

4 Points Overview of the Christian Faith

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• The Christian faith believes that **God made the world and everything in it, and they were good and God Loves It**, but that they have been messed up and spoilt by the wrong things that we all do (sin).



• **That all of us have done some of these things**, and these things get in the way of us knowing God properly. But God has not given up on us



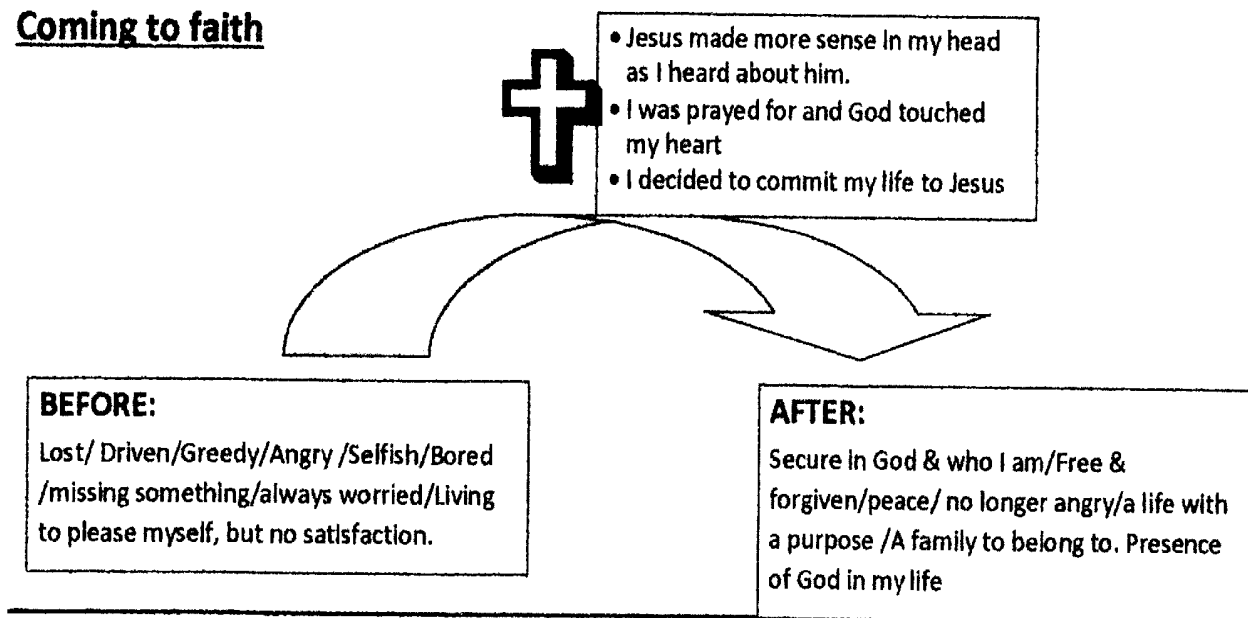
• That the only way that **we can know God properly again is because of Jesus dying for us on the cross in our place**, and because He hadn't ever done anything wrong was brought back to life by God.



• **If we choose to follow Jesus and His ways of doing things**, we die with him, and become a new sort of person. We also become a part of God's family, together with other followers of Jesus, and we can know God as our perfect Father. Living a full and worthwhile life, hear and now and having a long term purpose for it, now and for eternity.

Before, During and After – my experience of the Christian Faith

Coming to faith



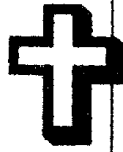
In a culture where 'feelings and experiences' are highly valued (sometimes even more so than truth), it is our experience of coming to faith, or living/growing in faith that we may well start with. **Before, during and After.** It's helpful to have thought these through and be able to tell people simply...

Coming to faith

1. What was life like before giving my life to Jesus? -
2. What happened to change that?
3. What's it like now?

Growing in faith: Before – During – After

Example



- Prayed for by others **[Trust in God grew]**
- God started to show me through the Bible that God loves my family, more than I ever could – they are his family.
- Growing trust as I saw his faithfulness to others

BEFORE: [Worried/inadequate]

- Worried about safety and provision for my family. I found it hard to trust God

AFTER: [Sure God's greater]

- Easier to trust knowing that they are God's family first & foremost
- I still have my part to play.
- It's not always easy – but God's got it covered (somehow)!

My story:



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We should all have things that we can share about our growing faith, or what difference Jesus makes to us.

Growing in faith

1. What was life like before? – How did I feel?
2. What happened to change that? – How did that feel?
3. What's it like now? - How do I feel now?

For us at the moment it might be... Knowing God's healing/acceptance/ trust that God is in control/ wonder at something about Jesus' love. Sense of condemnation removed etc etc etc