

Converted On LSD Trip

Alternatively: **Saved from Sin, Death and Hell by
The Lord Jesus Christ**
By David Clarke

I have entitled the story with the words of the, "**The Bucks Herald**" newspaper headlines, of 11 th. February 1971. This is because as believers where first called Christians at Antioch, by the world, so the title of my story has been adopted from the world of the media.

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2.0 About The Author

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Since leaving Borstal in 1968, he had a 3 year career of undetected crime until 16 Th January 1970, when he experienced a Christian conversion whilst suffering from the effects of LSD.

He trained as a lecturer at Wolverhampton Polytechnic and commenced teaching at Luton College of Higher Education in 1978. He has taught hundreds of students during his 21 years as a lecturer.

When moving to Fareham in 1990, David turned away from God in unbelief and went through divorce and remarriage. However he returned to God in faith and repentance and since 1994 he has spoken to many of his friends all about what Jesus has done for him.

David believes it is now time to complete his students education. He now wishes to make known to all his former friends and students and their friends, that his bad experience on LSD is nothing compared to the experience of Hell. He wants to tell them all how they too might be saved through faith in Jesus Christ.

Like Oscar Schindler and his list, all that were on that list were saved, so too this David has a list of over 250 former students and friends who he is seeking and will contact shortly. He wishes to persuade them to listen and hear in full all that Jesus Christ has done for him and what he can do for them. Many of his friends have found life difficult and gone through marriage break ups, been made redundant and are without work. Some are without hope, some in

drink dry out centres. Some are ill and hopeless and some have died. David conducted the funeral of John Sawyer of Titchfield in 1997, a student of his whom had no one left in the world to help in his death. The police only had David's name and telephone number written down by John to contact when he died. David wishes to bring a message of hope to all his friends showing them Jesus still saves today. David believes he has had a word of encouragement, from the Lord, about this testimony it is:

“And he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of fishes which they had taken”: Luke 5 verse 9.

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3.0 The Story

This is a true story of two brothers born in Oldham Lancashire, Michael John Clarke (1947) and David Clarke (1949).

The story portrays a remarkable change that took place in the life of David, on the night of 16 Th January 1970, when 20 years old, but left his brother Michael untouched . David was miraculously converted to faith in Christ when Jesus Christ actually spoke to him during a bad trip on LSD. His life was changed dramatically overnight from a life of crime, drug taking and promiscuity.

Both brothers influenced each other until this time (during the 50's & 60's) which lead to David serving time in Dover Borstal and Michael a two year prison sentence in Maidstone Prison for a charges of malicious wounding and theft.

Their live paths changed from the night 16 Th January 1970. David turning from his former life of crime to follow Jesus Christ, as best he could, whilst Michael was left to go his own way.

The story speaks in detail of all the significant events in David's life from a child to the time of his conversion to Christ. Then his on going life, of peculiar difficulties, in learning to follow Jesus Christ.

In Michael's case he had a lifetime of petty crime as a youth, which lead to two spells in Detention Centres , one Borstal sentence and then the two-year prison sentence in Maidstone Prison.

Michael's path took him through a broken engagement after going to Gretna Green to get married to his 16-year old girl friend. This lead to work at Butlins, as a Blue coat worker, (as a means of

escape). He then lived in Jersey in a tent. He later returned to Aylesbury from Jersey on a Chopper Motor Bike he had made from an old Triumph 100. It had a sprung rear wheel a 500-cc engine with a bronze cylinder head. The forks were raked and had beautiful chrome wheels and Cissey bars. He then began to build Chopper Motor bikes calling his business "Clarke's Customs Special" working from KKs garage in Aylsebury.

He later sold all his house and goods and move to Spain living on his 8 meter Bobcat Catamaran, seeking to live a life of ease and enjoyment in the sun on the Mediterranean sea. After this his boat was smashed by a hurricane on the rocks in Denier Harbour and he returned to England. He then married and had a brief flamboyant life-style in business, eventually obtaining his Rolls Royce and owning his own businesses, building two or three houses. This finally ended company liquidation, depression and broken marriage.

His broken marriage lead him into various scams in Thailand and a life of unusual living in Bangkok with his stories hitting National Newspapers. Finally he takes the ideas he learned from Patiya, Bangkok to the Philippines as a Travel Agent selling holidays where the main attraction was, "Adult Pleasures for men only". This hit international news and television. He is now serving a 16-year prison sentence after being "set up" by a local head-hunter in the Philippines for a crime he did not commit. It was feared at one time that he was going to get the death sentence for his crimes. He is now a broken man in body and heath having no hope for the future.

The account of David's life includes a detailed

account of how Jesus actually spoke to him that changed his life. It also includes many scriptural quotations showing his experience is truly of God. This conversion involved a court appearance confessing to 24 crimes , which hit the local news headlines and a remarkable conditional discharge . He also found himself on the front page when he sought to reach his old friends in crime through preaching. And again in 1982 he found himself in the news when he was expelled from St. Albans Abbey for staging a protest against a Roman Catholic Priest conducting mass, for the first time in 400 years, in the Anglican Abbey.

