

Testimony—My Witness of God in Me

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Jesus told his disciples when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, “**you shall be my witnesses**” (Acts 1:8). Let’s then consider how we can wonderfully express his love and work in us. **How did we come to know him as our Lord and Savior, and what work has he done in us? Our answer is our witness** of Christ to our family, church and all we meet.

We are sometimes asked, “What’s your name?” and “What do you do?” A more revealing question would be, “Who are you?” Suppose we were to answer, “I am a witness of Jesus Christ.” How then would we explain his love and work in our lives? **The example of Paul in Acts 26:2-22** is a great example for accomplishing this. Here is the outline:

- *I am relatable in Christ*
- *I am regenerate in Christ*
- *I am radiating for Christ*
- *I am ready for Christ*

I am relatable in Christ—both good and bad—like you (Acts 26:2-11)

The Apostle Paul is before the king’s court defending himself against accusations made against him but let us just focus on his witness as a follower of Christ. He is happy and blessed to speak of his life before and after coming to know Christ (v.2,3). He makes his conversation relevant to the interest of his audience. We all have both good and bad qualities in our lives.

Even before Paul was saved, he was respected for his religious practices. Most of us need to be reminded that our moral goodness, church attendance, or generosity is not what saves us. Even good people go to hell without Christ. As good as he was, Paul was also a sinner in need of the Savior (v.4-11). Expressing our understanding of our need for Jesus is what leads us to sharing the importance of our conversion to Christ.

I am regenerate in Christ—born again—a Convert of Christ (Acts 26:12-18)

In Acts 26:12-18, Paul speaks of the time, events and way he was brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Paul’s experience was fairly miraculous but every time God takes one who is dead in sin and makes them alive in Christ, it is a wonderful miracle that has taken place (see Eph.2:1-10). Old things pass away, and all things become new as you become a new creation in Christ (2Cor.5:17). Therefore, we should never look upon our personal conversion experience as anything less than a glorious work of God.

Some of us, unlike Paul, find it difficult to describe the precise moment of conversion, even as one would find it difficult to tell the precise moment the sun rises in the morning. However, we can be aware of an approximate season of life where we begin to see that God has given us his Spirit and his work in us gives us new and different spiritual fruit (Gal.5:22-24). So if you cannot describe a precise moment, describe the season of change, when your hunger and thirst for repentance and faith in Christ was first evident.

I am radiating for Christ—a different light—a life that is changed by Christ (Acts 26:19-22)

In Acts 26:19-22, Paul tells of changes in his life that would not have occurred had Christ not come into his life. Things like a new security, sense of blessing of sins forgiven, assurance of eternal life, peace through struggles, hunger for the truth and righteousness of God’s word, and clearer understanding of our responsibilities along with new obedience to all God says are common changes God works in our lives. After salvation, we live under new management—Christ is our Lord and Master. We speak with him through prayer. His Word is our guide. His church is our family (see this change in devotions in Acts 2:42-47).

I am ready for Christ—an available servant for you and Christ (Acts 26:23-29)

Let me help you. It would be one of my greatest privileges to help you know Christ at your convenience. I want to help you because I want you to have the abundant life I have in and through Christ.

Use the outline given from Acts 26:2-22 to prepare your own testimony. Write the outline down on a piece of paper and then fill in under each heading your own experience in your own words. If you are in Christ then you are a witness for Christ (Isaiah 43:10; 44:8; Acts 1:8). Since we are witnesses, let's be good ones!

My Witness of God in Me

How I came to know Jesus and the difference that makes.

I am relatable in Christ—both good and bad—like you. We are all born being both good and bad. I had a life before Christ, and it wasn't all that bad.

I am regenerate in Christ—born again—a convert of Christ. The events God used to show me Jesus had come to regenerate me. The things that led me to turn from my sin and trust Jesus fully for my salvation.

I am radiating for Christ—a different light—a life that is changed by Christ. Lives speak louder than words. Express all the results you can think of that reveal God's saving love and work in your life really makes a difference.

I am ready for Christ—an available servant for you and Christ. Let others know you would find it a privilege to help them have what you have in Christ. Life in Christ is so wonderful, we wouldn't want anyone to miss it.