

Cogy's Passion

I became a born again Christian in 1973 I had always been brought up in a Christian family, going to Church at the age of 2 weeks, Went to Sunday school, sung in the church choir, and attended the church youth club, all at Holy Trinity Church Fareham.

During the November 1973 the local churches put on a coffee bar, a time to chat & a time to listen to loud music. I went along one evening, someone came to speak to me about Jesus. I knew all the answers, because I had been to church, and I thought I was a Christian. During that night I was shown a booklet and was asked where Jesus was in my life

The Circle represent your life, The + = Jesus

These circles describe two kinds of people

Self-directed person

S=Self on the throne of their life

+=Jesus Christ outside their life



People like this never invited Jesus Christ into their lives.
They remain guilty & cut off from God by their sins

Christ-directed person



+=Jesus Christ on the throne of their life

S=Self following Jesus Christ as Lord

People like this have received Jesus Christ into their lives. They have been forgiven & experience God's Love.

Which circle bests describes you?

Which circle would you like to describe YOU?

The question was put to me which circle better describes me?
I thought it was the 2nd circle. With Jesus in control of my life.
Two weeks latter 18th November 1973 I was at our Church youth club disco, half way through the disco the DJ announced that there was a prayer meeting going on if anybody wanted to attend. I felt that I should go as I though I was a Christian, during the prayer meeting one of my friends told us how he had just become a Christian. As I walked home that night I realised that I was not a Christian, and that night on my way home from the disco I asked Jesus to take control of my life. I have never looked back. It is great having a friend with you all of the time. Jesus can be your friend. Over the next few pages find out how Jesus has effected my life.

I am a funeral director, run my own business, and am the 5 generation of the firm. To me, even though I am young, death becomes a reality to me, and I know life can be short, I see a cemetery, and it is full of un finished dream.



That is why I try to live life to the full, having been brought up in the Church from a very young age, and then when I was a teenager, realising that God & Jesus where not at the centre of my life, I had the head knowledge, but I did not have a personal relationship with God, God, Jesus & the Holy Spirit became my friend.



That is one reason I have a passion to teach & help young people, life can be short.

One of the youth projects I was involved with Painting a Fareham Subway. Martin pictured here is now Pastor of “Gateway Church” in Fareham

I love nothing better then being in the mountains, scrambling and climbing, admiring God's beautiful creation, Thinking “O my God” what happens if I slip? will I fall and end up in one of my boxes.



I love taking teenagers up the mountains, to show them how beautiful they are, camping out in the lovely hills, feeling wet, cold, battling against the elements, doing there Top Scout awards or Duke of Edinburgh award, they learn so much from the elements, and working together as a team.

When out camping, in wild country you have to be trained, because there is not a Starbucks coffee shop around the corner, to shelter from the elements, we can't rush into a shop to by a bar of chocolate, with our credit card, we have to be prepared for All eventualities,

The mountain rescue will take 3 hours to get to you, that is if your mobile phone works in the hills.
I have had to rescue several people from remote Scottish Mountains. Please go prepared for the elements.



I have to trust in my own resources, or do I?

Ps 121 I will lift my eye's unto the hill, from where my help comes from, my help comes from the Lord.

Yes I have to trust in the Lord, and also in my equipment, will it keep my warm, dry, will this rope hold my wight.

I have faith in my equipment, believe it or not a boot lace will hold my weight. But God holds the whole world in His hands.



Helvellyn, highest mountain you can legally cycle down. Cogy is the person in the middle.

Faith

Could you jump from a 25 foot tower, with just a rope holding you?

Would you trust the gear attached to the rope? How strong is the safety harness? Will the knots stay tight?

When Abseiling you have to have FAITH in the ropes, You have to put your trust in the person controlling the safety rope.

Christians put their trust in Jesus, Jesus is God's Son, He is God. He believe that through the Holy Spirit that Jesus can help us in our daily lives.

If God can create such a beautiful word. How about putting your trust in God and ask Jesus to help you.

John 3:16
For God so loved that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



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