

Preparing Your Personal Testimony for the Baptism Service  
Coastal Community Church

**Read Acts 26**

Questions that you should answer include;

1. What was Paul's approach to Agrippa?
2. What did Paul include in his background?
3. How did he describe his meeting Jesus?
4. Why should we use a personal testimony?

**How to develop your personal testimony**

1. Make it personal not preachy; use "I" and "me" not "you" and "we".
2. Follow an outline.
  - A. **Before**- How your life looked before you became a Christian; include how you became aware of your need for Christ.
  - B. **How**- How you specifically became a Christian; communicate the gospel clearly and briefly; include the following:
    - a. The fact of sin
    - b. The penalty of sin
    - c. Jesus' payment for sin
    - d. The requirement to repent and trust Jesus personally
    - e. The steps you took to invite Christ into your life (could have been a prayer of commitment)
  - C. **After**- How Jesus changed your life; relate back to the areas you struggled with before conversion.
3. Clearly write out your personal testimony using the outline provided. Try to keep it between 1 to 2 minutes.
4. Bring your written testimony with you the day you are being baptized. If you prefer to memorize your testimony and recite it you can, or you can read your testimony to the congregation.