

How to Write a 3-5 Minute Baptism Testimony



At Crossway Chapel we value stories of redemption, and your story speaks of the goodness and greatness of Jesus. Therefore, when you are baptized at Crossway, we ask that you give a 3-5 minute testimony about your life to those gathered as witnesses. The questions below serve as a template for writing your testimony. Answer at least two questions from each section below in a "life story" format – it should read more like you are telling a story than bullet points and should be right around 400 words long (or whatever 3-5 minutes of your writing comes out as).

Send your written testimony to pastor Clark (clark@crosswayfoxvalley.com), and take the time you need to internalize it, getting it deep down in your heart. Please also bring a print out to use as a reference while you speak, but try not to read your whole story directly from it. You can share it either live on your baptism day or through a pre-recorded video.

Old Life (Without Jesus)

1. What were you like before Jesus saved you?
2. What was your life like before Jesus, and what did you believe about the world and your existence in it?
3. What were your major idols – in what/whom did you place your hope?
4. When and how did you recognize your need for Jesus (what was the turning point)?
5. Overall, what was the problem? Why did you need salvation (Choose a verse/short Bible passage to support your explanation).

The Gospel (The Story of Jesus)

1. Who is Jesus, and what is the gospel? (Choose a verse/short passage of scripture to support your explanation).
2. What did God do through Christ to solve your problem? (Choose a verse/short Bible passage to support your explanation).
3. Why do you believe in the gospel of Jesus?
4. How would you explain what the gospel has accomplished in your heart and life?
5. What did God do to bring you to the point where you were willing to surrender your life?

New Life (With Jesus)

1. How has Jesus transformed your life, overcome your sin, and confronted your idols?
2. What are you like now that Jesus has saved you? What has changed?
3. What benefits have you received through Christ in the gospel (Choose a verse/short Bible passage to support your explanation)?
4. How is the gospel currently at work in you (how is God sanctifying you?) What is at stake for those who don't believe in Jesus, and why should they believe in Him?