

# Sharing Your Personal Testimony of Faith in Jesus Christ

We are honored and excited that you have expressed an interest in becoming a part of the Cross Pointe family. We would like to ask you to take a few moments to share with us how you came to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. This is your personal testimony of how you came to accept Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death on the cross as payment for your sin and the way for you to have a personal relationship with God. In the book of Acts, the Bible teaches that believers are called to be witnesses and that a witness is simply one who is compelled to tell others about their relationship with God (Acts 4:20).

Thank you for taking the time to fulfill this step in our membership process. We rejoice with you in what Christ has done in your life and want to help you grow in your relationship with Him. If you have any questions or need assistance in completing this form, please contact our Connections Office at 678-802-7267 or [connections@mycrosspointe.com](mailto:connections@mycrosspointe.com).

## 1. Characteristics of Life before Christ

These words and phrases are provided to assist you in remembering what your life was possibly like before you came to know Christ. Use them, or other appropriate terms, as they apply to your situation.

*You've already put in your time in that God-ignorant way of life,... 1 Peter 4:3 (MSG)*

No direction	Emptiness	Good deeds	Fearful
Something missing	Religious	Lonely	Driven
Good person	Without purpose	Fear of death	Controlling

## 2. Ways People Come to God

God uses many different ways to bring us to a loving confrontation with our need for a relationship with Him through the Lord Jesus Christ. We have diverse backgrounds and varied experiences. The following terms identify a few of the ways that God uses to bring many of us to Him. Locate any that apply to you or include others which apply to your testimony.

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*

Jesus brought me to Him through:

Revival/Crusade	A friend	Church service	Youth camp
Minister in the home	A parent	Vacation Bible School	A Bible study class

## 3. Evidence of a Changed Life

Since Jesus Christ became your Lord and Savior, many things have changed in your life. Some of these changes are visible; others are internal. Use these key words or phrases as a springboard to describe your life and the evidence that your life has been changed.

*What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun! 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)*

Joy	Peace	Sensitivity	Direction
Patience	Kindness	Faithfulness	Witnessing
Love	Self-control	Compassion	Goodness
Service	Assurance	Gentleness	Bible Study

## **Example of a Personal Testimony**

### **My Life Before Christ**

As long ago as I can remember, I always believed in God. I considered myself a “good person,” and I tried to do the “right thing” in dealing with others. I worked hard, and I was considered a success by those who knew me. When I thought about God, which I admit was not all that often, I believed that if I did enough of the right things and worked hard enough, surely I would go to heaven. I had a great wife, sweet kids, and all of the material things I had worked so hard to obtain. Every time I achieved a goal, I expected that achievement to be followed by satisfaction and “happiness.” I enjoyed the praise and the appearance of success. That satisfaction never lasted, though. Inside of my heart and my mind was an emptiness, a hollowness, that “things,” achievements, and people could not seem to fill.

### **How I Came to Know Jesus Personally**

One evening, while I was working outside in my yard, my neighbor came over. We weren't really friends, but we had always spoken whenever we saw each other. Once, when my car wouldn't start, he offered to drop me at the office. That night, though, he invited my wife and me to his church the following Sunday. His pastor had just begun speaking on what the Bible said about being an influential man. I wanted to be a man of influence. As the pastor spoke that morning, I knew that the influence and success I had achieved could never be enough. I understood that I was a sinner and could never pay the price of being “good enough” to deserve heaven. The only thing that really mattered was Jesus Christ and His death on the cross for MY sin. When he gave the invitation for us to accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, I knew that I needed to be saved, to accept Jesus and that His work was sufficient to assure me of God's love for me and a place in heaven. I realized it was not enough to just know about Jesus, but that I needed to know Him, personally. I did accept Jesus Christ that Sunday and placed all of my faith in Him and His work on the cross and was baptized. I will always be grateful to my neighbor who invited me to attend church with him.

### **My Life Since I Became a Christian**

After I accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior, I came to know what it meant to be satisfied. I was still a hard worker, but I looked at things from a different perspective. I was no longer empty; I was filled with a sense of purpose that was bigger than the moment. I became hungry to know what the Bible said about being the right kind of husband, the right model of a father, and God's guidelines for business. My outward life may not have changed much, because I had tried to be a moral person. However, on the inside, there was a huge difference. For the first time in my life, I knew contentment. I am amazed by God's grace and forgiveness, as He continues to show me what He considers “success” and how to live in the only life that really satisfies – a life that is covered by the blood of Jesus.

## My Personal Testimony

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My life before Christ:

How I came to know Jesus, personally:

My life since I became a Christian:

Have you come to a place in your spiritual life where you know for certain that if you died today, you would go to heaven?

Suppose that you were to die today and stand before God and He were to say, "Why should I let you into my Heaven?" What would you say?

Have you been baptized by immersion, meaning to have been completely submerged in water, after you accepted Christ as your personal Savior? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

When were you baptized? \_\_\_\_\_ At what church? \_\_\_\_\_

Previous church membership (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_