

**A Testimony is the Story** about how you personally came to know the Lord as your Savior. An example can be found in Acts 26. This chapter contains Paul's testimony as told to King Agrippa.

The following material can be confirming or convicting. In either case we desire this to be a blessing to you! It is suggested that you use the NAS Bible when referring to the verses listed below in Colossians 1.

A testimony should contain biblical values, Romans 10:17.

1. A testimony should include the process leading up to your salvation, James 1:18.
2. A testimony should reveal spiritual conviction regarding your sinful condition before the Lord, Romans 6:23 and Luke 5:8.
3. The story should manifest the truths of God's grace that overwhelmed your soul even though you were a sinner, doomed as doomed can be before a holy God.
4. It should explain how God has changed you and tell what Christ is doing in your life now.
5. A Testimony does not drag a reader through a detailed account of past spiritually ugly sins. Consider those sins forgiven and forgotten by God and seek under God and by His grace to bury the memory of those sins yourself or exclude them from your conversation. They are nothing to be proud of so why should we speak of them or ask others about them?

HDPM desires this information because it is wonderful to hear about, we can post this on the HDPM web site near your picture as a part of our team (if you would like this to happen). Finally if a person has no testimony about how God has and is working in their life they really can't expect to be a servant of God on any level.

**Salvation is a specific event** in time when a person passes from spiritual death to spiritual life. It happens when one is born again, John 3. Nothing can be done to earn salvation, Eph. 2:8-10. Salvation is granted only by the Father in Heaven, John 6:65. Salvation happens the instant that the Father transfers the sinner from the Kingdom of Darkness to the Kingdom of God's Son, Col. 1:12-14.

**Crystallize your thinking** about your testimony. Use scripture and reality thinking about yourself and how the Lord has taught, convicted and guided you to Himself. Be humbly honest with your testimony. Every true Christian's testimony should be more about my need and God's grace to supply that need. Use the Scriptures while communicating your testimony. Use Scripture that the Lord has used to convict you about your need of Christ and that He has used to bring you to Himself. Mention people that God has used to guide you to truth and spiritual blessing if there are any.

1. Your testimony will be a valuable asset while serving Christ with HDPM.
2. Your testimony is unique and should of course be a true statement about yourself.
3. Your testimony will bring glory to God in its vivid reality.

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