help you receive Him as your Savior and Lord so that you also experience His love and miracles.

### **c. The Lord Jesus Christ made me His servant**

First and foremost, I would like to say that I did nothing for the Lord to save me. It is not because I pray more than others, not because of my righteousness, not because of what I own, not even that I was more generous than others. It is thanks to His love and grace. By His grace I carry the Good News of salvation. I always wonder as to how the Lord managed to take insults from my mouth and replaced them with His Word. I have nothing to pay back, but to tell every person that my Father loves everybody.

I am assured that we were all created for good work. What He requires from us is to come to Him and give Him the first place in our lives. The word of God says that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.



The Gospel according to **John 1:10-13** says: "He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, He gave the right to become the children of God. Children born not of natural descent, nor human decision, or husband's will, but born of God".

The Lord made me see the importance of telling other people about His goodness. I was eager to know the true meaning of salvation, to get a clear explanation on how to help those with little knowledge about it.

On 17 June 2007, I got up in the night and started praying in these words: "Lord, give me your light so that I shine for others and bring many to you". I finished my prayer at around 5:00 in the morning, and when I opened the door, to my great surprise, I saw the sun and Jesus was in that sun coming to give me his light. That sun was hanging in the air, changing colors of different trees and grass. I felt as if I was in a trance, not on this earth anymore. This vision lasted for 30 minutes, after which, the sun changed the color into blood, and went up above in the clouds. When the color changed, my heart was full of pain, as if I was seeing Jesus hanging on the cross.

On 9 November 2007, the Lord gave me this message: "There is no more time to play! I, the Lord, am standing on the Mount Zion and I am blowing the trumpet. You sons of men, I gave you all the good of the earth, but I have not tell you that it is your last destiny. I sent you my Son so that he can show you how you can reach me, and he died for you, but you did not learn anything. Suppose you send your child to school and he brings you a zero, how will you feel? Tell my people that whoever hears my voice should not harden his heart. Those who call me Lord and do not do my will don't please my heart".

This message brought fear and sorrow into my heart, because I realized that my Lord was coming back soon, but his people were not prepared for this event. We are comfortable with the worldly things and do not care for our last destiny. We forget that after this life, there is another life, but we need to prepare for it. We tend to forget that the time we have here is to help us prepare for the everlasting one.

Our Lord died for all people, but only those who received him will be saved. They will be the ones who will overcome the world of Satan.

In the Gospel according to John 14:6 Jesus says: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the father except through me".

The Lord wants to give us eternal life and the journey from the dominion of Satan to the kingdom of God starts when we receive Jesus Christ as our savior



and Lord. Therefore, we need to know that the only way to heaven is through salvation. There are some people who don't want to embrace this truth, there are others who fail to know it because of the teaching they got from their religions. There is yet another group of people who are still bound on the earthly things, and do everything to please their desires. If we fail to see God here on earth, we will not see Him in heaven. Let us use our time here wisely and find Him, because he is found by those who seek Him. Let us always consider our destiny, because our life here, determines our future.

The Lord later told me that He is the Lion putting on sheep clothing. To understand these words, I read the Word of God in **Revelation 5:5-10**, where the Bible says that the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the rock of David has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals, you are worthy to take scroll and open it because you were slain and with your blood you purchased many (v9). (V10) You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on earth.

These words showed me that the Lord is compared to a lion, and compared to the lamb. The two animals are different from each other; a lion is a powerful and very terrible animal, while a lamb is meek and humble.

The Lord taught me through these words that He is the ruler of heaven and earth, who is worthy to be honored and worshipped.

Many people treat God as a small baby that they can play with. Through his message, he also taught me that though he is a King, he is a loving King, full of compassion, a lamb that still gives us an opportunity to make things right.

Salvation is a journey that you choose to go personally, but you cannot walk in it alone without the company of the Lord Jesus. In Revelation 3:21, the Bible says that to him who overcomes, he will give the right to sit with him on his throne, just as He overcame and is seated with my Father on His throne.

After getting this message, I prayed that the Lord will lead us during this time. To answer me, the Lord said that the revival will not take place until His people have said the truth amongst themselves. In the Gospel according to **John 18:37**, we read: "Everyone on the side of truth listens to me".

The plan of revival has been given to us. If we consider we were misled because of the lies we were taught from the beginning, now the Lord Himself has come to teach us and tell us how we can walk with Him and live for him.

As a reminder, he gave me three keys of which people around the world would go through to help them know the meaning of salvation, which is the only way to heaven.



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**On the first key is written Salvation.**

**On the second key is written The Blood of Jesus.**

**On the third key is written Good Works.**

When the Lord gave me these keys, he told me that the first keys will be used to open those hardened hearts, because salvation is Jesus. The second key will be used to wash away their sins. And the third key will be used to accompany them to heaven. During your time on this earth, make sure you have these three keys and walk with wherever you go.

Certify that you undoubtedly have Jesus in your life, and that you received him willingly, not forced by the traditions of men, as it happened to me when I was even baptized while I was a one-day-old baby, without knowing what was going on. The word salvation had been hidden to us in the past, instead of teaching us the truth, they called it meeting the Lord or giving him vows. Make sure that you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

Make sure that the Lord Jesus Christ forgave your sins and cleansed you by his blood. Believe also that his blood is always ready to cleanse you whenever you stumble. You will only be forgiven when you humble yourself and ask for the forgiveness of your past and present sins, and for all the wrongs you did and confessed them.

The Lord Jesus Christ taught me about those keys, so that I can also be able to teach others. Since the month of March 2010, God started teaching me in a serious and detailed way.

God started giving me prophetic messages for all people on the earth, so that they can know how to prepare for the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ which is at hand.

Those prophetic messages that God was giving me were accompanied by a number of Bible verses that were to help me understand those messages first before taking them to other people. I wrote a special book as a collection of those messages. God advised me to entitle that book: "THINK ABOUT YOUR DESTINY".

People who will read that book will understand everything about salvation the same way I also progressively understood it. The explanations that I got from those messages helped me and enabled me to write another book about the three keys that I have been mentioning in this testimony. I entitled it: "SALVATION IS NOT A TOY". This book will help people understand the true way that will take us to the Heavenly Kingdom.



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## **Part: IV: Conclusion**

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Message: I am convinced that this testimony will bring changes to my readers. I know that there are many people on this earth who are like me before I got saved, but they do not know where they can go for help.

I believe this detailed testimony can give you the answer to your questions and problems. It also shows that peace, calmness and joy come from nowhere else but from the Lord Jesus Christ who is the Prince of Peace.

I hope this book will help many people to know the truth and receive the Lord Jesus, by changing their lives and considering their destiny.

I would like to advise every person who has not received the Lord Jesus Christ yet as his/her Savior and Lord, to do it now before it is too late, for without him you cannot find peace, neither will you reach heaven. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life; nobody will go to the Father without passing through him, because he is our judge.

I also wish to advise those who have received Him to continue living for Him. Do not take for granted His grace given to you. My beloved Brethren, the time for playing is over. Let's bear in mind that those who deliberately refuse to hear from the Lord will need to do so when it is too late. We need to jealously take care of our salvation and walk toward our successful destiny. Amen!





































