

Profession of Faith/Testimony of Salvation:

We thank our God for the grace that He gave you through Christ Jesus that made you desire to profess your faith publically and share with all that Jesus Christ is Lord (*2 Corinthians 9:13; John 1:6-7; Daniel 4:2; 2 Timothy 1:12; Mark 5:19-20*). It is important to be able to tell others how you came to know Jesus Christ as Lord and to declare with others the gospel of Jesus Christ (*Romans 10:13-16*). This guideline will help you write out your testimony so that you will be able to share your salvation experience in 3-5 minutes.

Profession of Faith Questions:

In the Book of Acts (*Acts 9:1-19, 22:3-16, 26:9-18*), we read three different accounts of Paul's salvation. In these texts, we see a good example of how we can write our testimony of our profession of faith in Jesus Christ by following the example of Paul.

1. What was your church background before you professed your faith in Jesus Christ?

(Example: Acts 22:2-3, 26:4-8)

2. When did you realize that you had broken the laws of God and deserved judgment?

(Example: Acts 9:1-5, 22:4-9, 26:9-15; Romans 3:19-23; Galatians 3:24; Hebrews 9:27)

3. What was your response when you realized that your sins would separate you from God and the consequences were eternity in hell?

(Example: Matthew 4:17; Acts 2:37, 16:30, 22:10-11, 26:16-19)

4. Who told you the good news of Jesus Christ and what He did for you so your sins could be forgiven?

(Example: John 1:6-7; Acts 2:38-40, 8:30-35, 9:6-16, 16:31-32, 22:12-13)

5. When did you repent of your sins and profess your faith in Jesus' death and resurrection and receive the gift of eternal life?

(Example: Acts 2:41, 3:19, 8:36-37, 9:17-19, 16:33-34, 17:30-31, 22:14-16)

6. What is your response to sharing the gospel to others?

(Example: Mark 5:19-20; Acts 22:14-21, 26:16-29; Romans 10:9-16; 1 Peter 3:15)

“¹⁵But 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. But do this with gentleness and respect.”

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1. What was your church background before you professed your faith in Jesus Christ?

I was brought up in a family which never attended church or believed in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

2. When did you realize that you had broken the laws of God and deserved judgment?

When I entered high school I can remember laughing at anyone who professed a belief in any God. During my sophomore year I decided to attend a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meeting at our school. The purpose behind my attending had nothing to do with any spiritual interest but the motivation was the hope of getting to know the senior basketball players who regularly attended the FCA meetings. I felt that if I developed a friendship with the older players it would help me reach my goal to be on the team and become the "big man on campus". The following summer I attended an FCA national conference in Michigan. I thought I was attending a basketball camp and was shocked when I realized it was a "religious" conference. But at the conference, for the first time in my life, I was confronted with my own sinfulness and the person of Jesus Christ. I realized that I had sinned against God and was separated from Him now and destined for hell.

3. What was your response when you realized that your sins would separate you from God and the consequences were eternity in hell?

I asked them what I needed to do to get right with God.

4. Who told you the good news of Jesus Christ and what He did for you so your sins could be forgiven?

The FCA staff told me how Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins and that I needed to repent of my sins and profess my faith that Jesus Christ is Lord and follow Him.

5. When did you repent of your sins and profess your faith in Jesus' death and resurrection and receive the gift of eternal life?

I told them I needed to examine this for myself. I commented that they needed to write a book about Him. They told me there was already a great book about Him-the Bible and I needed to read it. I was amazed at what I learned about Jesus Christ. I went home from that conference and I spent a year studying the Bible to see if what they said was true about Jesus (Acts 17:11). After the year of searching, I attended another FCA conference and repented of my sins and I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior on August 7, 1977.

6. What is your response to sharing the gospel to others?

Now I know for sure that I have a relationship with God and I am sure that I will go to heaven when I die to spend eternity with God. I seek to tell others about the gospel of Jesus Christ so they may also receive the gift of eternal life (John 1:12).

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