

## Sample Testimony

1	I grew up in Santa Clarita, California. My parents were good people but not Christians. They gave me a secure, loving home environment, but no spiritual direction.
2	In middle school, I hung out with the wrong group of people and started drinking. Eventually this led to drug use, and an arrest for shoplifting. I didn't like where my life was headed, but I didn't know how to change it. When I was 17, I was injured in a car accident. During recovery, I started to think about where my life was headed. The hospital chaplain visited me and asked: "If you had died in that accident, would you have been ready to meet the Lord?" He caught me off guard, and I replied, "No, I wouldn't." He asked me if I'd like to know.
3	He explained to me that Jesus died to pay for my sins and rose again the third day. He said I needed to do something to apply this to my life. According to Romans 10:9-13, I needed to believe and call on Jesus to save me.
4	On January 7, Right there in my hospital bed I prayed and asked Jesus to save me. I don't think I felt anything emotionally, but I knew something changed in me.
5	My life has changed since becoming a Christian. I joined a support group and quit using. I found a church and a new group of friends who wanted to follow Jesus. And I gained a new perspective on life. My life has meaning because I belong to Jesus Christ.



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## The Story of My Salvation

No one is born a Christian. The Bible tells us we come into the world as sinners, estranged from God. The message of the gospel is that we need to repent of our sin, believe that Jesus died for us and rose again, and call on (pray to) Jesus to save us.

If we have called on Jesus to save us, one of the best things we can do for our family and friends is to tell them how it happened. We shouldn't assume they know.

This form provides an outline for you to record how you became a Christian. This will help you clarify your experience, and will help others see their need if they have not yet believed. If you need help, look at the back of this form for a sample story.

Pastor David Sheppard

**Part 1: Background** (describe your upbringing and the general course of your life up to the time you became a Christian)

**Part 2: Circumstances** (explain the things that helped you realize you needed to be saved)

**Part 3: Understanding**  
(explain exactly what you believed in order to be saved—  
Example: “I realized that Jesus died for me...etc. Include an appropriate Scripture that expresses this (such as Romans 10:9-10, 13)

**Part 4: Action** (describe exactly what you did to become a Christian – include the time and location if you remember)

**Part 5: Results** (tell about some of the changes that came about as a result, and what Christ means to you now)