

SIZZLIN' SUMMER SERMON SERIES: YOU ASKED FOR IT?

Sermon Title: Why is it Important to have a Personal Testimony?

INTRO:

By definition, a testimony is a public recounting of a religious _____ (conversion) or _____ (experience)

WHY IS A TESTIMONY IMPORTANT?

- Scripture, 247
- **Revelations 12:11**

WHAT DOES SCRIPTURE SAY ABOUT TESTIMONIES?

Scripture: 1 John 5:6-12 (NIV)

A human testimony is accepted,

BUT _____ (God's) testimony is the greatest because it is the testimony of _____ (God), which **He** has given about his _____ (Son).

WHAT DOES A PERSONAL TESTIMONY LOOK LIKE?

1. The Old Life, life without _____ (Christ) in the center.
 - Holy Spirit is at _____ (work) at _____ (all) times in _____ (all) situations.
 - **2 Corinthians 4:4**
2. Conversion Experience, fully _____ (surrendered).
 - Crisis Moment, Praying Friend, Alter Call, Repentance.
 - The gift of the _____ (Holy Spirit) is received.
3. New Life, a _____ - _____ (Christ-centered) life.
 - Made new, justification, regeneration, adoption
 - God wants us to respond with _____ (obedience).

CLOSE: WHERE IN THE PROCESS ARE YOU WITH YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY!?