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# Washed By Blood: Lessons From My Time With Korn And My Journey To Christ



## Synopsis

An Out-of-Control Rock Star. An Inescapable Addiction to Drugs. A Miraculous Redemption through Jesus Christ. You think you've heard this story before but you haven't. *Washed by Blood* is a look at the dramatic saving power of Jesus Christ unlike any other—one that shows how God looks out for all of us, even those who seem farthest away from his grace. Brian "Head" Welch was a rock star who thought he had it all. He was the lead guitarist in Korn, one of the biggest and most controversial rock bands on the planet. He lived in a mansion, had millions of dollars in the bank, and legions of fans all over the globe. He was living the good life, and it should have been perfect. But it was all a lie. What no one knew was that backstage and away from the crowds, Head was fighting a debilitating addiction to methamphetamines, and that nothing—not even the birth of his daughter—could make him quit for good. He had given up. He was empty inside. He spent his days contemplating suicide convinced that each high would be his last. And that was when he found God. *Washed by Blood* tells the remarkable story of how God's unconditional love freed Head from his addictions and saved him from death. Here Head describes the joys and struggles of his journey to faith, detailing how Jesus has helped him cope with his pain and find the path that's right for both him and his daughter. An account of triumphs, hardships, and the healing power of Jesus, *Washed by Blood* is an inspirational demonstration that God is always there to save even the most troubled souls.

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## Customer Reviews

Like many others, I purchased both books thinking that they were different ("*Washed*" being the

sequel), but as you know from reading the other reviews, they're basically the same book. My initial reaction was frustration. I felt like I had been duped by the publisher....especially since the front cover of "Washed" says that it's by the author of "Save Me From Myself" and the back cover says "You think you've heard this story before but you haven't". Yes, I have! It was called "Save Me From Myself"! I think that instead of giving different titles and cover pictures to the books, they should have simply released them as the same book; one being the "Adult" version and the other being the "Teen" or "Young Adult" version with a simple explanation of the differences. Upon closer comparison, I felt a bit better about "Washed" leaving the vulgar language and graphic details out, but in essence still delivering the same message. I also like how at the end of each chapter there are discussion questions. I lead a small group for the Jr. High boys at our church, and each semester we study books together and meet once a week to do discussion questions on what we've read. Most of the teens in the group are really into music, and I think a book like "Washed By Blood" would hold their attention a lot more than some other books. Also, I would never encourage them to read "Save Me From Myself", but "Washed By Blood" on the other hand is clean, slightly abridged, and the discussion questions make this a book that I'd definitely like to study with them. So there's a good possibility I'll be ordering several more copies of "Washed By Blood" to use for our group study, but even if we don't end up doing it together I'd still highly recommend it to them. So if you know a teen who loves music, or even an adult who might not want to read all of the graphic details about sex and drugs, this is the better choice of the two books to recommend to them.

I have not read this specific book, but I listened to an interview with Brian Welch on the radio recently and he said this book is the same autobiography as "Save Me From Myself" but it leaves out some of the more in depth details making it more appropriate for a younger audience than the other version. So do not purchase both books! But if you are looking for a book for your teenager, this version may be a better fit. I hope this helps clear some of the confusion on these books.

I would like to preface this review with the fact that I have never listened to Korn, and that I don't listen to Brian's current music either. This allows me to give an unbiased review of the content of this book. Growing up in a Christian home and being a Christian as long as you can remember sometimes seems boring. At best my testimony seems that somehow in hindsight I am in a better place than I was before with my faith and so I have had the Joy of the Lord my entire life and things continue to get better. This book changed the way I feel about my own testimony. Brian's honesty and integrity displayed in his testimony are truly inspirational. Although I don't need to hit rock

bottom the appreciate the joy of my own testimony this book really helped rationalize what that would be like. By seeing how drastically Brian's life changed and seeing the work God is doing in him it provided me stronger evidence that God really is moving in lives. This book provided me the opportunity to add these feelings and emotions that Brian went through to my own testimony in a sense. Overall the book is great, and I would definitely recommend it to anyone. I only read 1 or 2 books a year, and this one I was honestly unable to put down and completed it within a few days time.

This book is a lot like Head's other book "save me from myself", to me it's just an overall view. Save me from myself was more detailed. It's still an amazing book. If someone like him can change his life around and follow God then what's anyone's excuse not to?

I have to agree with the other reviews on this page. I was a huge fan of the first book, and pre-ordered this one thinking it was "new." It IS the same book, but in "teaching" form. I wish these reviews were up before I pre-ordered, and the publishers of this book should have made it clear that this was the same book. For any Christians "hungry" for more after reading "Save Me..." I suggest "Blue Like Jazz" by Donald Miller.

This book was purchased because, although I didn't know too much about the band Korn, my son had told me the lead singer had a story he wanted to read about. It's unpretentious and no holds barred. The story is modern, deals with drug use and alcohol abuse - the life of a rock star. Then Brian Welch has an amazing turn around. My son couldn't put the book down until he'd finished it. I'd recommend it to any young adult, searching for answers or just wanting to know about the life of a heavy metal rock star.

It is so encouraging to read about the miraculous change that Jesus Christ made in Head Welch's life. I recommend this for any non-believer you know... especially teens and young adults who struggle with belief and/or with drugs and alcohol. Its an amazing story and I know God used this book to change my life and will use Brian greatly for the Kingdom! This book is REAL....

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