

Christians Around the World Mourn Ex-KKK Turned Evangelist

People across the world are remembering evangelist Rev. Johnny Lee Clary, a former imperial wizard of the Klu Klux Klan who experienced a radical conversion to Christianity.

Clary, 55, died of a heart attack Oct. 21.

CBN spoke to the evangelist in 2011 about his journey to becoming a Christian after years of hating blacks and other minority groups. *Watch his story below.*

He said he felt compelled to give his life to the Lord after reading Luke 15, the story of the prodigal son.

"I finally got on my knees and said, 'God, my life is screwed , I'm in a mess. I need Your help,'" he recalled. "I felt like a new person, brand new creation. I felt like I had had a weight lifted off my shoulders."

In becoming a Christian, Clary learned how to love and live in unity with all people. He became an elder in the Church of God in Christ, a predominantly African-American denomination.

Clary is survived by his wife, Melissa (Edwards) Clary of Baton Rouge, his brother Larry of Colorado, brother Terry, sister Sandy and a daughter Savannah all from Oklahoma.

He passed away in his home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

A funeral service is being held today, Oct. 28 at Family Worship Center, 8919 Ministry Ave., Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The service begins at 11 a.m. CDT.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made online to *Operation*

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Operation Colorblind P.O. Box 83535 Baton Rouge, LA 70884