



My name is Nick Petrovski. I am 35 years old. I'm of Macedonian background. I was born at St. George Hospital in Sydney Australia, and grew up in the St. George area, and still live in the same house today. Growing up I always believed there is a God. But I had no idea who He was, that we could have a relationship with Him and know Him personally as a Heavenly Father. I believed He was somewhere far away and not reachable.

Coming from a Macedonian background our family went to church two times a year for Easter and Christmas to a Macedonian orthodox church. I didn't understand why we went, what it was all about, I just tagged along religiously carrying on man made tradition. I watched the greatest story ever told (the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ) on many occasions. I did scripture as a subject for three years in high school, blinded to the good news

of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I finished school and got into the work force still blinded and lost trying to fill that void in my soul. I tried filling it with sports, finding the right career (changing jobs), alcohol, nightclubs and sex. It only succeeded in leaving me even more empty.

Until November 2006 when I was sitting at home flicking through the channels on pay TV looking for a program to watch. Something lead me to watch this channel I normally flicked through, knowing now that it was the Holy Spirit. Unaware that it would give me the answer to the void that I had been trying to fill for many years. That Jesus Christ is the only one who can fill that void inside us. Everything else is temporary, just a cover up. This is when God opened my eyes to see the significance of the cross and what it represented. His amazing love and grace, the forgiveness of sins, the suffering, pain and shame He went through for us sinners His enemy. I thought I knew what love was until God opened my eyes to the cross. Peace and contentment was no where to be found now it is right here forever. I saw my need for Jesus Christ, so at the end of the program when they asked if there were any viewers who wanted to receive Jesus Christ as there Lord and Saviour, I gladly

prayed and called upon Jesus Christ to come into my heart and be my Lord and Saviour, save me from my sin and take me to heaven when I die.

For the next 8 months my fellowshiping was with this channel. During this time as God gave me a hunger for His Word I started reading the Bible, which took me about 7 months to read. Then I started reading some Christian books and one particular book spoke about being planted in a church to grow spiritually. This was my next step to find a church to attend regularly. The problem was I didn't know anybody who was a Christian except my cousin which I only found out a year before that he was a Christian. I gave him a call and he invited me to come to the church he attends which is a charismatic church. It was kind of like going to a rock concert but I wasn't totally surprised because on the pay TV channel I spent a lot of time watching, there was mainly this type of service. Also this happened to be the type of music I was into, so I thought this is pretty good, I get to go to a rock concert, praise and worship god and hear his word preached every weekend. I stayed at this church for 2 months then I found one closer to home. This was also a charismatic church, and I stayed there for 15 months.

Then I met Brother Angelo through a friend in February 2009. They were going to a night service at Macarthur Baptist Church and my friend asked me if I wanted to come along, I said yes as I was looking for a night service to go to because the church I went to stopped there Sunday night service for a Friday night service. After speaking with Angelo and seeing the differences between the charismatic church and the independent Baptist church, I was challenged to search the scriptures and see what the Word of God had to say about some of the teaching and practices of the charismatic church. One of these is the music used by them. The music isn't any different from the world, from rock, rap, r&b and dance. I found many scriptures showing this to be contrary to God's Word. I have three I would like to share. In I John 2:15-16 it says Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world. Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses know

ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. The other errors of the charismatic church I discovered from God's Word are speaking in tongues, women pastors and slain in the spirit (falling backwards). These are the scriptures I discovered regarding these errors. I Corinthians 13:8-10 It says Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. In these verses I believe prophecies, tongues and knowledge was done away when that which is perfect has come, which is the completed Bible. In I Corinthians 14:34 It says Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. As for slain in the spirit I don't believe this is a Biblical practice. One other thing I was made aware of was the modern versions of the Bible today have major omissions in them, and these were the Bible versions I was using. I checked this out and found that there are serious omissions in them. I found

this out in a book called Answers by Keith Piper. I know use the King James Bible after seeing these errors. I'd like to finish with this scripture Psalm 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.