

The **four basic elements of a good testimony** are:

1. What life was like **before** receiving Jesus Christ as Savior.

When you share this part of your testimony, be careful that you do not make the mistake of glorifying your past sin instead of displaying the power of the Gospel to radically change a life.

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2. What the **circumstances** were that led me to receive Christ as Savior.

This might include the person who was faithful in sharing Christ with you or even the place where you heard the Gospel for the very first time in your life.

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3. How life has **changed** since receiving Christ as Savior.

Often this will include things that have changed in your life now that you know Jesus as your personal Savior. A transformed life is a good testimony that you are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). This is a very powerful element of your testimony since it shows how meeting Jesus has personally impacted you.

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4. One of the **verses** upon which I base my salvation.

Since faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, when you share your testimony, it would be wise to include a passage of Scripture upon which you base your salvation. By giving a passage of Scripture on which your salvation is based, you will keep the focus of your conversion on God's requirement for salvation as opposed to anything you could do to attempt to obtain eternal life yourself. The verse you choose should make it clear that you belong to God.

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