

GRADUATION SERVICE



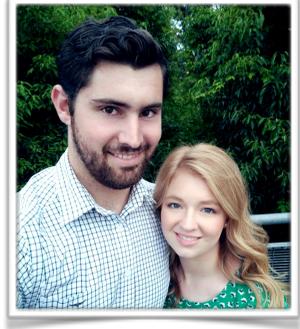
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## GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

I had the privilege of growing up in a Christian home where my parents regularly took us to church and shared with us the Word of God. My dad is a pastor, and involved us in the ministry and outreach as we grew up. I was convinced of my need for salvation from sin after having gone door-knocking with dad at the age of seven, and hearing him share the Gospel with the lost. That afternoon I spoke with dad about my need for salvation and I called out to God for forgiveness of sins and was saved. As I grew older, I felt the distinct call of God on my life to bring the light of the Gospel to them “which sat in darkness” (Matthew 4:16). I was very burdened for the lost in the rural regions of NSW who do not have Bible-believing churches around them that can communicate the truth of the Gospel to them. As the Lord continued to burden my heart for the lost, He impressed upon me the need to prepare for ministry, and to ground myself in the truth of God’s Word. So, in 2019, I began full-time study at SBBC. I have learned so much through my time at Bible college about blessings of study, the wealth of knowledge and guidance that is available in the Word of God, and how each day is a battle against the purposes of my flesh. I’m thankful to God, to my



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lecturers, to my parents, and to my wife, for enabling me to complete this course of study, and to prepare to enter into the calling of God upon my life. Following college, I am continuing to serve with my wife in Crossroads Baptist Church leading the youth and outreach ministries, and will be entering into an internship in the coming year. I am looking forward to following the Lord’s leading for current and future ministry by the grace of God.

My name is Christopher You, and I am a member of Metropolitan Baptist Church, and a graduating student at Sydney Bible Baptist College. I was raised from an early age in a practicing Roman Catholic home and remained loyal to it even into my adulthood. However, it was not until 2015 that I came to hear the gospel from an old school friend, and after a season of seeking, I came to put my trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as

my Saviour. As a young Christian, I recall how overwhelmed I was by the fact that Jesus Christ gave His life for me, that deep down inside I knew I wanted to give my life to Him – though I kept and pondered these things in my heart. Truly the Lord’s timing is perfect, for in hindsight I was not ready for something like Bible college; at least not until 2018. It was then that I enrolled as a student at Sydney Bible Baptist College with the purpose of preparing for full-time ministry. The past 4 years of college



have certainly gone by very quickly. In reflection, I recall how busy it got sometimes trying to juggle study, work, and ministry, that often it overcame me. However, through all the trials and testings, the Lord was always there and provided for me in very specific and personal ways. Yes, I may be graduating

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from Bible college, but I realise that this is just the beginning. At this point, I’m not sure what the Lord would have me to do exactly, but I do look forward to finding out and taking that plunge with Him. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us students at Sydney Bible Baptist College, and to all the lecturers and helpers that have sacrificed their time and energy for the sake of the future.

**H**ello, I’m Fernan Medina. If I had a word to describe my salvation testimony, it will be the word **simple**. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour at the age of eight. My sister Laura, being a kind sister, came home for a weekend visit one evening. When she arrived, she mentioned that she has something very special to give me. To my juvenile mind, I thought it would be a happy meal or something edible or playable. Little did I know that I was about to be offered the greatest gift I can receive in my life. On the morning of February 14, 1999- a day commonly known as Valentine’s; Laura gave me a wordless book- a book that only contains five colours for its pages- black, red, white, gold and green. I was bitterly disappointed at first, until she explained the symbols of each colour. It dawned on me that I am a sinner on my way to hell (black), but Jesus died for me (red). If I’ll accept His gift of salvation, I would be forgiven (white) and would qualify me for a home in heaven when I die (gold). From then on, a new life in Christ commenced in me (green).

My study at SBBC could be summed up into two words: **Slow** would be the first, describing the time aspect of my study. My first subject dates back to the year 2010 when I took the subject Bible Manners and Customs with Pastor Schiavone. It took me a total of 10 years to finish what I began. I had years when I was side-tracked, abandoned college, and decided to pursue vain endeavours. Pursuits which I thought would better me as a person professionally, but instead created more burden in my heart. Until the Holy Spirit bothered me deeply, convicted me of my errors and led me to the path of Bible College again. **Searching** is the second word. The time I've spent at college is characterised with a lot of soul searching. It has led me to examine my heart- that I should in fact develop a genuine love for the Lord as I study His Word. It is not enough that I gain Biblical, practical and theoretical knowledge. Rather, it should compel me to be closer to God and use what I've gained for His glory.



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Scary, sure and secure are three words that I'll use to describe my future prospect of service for the Lord. **Scary** in a human sense, as I don't know what that service would entail. Yet, **sure**, as I know I am making the right decision, and could never go wrong following the Lord. Finally, it is **secure** knowing there is an expected end the Lord has promised to His children. The glory belongs to God, and His Name be praised.

### **Important Dates & Information for 2022**

SBBC Registration Evening:	Monday, 7 February
SBBC Classes Commence:	Tuesday, 8 February
First term concludes:	Thursday, 7 April
Second term commences:	Tuesday, 26 April
Second term concludes:	Thursday, 30 June.

### **Evening Classes for Semester I, 2022**

Prayerfully consider joining us for our Tuesday evening classes:

Acts: with Pastor Gus Battistuzzi.

New Testament Bible History: Implementing the research and material of Pastor Richard Hester in his video series.