

Putting Together a Personal Testimony
(Questions from *The Purpose Driven Life*, p. 291)

1. What was my life like before I met Jesus?
-This question may have to be skipped by those who grew up in the faith.
2. How did I come to realize that I needed Jesus?
3. How did I commit my life to Jesus?
-For some there will have been a specific moment (tell us about that moment).
-For some it will have been a process. If it was a process make sure that you still emphasize that *you have chosen* to become a follower of Jesus, but the *specific* when it happened has been a journey. (In the same way, not everyone remembers *when* they fell in love, but they do know that they are in love and they did make a choice to love the person).
-Make sure that there is clear statement in your testimony acknowledging that you understand that Christ has forgiven you of your sins and that you have chosen to live for him as one of his followers.
4. What difference has Jesus made in my life?
5. (For those who fell away). Why did I fall away from Jesus and why and how did I come back to him?

*Everyone should answer questions 2, 3, & 4 in their testimony (1 & 5 if they apply).

Write out your testimony and e-mail it to me: spiva@bethanybaptist.bc.ca

After I go over it (and I may suggest a few things) this will be what you read to the Deacons (prior to your baptism and church membership).

For those being baptized it will also be shared with the church (on the Sunday you are baptized).

Your testimony should not exceed two pages (written/typed double-spaced) in length.