

Writing Your Personal Testimony

The Example of the Apostle Paul

One of the privileges and responsibilities of Christians is to share with others our faith in Christ. Although many methods and plans can be used to communicate our faith, none is more effective than sharing how the love, grace, and mercy of Christ has changed our lives.

People to whom we witness may evade issues, attempt to discredit biblical and historical facts, or blame their condition on others. But it's hard to discount the authentic testimony of a believer whose life has been transformed.

That's the reason for this lesson. Completing the worksheet will better equip you to give a logical and organized presentation of who Jesus Christ is and what he has done in your life.

Let's use the story of Paul's conversion in Acts 26:1-23 as a pattern for your testimony.

PAUL'S ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS BEFORE HIS CONVERSION

Read Acts 26:1-23.

- ◆ Lived as a Pharisee—v. 5 (see also Galatians 1:13-14)
- ◆ Imprisoned many saints—v. 10
- ◆ Condoned the deaths of many saints—v. 10
- ◆ Persecuted Christians—v. 11

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING PAUL'S CONVERSION

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15.

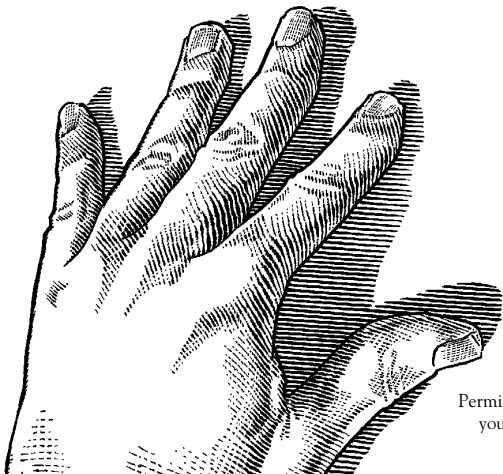
1. Where was he going? _____
2. What time was it? _____
3. What did he see? _____
4. Who was with him? _____
5. What did he hear? _____

CHANGES IN PAUL'S ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS AFTER HIS CONVERSION

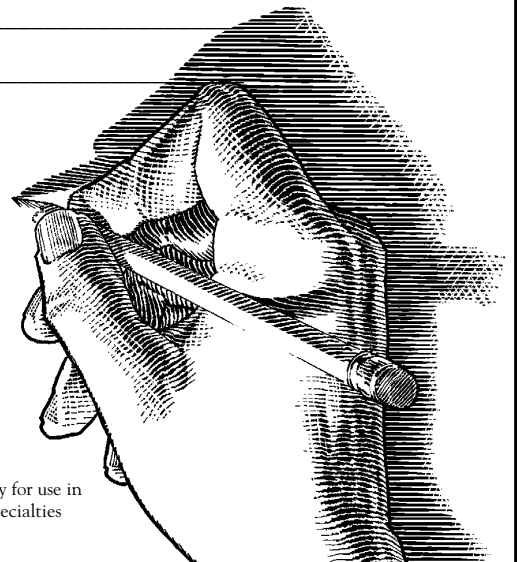
Read 1 John 1:5-9; 2:3-6.

What evidence of Paul's repentance and conversion can be found in the following verses?

6. Acts 26:19 _____
7. Acts 26:20 _____
8. Acts 26:21 _____
9. Acts 26:22-23 _____



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the next page...



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Your Turn!

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ Name
- ◆ Year in school (or age)
- ◆ School
- ◆ City

ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS BEFORE I BECAME A CHRISTIAN—If appropriate, include family or church background. Avoid naming religious denominations, since this may alienate some of your listeners.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING MY CONVERSION—Consider time, date, place, people, motivation, etc. This is a natural place to summarize the gospel: the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

CHANGES IN MY ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS SINCE MY CONVERSION—Be enthusiastic!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS