

## Testimony – Joy Liu

So I was raised in church, born into church. My parents were Christian and through the natural succession of things I was Christian as well. From the beginning, I was an ace at being Christian. I knew all the stories, answered all the verses, I was saved to the max. But it wasn't until middle school where I started really wondering if what I was doing was actually being "Christian". I started questioning my faith and what I believed in— like Creationism, the morality of Christianity— and for a while I really doubted my faith. Church was just a routine place to be on Sundays and I wasn't really learning much. So mentally I kind of checked out— didn't really care what was happening. Then in high school, I kept getting the question "are you getting baptized?" It was like the plague— unavoidable. It seemed like this natural coming of age thing but I wasn't ready. I never thought I had that moment of "wow I'm Christian and progressing and doing all these things", I had always just kind of drifted in my faith. So what made me want to get baptized now, of all times? As I step into this transitional period of my life, I realize that even if there are things I'm iffy in about the faith— that's fine. Being gay, having abortions— all that stuff isn't central to my faith. My faith is centered on Jesus Christ and him dying for my sins. So in that realization, it means I'm secure in my faith and I can focus on who I am and grow with Jesus Christ— no matter what anyone else says.