



Chapter 3

YOUR TESTIMONY— THE CONVERSION EXPERIENCE

In this chapter you will learn how to write the second section of your testimony—how you met Christ.

This is the pivotal point of your story, and it tells specifically *how you received Christ*. If you cannot remember the exact time and way you received Christ, you can still relate the basic essentials necessary for a person to become a Christian. The point is this: If you really know Christ, you will be able to tell others how you received Him.

Remember these points as you write this section:

- ❶ *The Gospel should be brought out clearly enough in your narration that the hearer would know how to receive Christ himself.***
- ❷ *It is effective to use one or two verses of Scripture that were influential in your conversion or that clearly present the Gospel. God’s Word is alive and powerful and is used by the Holy Spirit to convict men of their need for Christ. God promises in Isaiah 55:11:***

***So shall my Word be that goeth forth out of my mouth:
it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please,
and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.***

Follow these guidelines when using Scripture verses:

- Don’t use too many—prayerfully choose one or two that are most significant to your particular story. If too many verses are used, you begin to sound like you are preaching.
 - Memorize the verses you use—if the verses were influential to your conversion, they should be meaningful enough to warrant memorization. Quoting the exact passage and reference ensures that we are really giving God’s Word—not our recollection of it.
 - Explain any words in that verse that your listeners may not understand.
- ❸ *Be careful to avoid religious language that will confuse or be meaningless to a non-Christian—i.e. “saved,” “grace,” “washed in the Blood,” etc.***
 - ❹ *Review suggestions given in Chapter 2.***

Plan for Sharing Your Testimony

Write in note form:

1. Date and place of your conversion. _____

2. What convinced you to receive Christ? _____

3. How did you come to know Christ? _____

4. What verses stood out to you at that time?

Write the second section of your testimony in the space provided. In normal conversational speed, this section should be 1 to 1 1/2 minutes in length (150 to 200 words).
