

Marie Antoniette Abad – Testimony

I was a Catholic, I was born into a Catholic family, went to a Catholic school. I thought I knew Christ, I knew what he did, I knew what He wants me to do but somehow it felt like He was just someone I needed to please, someone I needed to say sorry to. He was like a giver of gifts to me – when I did something right, He should give me this and that. It never occurred to me that what He did at the cross was something personal for me. So I continued to sin, disobeyed Him and followed my desires. It was around the time I started working that a colleague shared the gospel with me on two occasions and it was during the second time that it really hit home. I was convicted of how selfish and self-righteous I was, how I was living a sinful life fuelled by my own desires. I had never acknowledged the greatest gift that had always been waiting for me. Romans 3:23 says “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”; it showed me how helpless I was as a sinner, how my efforts to bridge the gap that sin had made between me and God were futile. I could never bridge that gap through my own efforts and works. But God in his great demonstration of love for us, made a way for us to be saved. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says “God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God”. So I started to think and transform my ways, actions, decisions and thoughts in His light. From that day on, I accepted and acknowledged Him as my Saviour because of the blood He shed for me on that cross to personally save me from the fires of hell and as my Lord because I have stepped out of the driver seat of my car and let him take control of the steering wheel as I go through life. I am still a work in progress, I still make mistakes but I have security in Him now. I have peace and hope that no matter what life throws my way, my driver will navigate my way through His way.