



## Aleksey's Testimony

*"Meaningful Life Anew in Russia"*

My family gave first place to alcohol. My childhood was cluttered with dirty utensils, open doors and strangers. It didn't matter if I came home late or not at all.

At 13 I drank alcohol for the first time, and from there I began my adult life, running with ex-cons, getting money through deceit and larceny. From 16 to 25 years, I was in and out of prison. I had tuberculosis, a spoiled liver, hepatitis I and II. I had no trade, no work.

I was tired and lonely—an unnecessary person to everyone. Not seeing a future, not having any hope for life, I began to think of suicide. This idea consoled me — it was easier to die than to live. Being in such fatal condition, I searched for ways ...

Then I met a person in prison who trusted in Jesus Christ and in the Bible. He told me that Jesus could change me. Before, no one could change me: not I, nor my parents, school teachers, militia in prison ... but he told me about an invisible God Who could. Hope appeared, and I had nothing to lose!

Lying on a bed, I prayed for the first time in my life, and with all my heart: "God, I want to live fairly, but I cannot. My life is opposite to me. Give me power to start new life, or I will kill myself."

In the morning, I woke up a completely different person. I found myself smiling from the pleasure that proceeded from within, from my heart.

Then I was surprised my soul was at rest. Thank God! I knew for sure I shall live anew. All that day I spoke: "Jesus Christ is alive!"

Jesus once said: *"I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever!"* (Revelation 1:18.) **Now, I courageously testify: "I was dead, now I am alive!"**



I was released from prison early, and went to the "Light of Truth" church. Now I am employed printing for the Lord. I live to serve Him.

I lead a Sunday meeting for people with drug problems to tell them about the power of the Gospel. I lead a home group of 10 people.

Now our church starts "The Most Excellent Way" — I believe God will change destinies through studying the Word — a door of freedom.

Your prayers are very necessary for us now; pray for us and the ministry.

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