

My name is John Smith. I have been a believer in Christ for 5 years. I was converted when I turned 14 at a youth rally that was being held at a local church after school.

When I heard the youth speaker talk about sin and what sin does to one's relationship with God, I realized that I was a sinner and that because of my sin I had wrecked my relationship with my maker. I realized for the first time that God wasn't satisfied with my rebellion and that He had pursued me by sending His Son to pay the penalty for my rebellion instead of requiring the penalty from me. I had heard that Jesus died for me all of my life, but had never fully understood why, or what that meant for me, until that afternoon. I submitted my life to His leadership right then, and began a relationship with Christ that continues to this day. I turned my back on sin – not to say that I never sin, because I do – but now, I actually fight against it, and I'm no longer the rebellious enemy of God, but a beloved son, adopted into his family, and joint heirs of His throne with Jesus Christ.

As my life turned around, and I started battling sin, others took note. I quickly became the guy that people knew of around the school who was "religious". People didn't hate me, people came to me with their questions. Through the Lord's kindness, I was able to show a few people what I had been shown. I started spending a lot more time with a history teacher of mine, who had a reputation as a Christian. He soon saw something in me, and challenged me by asking if I were called into the ministry. Through much soul searching and prayer, I came to the conclusion that I wanted to be used by God to further His kingdom, and that God had undoubtedly given me unique gifts that he could use.

It was at this time that I heard about Boyce College. I heard that Boyce College was a unique school designed to raise up ministers of the Gospel to preach the Gospel to the nations. Though I don't know what area of ministry I want to be involved in – be it missions, the pastorate, biblical counseling, or as an apologetics professor – I know that Boyce is the place that I want to be trained. I can't afford to waste my education at a school that does not teach the truth of scripture. Whatever I do for the kingdom, I want to be soaked in the Bible, and motivated by the Spirit of God.

Please accept me into Boyce College. There's no other place like it in the world, where I can be equipped to serve the kingdom.

Thank you.