



The Power of Your Testimony

Acts 26:4-23

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What You Need to Know About Every Story

- The details of every story differ
- How your story began is the same for everyone – we are all sinners in need of a Savior
- How you received Christ as Savior is the same for everyone – we are all saved by grace through faith
- God expects Christ followers to share his or her story with others

Your Story as a Christ Follower Differs from All Other Religions

- Christianity – salvation by grace through faith not works
- Islam – salvation by good works and the mercy of Allah
- Hinduism – salvation through intelligence and enlightenment
- Buddhism – salvation through higher consciousness

Christianity and Salvation

- Sin severed our relationship with God so we all need a relationship with Him
- Christ is God who came to earth to die for our sin in our place
- We cannot earn our salvation nor do we deserve it
- We are saved by grace through faith
- A relationship with Christ gives life meaning and purpose

Your Story Has Three Basic Parts

1. Your life before you met Christ, Acts 2:4-11
 - Good works cannot save you. Being morally good cannot save you. Being zealous in your beliefs cannot save you
 - You are a sinner, Rom 3:23
 - Your sin separates you from God, Rom 8:5-8
 - Your sin deserves death and hell, Rom 6:23
2. How you received Christ as your Savior
 - Repent of sin and ask for forgiveness, Acts 3:19, Col 1:13-14
 - Believe in Jesus Christ as Savior, Rom 10:9-10, 13
3. How Christ has changed your life today
 - You do not habitually sin, 1 Jn 3:6
 - You bear spiritual fruit, Gal 5:22-25
 - You live for Christ, 2 Cor 5:15, 17, Matt 6:33, Rom 14:8