He later speaks of events which led him to doubt God and turn from God in unbelief which led to a brief (about 2-3 years) spell of immoral living and to divorce. As David the King committed murder and adultery and turned from his sin finding mercy and grace in the sight of God so did this David and he too can say, " Against thee only have I sinned and done this evil in thy sight".(Psa 51 4) . It also could be said he became a "prodigal son" (Math 15 .13). However he turns again to God in repentance and is restored to faith in Jesus Christ.

The thrust of the story is that God intervened in David's life but his brother Michael was left to himself. Had not God intervened in David's life where would he or they be today?

David is currently in contact with Michael in Muntinlupa City Prison in the Philippines and David's church is praying for him. It is believe God is able to save Michael and give him hope for the future even though he has lived a life far from God and is now serving a near life-sentence in an awful prison.

Stop Press: Micheal has become a Christian

and was baptised on the 16 th September 2000, in a 45-gallon oil drum in New Bilibid Prison. See page 220.

The story is real, remarkable and demonstrates the Goodness and mercy of God in saving one through Jesus Christ and the severity of God in leaving another to him self. Now delivering a brand from the burning fire.

This story could be of real help to any one working with unruly, youths, drug users, criminals, and manic-depressives.

It could be helpful for back slidden Christians and generally any one interested in what Jesus Christ can do is doing and will continue to do for all they who will believe the Gospel.

This is a message of hope and deliverance to all who feel they are at an end of them selves and in need of God.

David and Micheal (God willing) are available to talk of these things freely to any one in need. See contact page 233.

4.0 Confession To 24 Crimes

It was real, absolutely real, but none of my friends really believed me. All I could do was tell them what had happened to me and that was what I did. I told them all, the long, the short and the tall. As many of them as I could. They thought I had gone mad after taking LSD.

Jesus Christ had spoken to me and rescued me from a bad LSD trip, on Friday evening of the 16 Th January 1970. He had said that what I had been going through was **nothing compared to what hell was like**. I now knew the way and was determined to tell the others. I had become a Christian and no longer needed to live the life style I had adopted which had involved crime, drugs, promiscuity , flash cars and fame. I had been born again.

I was now responsible for sorting out all my stolen gear. What could be done with a builder's shed and stolen cars ? I still had in my possession many stolen goods, which included the 48-ft by

24 ft builders wooden shed, which we had stolen one night from a building site at Berkhamstead, and a lovely "G" reg. mini stolen from Hemel Hempstead, which was in the process of being "rung". Ringing meant replacing and old mini with legitimate registration documents and number plate a new one. My new mini was being used to replace it. This was to be my new car. I also had a Morris Minor Traveller which had been "rung" and was being used as a hire car.

I had stolen garage equipment which included an air compressor, electric welding equipment, spray guns and a trolley jack. I also several pieces of electrical test equipment which included

oscilloscopes, AVO meters and Colour TV's. I had all the garage equipment I needed to repair and spray cars.

I had a lovely Citroen car in the builder's shed which was being repaired. I obtained this car through swapping it for a colour TV set. The only problem was that I had stolen the TV set from an old people's home in Winslow, Buckinghamshire.

I also had two nice speed boat engines getting ready for the summer of 1970. All in all I had had a real good time full of excitement and fun.

In fact I had been stopped in the midst of my career which involved stealing all kinds of goods to have a good time. I had intended to have a caravan, speedboat, water skis, aqua-lung diving gear, flash cars, motor bikes, clothes and so on all through stealing. I was in fact stopped whilst in the midst of my career but not by the police. It was Jesus Christ who had called me by name and I followed him.

01 Stolen Goods

After You Become A Christian?

I thank God he intervened again a year later and His hand was clearly seen once more. I had no one else to help. As I write this I take encouragement in the faithfulness of God to me in never leaving me or forsaking me. I realise now I was kept through the power and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to bare witness today to many people of the goodness mercy of God.

The problem was solve by a visit from the CID.

02 Visit From The C.I.D

I was sitting at the table in our kitchen at 37

Finmere Crescent one evening in late 1971, when a knock came on the door. I had two visitors, a detective constable Robson and a younger man. I was greeted quite politely but with sure and certain words " **You are charged with stealing a colour television** " and "would you accompany us down to the police station to make a statement".

I knew instantly what I must do and say. I saw the hand of God and believed it was all his doing but I did not know the outcome. Leaving the outcome to God I asked the two men to sit down in the kitchen and I admitted the charge. At this DC Robson seemed most relieved, for he said to me later, he had thought I would be very difficult and awkward and deny the charge .

I explained I would certainly come with them to the police station and make a statement but I wanted to speak to them about other things first. I said I had many crimes I wished to tell them about but wanted to tell them first of all why I was informing them.

I wanted it to be known that they would not have been able to find out about my crimes unless I confessed them and I wanted to testify to the saving work of Jesus Christ - that he had saved me from my former criminal way of life a year previously and that I did not wish to get off lightly with this confession but rather bear testimony for Christ. For in no way could my crimes be discovered unless I tell them and owned up to them. I had a lot of property which could be returned.

I went with them to the police station and spent the rest of the evening making written statements giving details of my crimes. I was detained that evening in the police cells at Walton Street police

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