

# Guidelines for Preparing to Give Your Testimony

*"It is a proof of your faith. Many people will praise God because you obey the Good News of Christ – the gospel you say you believe – and because you freely share with them and with all others." 2 Cor. 9:13 (NCV)*

\*\*\* For Baptisms you will not have to say anything. Pastor Chuck takes what you write and reads it to the congregation before you are baptized and while you wait in the baptism tank. The reason for us requiring a testimony is the whole reason for baptism is a public professing of your faith in Jesus that by putting your faith in His death (blood shed), and resurrection you are washed clean of all your sins, made new and it is as if spiritually you died were buried (dunking part) and raised to new life (coming up out of the water new). Our class will elaborate on this. Here are some guidelines that will help you type out your testimony. By you sharing your story (testimony) you give a real life account/witness of what Jesus has done for you. It inspires others and encourages others to do the same if they haven't and for those who have been baptized as a born again believer to keep on keeping on!

1. Before you start writing, pray and ask God for help and the words to share.
2. Write out your testimony as if you were planning to say it word for word.

## **PART I: WHO ARE YOU? (1/4 of testimony)**

If appropriate, include family history and/or church background. Avoid naming religious denominations since this may alienate some listeners.

## **PART II: THE PROBLEM** (¼ of testimony)

Describe your attitudes and actions before the problem/crisis occurred.

Give an explanation of your trial and/or crisis, with an emphasis on how you felt.

## **PART III: THE SOLUTION** (¼ of testimony)

What did your journey look like? (i.e., your healing, actions you took, help from a support group or friend, impact of scripture, etc.)

Describe changes in your attitudes and actions since placing this situation in God's hands.

## **PART IV: THE OUTCOME** (¼ of testimony)

Give a snapshot of your ministry and life today, including your future plans.

3. Email your testimony back to office no later than the Monday preceding your Baptism.
4. We will review your testimony and if needed work with you to make sure it works for you.
5. Bathe your testimony in prayer, and continue to pray even after you are finished. Often Satan attacks directly after a spiritual victory especially after testimonies and baptisms.

6. Confirm the NBSC office has received your testimony either via- email or phone to ensure everything is taken care of and in place.
  
7. Make sure to make it to the mandatory baptism class. It is something you will not want to miss!
  
8. Invite as many people as possible to this awesome event of your life. You will find people will come to this. It is like a graduation and very important and if you have a lunch afterward at your house or restaurant God might open doors for you to further your witness or let your light shine to those in your life!

God Bless- NBSC Staff