



TESTIMONY WORK SHEET

For your testimony, here's what we're looking for: Ideally, we appreciate short testimonies, no more than three very short paragraphs (275-300 words). Please do try to keep your story of God's grace to under 300 words. (The child care workers will really appreciate it!)

You'll basically want to talk about three main things:

1. What life was like before you were saved
2. How you came to hear the Gospel and repent and believe in Jesus (i.e. Your conversion experience)
3. How God has changed your life since then (perhaps why you are here today)

Each point/paragraph should be no longer than 4-5 sentences (just 12 sentences potentially... easy!) Feel free to include little personal details (i.e. where you grew up, what you studied in school, who has been instrumental in your walk with the Lord etc...) in your testimony. These things only take a word or a phrase, but help hearers to connect with your testimony. Your last sentence should be a statement of why you've come to be baptized. (i.e. "In obedience to Scripture, I come to make a public profession of my faith through baptism." Or something along those lines).

Below you will find an example testimony in terms of word count, honesty, structure, and Gospel proclamation:

I grew up in Waco, TX, and blessed to be raised by devoted parents who were faithful to take me to church on Sundays. All through childhood, and into my college years I had a sense that God was real. However, I didn't think it possible to understand the Bible or have a personal relationship with the Lord. I settled for being as "good a person" as I could be.

When I attended college at George Washington University, it became clear to me that I wasn't great at being a good person. My sins and their consequences sent me into a spiral of guilt and continual destruction. I remember talking with a fellow student, Sally, sharing my despair with her, because I knew she had similar struggles. She looked at me and said, "if we've done these things, knowing that they're wrong, don't you think we deserve to go to hell? I thought I was going to be sick - she was right. I didn't know how I could go on living with that.

*Sally invited me to her church, and I heard the good news. It struck me afresh that God loves me so much he sent his own son, Jesus Christ, to live a perfect life and give his life as a ransom for me. By His death and resurrection I have been forgiven, and have hope of eternal life with him. I was overwhelmed with gratitude as I realized that I would undeservedly stand before him blameless one day. This compelled me to turn away from my former life with all its sins, and devote my life to His glory. So, I stand before you all today, to be **baptized** in obedience to Scripture and publicly declare my trust in the finished work of Christ.*

A testimony is the account of how you came to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Because God uses the testimonies of His people in many ways it is important that you be able to express this fact of your experience clearly, powerfully and graciously. Every testimony has elements of similarity, yet every testimony is different. Not every testimony will be spectacular but every testimony will be precious.

If you came to know Christ as an adult the structure of your testimony will be different then if you came to know him as a child. The work sheet on this page is especially suited for you if you trusted Christ as an adult; the next page is for those who trusted Him in their childhood.

As you begin to reflect on this subject, ask Christ to help you.

Before I received Christ I lived and thought this way:

How I received Christ:

After I received Christ. these changes took place:

Pertinent or favorite verse with which I might close:

(FOR THOSE WHO BECAME CHRISTIANS AS YOUNG CHILDREN)

My background and early Christian experience:

Life between my early experience and when I yielded my life to Christ:

How I yielded my life to Christ:

After I yielded my life to Christ these changes took place:

Pertinent or favorite verse with which I might close: