

“Telling My Story”

My Personal Conversion Testimony

Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

It's my joy to share this quick snapshot of my personal conversion (i.e. salvation) testimony!

BEFORE: (*What was your life like before you were saved?*)

NOTE: When some people consider their life “before” being saved, they consider that their actions and thoughts sprang out of an unsatisfied deep inner need. So, what were your unsatisfied, deep inner needs before you came to know Jesus Christ? **Some examples are:** Lack of peace, fear of death, something missing, no meaning to life, desire to be in control, loneliness, lack of security, lack of purpose, lack of significance, no real friends, no motivation, etc.

HOW: (*How, where, and in what year did you receive Jesus as your Savior?*)

NOTE: Describe the circumstances that caused you to consider Christ as the solution to your deep inner needs. Identify the events that led to your conversion. In some cases this may have taken place over a period of time. **State specific steps** you took to become a Christian. Include the Gospel clearly and briefly.

AFTER: (*How has your life been different since you became a follower of Jesus Christ?*)

NOTE: State how Christ filled; or, is filling your deep inner needs. For Example - In the ‘Before’, you expressed your needs and how you tried unsuccessfully to meet them. You now want to briefly **show the difference that Christ has made, and is making, in your life.** Some would say, before I had no hope for my future; but, after, I have great hope for my future. As part of your testimony, conclude with an *assurance* statement like: “*But the greatest benefit I received from Jesus is that I know for certain that I have eternal life.*”

PLEASE USE THE BACK OF THIS SHEET IF YOU NEED MORE WRITING SPACE.

TESTIMONY WORKSHEET

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

- I. **Two Reasons** for communicating your personal Testimony?
- A. Because it's the Lord's will for us! (cp. 1 Peter 3:15; Acts 1:8)
 - B. Because it's the Lord's weapon for us to use against our enemy! (cp. Rev. 12:11)
- II. **Two Types** of testimonies that all followers need to share?
- A. First is your Salvation Testimony! This is a *onetime* experience. (cp. Romans 10:9-11; Paul's example in Acts 9)
 - B. Second is your Life Experience (i.e. *or* Experiences) Testimony! These come from your walk with the Lord *throughout* your lifetime. (cp. James 1:1- 8)
- III. **One Approach** to writing your Testimony?
- A. What's *illustrated* in the Scriptures is **the “before” and “after” approach**? (cp. Paul's example in Acts 26. Before Paul received Christ is shown in verses 4-11. Received Christ is shown in verses 12-15. After received Christ is shown in verses 16-23.
 - B. What's *recorded* in the Scripture is that **the “before” and “after” approach** is used for both the Salvation Testimony and the Life Experience Testimony!
 - C. **How do you proceed?**
 - ✓ **Take** a blank piece of paper. Draw a line down the middle to form two columns. Title the left column, “Before the experience”; and, the right column, “After the experience”.
 - ✓ Simply **list or describe** the events, your condition, etc. in the “Before the experience” column.
 - ✓ Then, **list or describe** what has changed, your current condition, etc. in the “After the experience” column.
 - ✓ On the bottom, or back, of the paper, **write down those things that God did** and/or **how He showed up to help you through the experience**. He is the one that made the difference in your experience! So, this becomes the focus of your testimony!
 - ✓ Once you've gathered all this information, you will be **ready to write the first draft** of your testimony!
- IV. Are you ready for your **first written draft**? (*Use* Page 2 of 2 to draft an **outline** of thoughts or ideas.)
- V. **With whom** would you like to share your testimony? (List the **name** of a person(s) you plan to tell.)