



Ruben's Testimony

My name is Ruben and I was born on April 10, 1983, in Bistrita, Romania.

My great grandfather was an orthodox priest. My grandfather came to know Christ and became a Baptist. My great grandfather was so upset about him becoming a Baptist that he wanted to kill him. He was cast out of his home because of his belief. This is how the Baptist faith entered into our family.

I grew up on a small farm with a loving family with one brother and three sisters all younger than me. We were faithful attending our Baptist Church. Since a young age, my heart's desire was to be a doctor, a police man or a pastor.

When I was 14 years old, during a winter cold weather, my heart was fired by the blessed flame of Holy Spirit. This happened during a great revival in our town led by a very well known preacher named Iosif Ton, who was also the president of Baptist Theological Seminary from Oradea, Romania. Even though I was a good child, God revealed to me that I needed salvation and at this revival, I accepted Christ as my Savior.

As a member of the youth group of our church, we met at least two times per week and we had a ministry at the local nursing home, hospital, and orphanage. My pastor saw in me a potential pastor and groomed and prepared me for the ministry. Then he encouraged me to go to the Baptist Seminary in Bucharest.

But as a teenager I was a very shy individual and it was very hard for me to speak before people. But in a special church service where my grandfather was once a pastor, I heard the great God's calling to be a minister for His kingdom and through His grace I received His calling and 7 years ago I graduated at the Baptist Institute in Bucharest and I became a pastor in Bacau, Romania. Also for four years, I worked in the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry as a preacher and taught Bible courses. Then in May of 2015, I received my Theology Masters from University of Romania, Bucharest.

My heart's desire is to do the will of God and be obedient to whatever God puts before me and to trust in Him.