

Preparing Your Baptism Testimony

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“Testimony” literally means:

“A proof, evidence or witness of an action, condition, or state of being.”

Sharing Your Testimony About Becoming A Christian:

Your testimony is the story of how you became a Christian or a follower of Christ. Please write down your story. Tell us how you asked Jesus into your heart. If you don't have any idea how to do this, here is an outline to follow. If you use your own outline please be sure to cover each of these points, so be about 4-5 minutes long. Please don't go over the time limit, as it affects the audience's ability to listen equally well to each person sharing their testimony on that day.

- 1. What made me aware that I needed and wanted to have my sins forgiven and caused me to be open to learning about Jesus?**
- 2. What circumstances and/or people helped me realize that I needed Jesus in my life?** (how did the circumstances or people help me with that?)
- 3. When Jesus died on the Cross, what did He do for me?**
- 4. What does it mean to me that Jesus was willing to die for my sins?**
- 5. Specifically when did I confess my sins to Jesus and ask Him to become my Forgiver/Leader and Savior? ...what circumstances led up to that?**
 - *It's really important that you describe how you came to understand that your sins couldn't be forgiven except by Jesus.*
 - *You also need to relate how you knew that you had to give control of your life to Jesus in order to get to heaven.*

- *The point at which you “surrendered” to Jesus was a “turning point” in your life. You came to Him for the forgiveness of your sins. You admitted to Him your complete inability to achieve salvation on your own. You acknowledged that without Him you can't enter heaven.*
- *People need to hear you describe how that process came about in your life.*

6. If someone asks me, “How do I know I'm a Christian and that I'll go to heaven when I die?” I'd tell them . . .

7. At this present time in my life, I see Jesus doing... (what do I see Him doing in my life?)

8. In the coming years I want Jesus to... (what do I want Him to accomplish in my life?)

9. A Bible verse that encourages me as I live for Christ is... ...and explain how it helps me!

Do not skip the Scripture part of your testimony!

- *You will read your carefully (and prayerfully) written testimony to our church family prior to being dunked!*
- *God will speak to people's hearts through your story in awesome and miraculous ways!!*