

How to Prepare a Personal Testimony

GREENHOUSE



I. INTRODUCTION

A personal testimony is a brief description of evidences that led up to the point when you received Christ as your Savior. A carefully prepared testimony, empowered by the Holy Spirit, can be of immediate and effective use in nearly every witnessing situation. It should be our desire to present Christ in such a clear, attractive, and yet simple way so that those who hear will not only want to know Him too, but they will also know HOW to come to know Him personally.

As you prepare your testimony, you are actually preparing to fulfill the following biblical directives:

- A. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." Psalms 107:2 (NASB)
- B. "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." I Peter 3:15 (NIV)

II. PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR WRITING YOUR TESTIMONY

- A. Pray that God will give you wisdom and clarity of thought.
- B. Follow a three-point outline.
 - 1. Life before knowing Christ
 - 2. How you heard/learned the gospel
 - 3. When you accepted Jesus Christ
- C. You might want to begin with an interesting, attention-getting sentence and close with a favorite scripture verse.

III. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU:

- A. Include your **name and date** in the left right corner of your testimony
- B. Indicate if you were **baptized by immersion after receiving Christ**
- C. Email your testimony to Beth Larson at **blarson@colonial.org** either as a WORD Document, a PDF or just include it directly in the email. You can also bring a copy to GreenHouse if you do not have computer access.

Testimony Worksheet

1. Tell us about your background – especially what your life was like before you heard and understood the gospel.

2. Tell us about how you heard the gospel. Was it a radio or television broadcast – a close friend or coworker – church services – a family member while growing up? Fill in some of the blanks about your life before coming to realize you needed to be saved.

3. Tell us the circumstances when you believed the gospel and accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. Was it at church – school – alone – with a family member?

4. If you are planning to join Colonial, why do you want to make this commitment?

5. Include a favorite verse of scripture.