



# **HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **TESTIMONY OF CANDIDATE FOR CONFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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I was born into a Christian family and baptised as a baby; growing up, I had always been taught “Christian values” and pretty much all my friends were Christians. Safe to say, I had always believed in God. I knew of him, I knew the Bible stories, went to church every Sunday and I definitely identified myself as a Christian. All my life, I tried my best to be an example of who God would want us to be as Christians. Inevitably, sin was a constant presence in my life, simple lies, disobeying my parents and hating on others were some of the everyday “justifiable” sins that I committed. Although I believed in God and knew of his works, I never really understood what it meant to truly know Him and the ways of his heart. I could never say with confidence that if I were to die and meet God, I would be allowed through the pearly gates into heaven. I struggled.

All my life, growing up as a Christian, I never had the opportunity to be truly questioned and challenged in my faith (or lack thereof?). I never felt the need or the calling to be baptised, I thought life after baptism meant I had to be completely sin free. I definitely could not commit to a life like that and could not deal with the guilt associated with sinning. So honestly, the initial push for me to be confirmed this Easter was actually that of a practical one. I would be getting married sometime next year and many churches require baptism before you can hold your wedding at their premises. However, upon embarking on this journey, although I’m sure that the journey and walk with God never ceases, I feel closer to God now than I’ve ever been in my life. I

understand what it truly means when he died for me, why and how my sins would be washed away and living a new life (after baptism) would not mean to be completely sin free but to a commitment in changing my mind, heart and attitude towards sin by fully trusting and following in His Word and ways.

I cannot say that life after knowing Christ has immediately taken a 180 degree change for the better yet. I am still growing and trying to live in His Word. Moving forward, through this baptism, I would like to commit my life and my journey to the Lord, to appeal for the church (my spiritual family) to assist in guiding me through this journey and to keep me steadfast in the decision I have made in being a follower of Jesus Christ. Lastly, I would pray for my life and testimony to be a constant encouragement to anyone who is struggling and questioning. Take that leap of faith and start walking with God today!