

# Baptism Testimony Tips



If you're planning on sharing your testimony at your baptism, here's a few tips!

## Testimony Outline

1. Introduce yourself with your first and last name.
2. Share something about your life before Christ (2-3 sentences).
3. Explain how and when you accepted Christ as your personal Saviour.
4. Thank 1-2 people who have helped you in your walk (optional).
5. Finish with a declaration of faith (e.g. "I'm here today to let you know that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Saviour").

## Length and Content

Over time, we have heard feedback on things that may offend or cause confusion for people. It's our goal to help you be as clear as possible while keeping the focus on who Christ is and what baptism is all about.

1. Please keep your testimony brief and to the point.
2. Aim for under 300 words.
3. Longer stories will be returned to you for revision.
4. Please be open to feedback!

## Be Clear About Your Salvation

Your walk with Christ is definitely a process, but you need to be able to express a point in time that you recognized that you are a sinner in need of a Saviour. You don't have to know the date, but there was a point when you accepted Christ and made the choice to follow him – express that clearly.

Similarly, please avoid the phrase that you have "always been a Christian"; this gives the idea that your salvation is something that you can inherit, or is the result of growing up in a Christian home.

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## Tricky Topics to Avoid

1. Please be mindful of families and youth by keeping sensitive details about drug use, sex, pornography, abortion, or divorce to a minimum.
2. Avoid talking about the sins of someone else.
3. Avoid mentioning previous Christian denominations; however feel free to mention previous religions (for example, Buddhist, Jehovah's Witness, Mormon, etc.).
4. Only mention your infant christening if it is relevant to why you are choosing to be baptized now. It is important to differentiate between a christening and your current baptism. You may not have the time to come back around and make this clear.

## Remember, Practice Makes Perfect

But 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.

- 1 Peter 3:15