

PRISON TESTIMONIES

Bible College at SCBC has provide me with the opportunity to grow in my relationship with Jesus Christ, and further my education while incarcerated. The love of Jesus Christ that has been extended to me many ways brings great joy to my heart. All of the faculty that teach here are dedicated in their work for the Lord. Great care has been taken to insure that the courses we take are offered at minimal costs. Thank you. (DEREK)

Dear Brother Bruce,

I want to thank you for being an inspiration to me because of your love for God's Word. When I first came to the Bible College course, I had doubts about my ability to make it in the class. Because of the love you have for us convicts, you built me up and encouraged me. The Bible says that people will know we are Christians by our love for one another. What I am trying to say is that I see that kind of love coming from you, Brother Bruce. I want to thank you for sharing your time and your understanding of God's Word with me. You have inspired me to be a teacher of the Bible. That is what I want to do when I get out of here. I know I will make it when I get out because of what I have learned in these classes. (GARY)

Since accepting Christ 15 years ago, I've been in continuous fellowship with the church. I have taken 36 units from SCBC, 38 correspondence courses plus other activites. I want to go into full-time service one day upon my release. (JERRY)

Dear Bruce,

Thanks for your letter. Please know that you are always in my prayers. Since I have transferred to another prison, I am eager to continue the course of study that I began at Donovan State Prison. The plan that you have suggested is fantastic. I am ready to work on Bible Study Methods as soon as you can send me the class materials. Merry Christmas to you. We can look to our Lord in everything with praise and thanksgiving and ask what we can do for Him. Please know that I love you, brother. (JOHN)

On November 15, 1992 I bowed my knees to Jesus. I asked Him to change me and allow me to become a Man of God. That was 3 years ago. God has taken away my anger and hatred. He has given me a thirst to study His Word. I have taken several Bible College classes. Thank God for Southern California Bible College. (RUSS)

Russ was released this past week. Pray for him as he begins a new life of service for God on the streets.

After I came to Donovan State Prison, I surrendered my life completely to my Lord Jesus Christ. Here he slowed me down long enough to show me that I cannot serve the devil & Jesus at the same time. I am blessed & encouraged through the courses at Southern California Bible College. I want to grow. I want to be a better husband when I am released. Learning the Bible is changing my life. (GEORGE)

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Prison has been a training ground for me. Southern California Bible College has been the spring board for my growth. I've been enrolled since 1992 and every quarter is a blessing. Our present instructor, Bruce Leary, continues to seek out ways and means to satisfy the spiritual needs of the brothers in the College classes. This is my second class with Bruce. I must honestly say that after all these years, this is the teacher who has brought out the best in me. I praise and thank God for him because his wisdom is helping me to better search out and apply the Word of God. (BYRON)

These courses have been a blessing to me. The men who come and teach have been a blessing to me. I've learned a lot about God's Word from the courses I've taken. Because of that, the Lord has blessed me with the words to share with younger brothers in the Lord, and with the others who live around me. I thank God that these courses have been available for as long as I have been here. (DAVID)

I thank God that I've been able to attend the classes that I've taken; I'm learning more about our Lord Jesus Christ. I am so glad you have men who are willing to come down to the prison and teach us the Word. May the Lord bless your school and provide the needed finances to continue the program. (EDDIE)

The first thing that I had prayed for after accepting Jesus Christ into my heart (while sitting in County Jail) was for someone to help me understand God's Word, and help me be an effective Christian. Upon coming to prison, I found that Southern California Bible College offered classes to us (prisoners). I couldn't believe it! My prayer was answered. You cannot imagine what it means to us here in prison to have wise, godly men such as Bruce Leary & others devote their time, energy, and resources to help us become warriors for God. When I came to prison, I thought my life was over. Because of Bruce & the SCBC staff, I can say, "Thank God my life was over." Now I have a new life. Thanks be to God. Please support Bruce & Liz in this ministry here at the prison. It blesses us. (CHARLIE)

Since my enrollment in Southern California Bible College, I've grown spiritually in God's Word. I have learned so many exciting things how God created, God's plan of salvation, and mentions of Jesus in the Old Testament. I have enjoyed studying the tabernacle. I would ask you to support the Bible College program that Bruce is involved with. For many of us, this is all the college education we get. The State has cancelled all the other college programs due to financial reasons. Many of us will grow through this program and will leave the prison stronger - never to return. This College has had a great impact on my life. (RON)