

PREPARING YOUR BAPTISM TESTIMONY

*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you
to give the reason for the hope that you have. -1 Peter 3:15a (NIV)*

The Bible instructs us as Christians to be prepared to clearly share about Christ being our personal Lord and Saviour. It can seem intimidating, but we hope that it will be a fun and exciting time for you as well! See below for what we hope will be helpful to you as you prepare.

LENGTH

Under 300 words. Longer stories will be returned to you for revision.

OUTLINE

- Introduce yourself (first and last name).
- Share something about your life before Christ (2-3 sentences).
- Explain how and when you accepted Christ as your personal Saviour.
- Share how He has affected your life since then (2-3 sentences).
- Thank 1-2 people who have helped you in your walk (optional).
- Finish with a declaration of faith (e.g. “I’m here today to let you know that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Saviour” or “I’m excited to be baptized and share with you that I love Jesus, and He is my Lord and Saviour”).

PLEASE BE CLEAR ABOUT YOUR SALVATION

Your walk with Christ is definitely a process, but you need to be able to express a point in time that you recognized that you are a sinner in need of a Saviour. You don’t have to know the date, but there was a point when you accepted Christ and made the choice to follow him—express that clearly.

TESTIMONY TIPS

Over time, we have heard feedback on things that may offend or cause confusion for people. Our desire is that you are able to be as clear as possible about who Christ is and what baptism is all about.

- Keep details about drug use, sex, pornography, abortion, or divorce to a minimum.
- Avoid talking about the sins of someone else.
- Avoid mentioning previous Christian denominations; however feel free to mention previous religions (e.g. Buddhist, Jehovah’s Witness, Mormon, etc.).
- ONLY mention your infant christening if it is relevant to why you are choosing to be baptized now. It is important to differentiate between a christening and your current baptism. You may not have the time to come back around and make this clear.
- Please do not say that you have “always been a Christian”. This gives the idea that it is something that you can inherit. Becoming a Christian is about making the decision to accept Christ’s death on the cross as payment for your sin, not just growing up in a Christian home.

PLEASE PRACTICE, BUT BE OPEN TO RECEIVE INPUT.