Giving Your Personal Testimony

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12 Basic Observations to Remember

1. We are sinners by nature.

2. We are under the sentence of death.

3. We are lost in sin, destined for hell for all eternity.

- 4. We cannot save ourselves; God is the only one who can forgive sin.
- 5. God loves us, and He wants us to be saved, so He made provision for our salvation.
- 6. Jesus Christ, God's Son came to this earth to pay the penalty for our sin.
- 7. God, in His mercy, gave His Word and sent his message of forgiveness.
- 8. God promised salvation to all who repent of sin, believe in Christ, and call upon Him in faith.
- 9. Any person who trusts in Christ alone for his soul's salvation is saved from hell.
- 10. Those who come to Christ in faith go to heaven when they die; they spend eternity with the Lord.
- 11. Those who die without trusting in Christ are condemned to suffer in hell for all eternity.
- 12. God wants all who are saved to have compassion on the lost and to tell them the message of salvation.

Some Suggested Elements to Include in a Written Testimony

Before you were saved:

- 1. Where were you born and raised? Note Paul in (Phil 3:4-7)
- 2. What was your religious background, if any?
- 3. How old were you when you first heard a clear presentation of the gospel?
- 4. Did you understand the gospel? Who was involved and how did you respond at first?
- 5. When did you finally understand and respond to the message of salvation?
- 6. How old were you when you truly put your trust in Christ and called upon Him to save you?
- 7. Who led you to Christ? Were you saved as a result of a personal witness, a preaching service, a gospel tract, a radio program, etc.?

After you were saved:

The promise of forgiveness is a blessing because it takes care of your past. The promise of heaven is a blessing because it takes care of your future.

- 1. How has being saved helped <u>your present</u> Christian life? What major victories and blessings has the Lord given you since you have been saved? The following questions can guide your thoughts:
- 2. Did anyone help you grow as a Christian? Who were they? Did you get involved in a good Baptist church or were you in the wrong church for a period of time?
- 3. When did you get scripturally baptized? Did you do it to obey God and to publicly testify of your faith in Christ? When did you first join a good Baptist church?
- 4. How are you serving the Lord now? How has the church been a blessing to you?
- 5. What are your plans for the future? Are you looking for Christ's return? Are you growing as a Christian? Are you training your children in the ways of the Bible?
- 6. Who else in your family or among your friends has been saved as a result of your witness? Are you praying for others to be saved? Are you witnessing to others?