

GIVING A TESTIMONY INFORMATION SHEET

Firstly, what is a testimony? A testimony is simply a telling of what God has done for a person. It is a relating of an individual's experience with God. Testimonies can be broadly divided into two types— a salvation testimony and a blessings testimony.

(1) A **salvation** testimony - this is a relating of the events that led up to an individual trusting Christ as his/her Saviour. Such a testimony is very helpful when you are seeking to share the gospel. If you cannot think of anything else to say, you could simply share your testimony. This is often a very challenging and attractive way of sharing your faith, and nicely complements the sharing of some Bible verse(s). In addition in a Bible believing church, a clear testimony of salvation is required before any individual will be baptized. The giving of such a testimony need not be an unnerving experience if some simple planning is done. This information sheet is designed to help individuals to put together a clear statement for a salvation testimony.

(2) A **blessings** testimony—this is the relating by a believer of some blessing that he/she has received from the Lord. It could be help in a difficult situation, provision for a need, some precious insight received from a study of the Word etc.

Helpful Hints:

This section will give you pointers on how to prepare your testimony. When giving your testimony, answer questions that will help unsaved people such as the following:

- (a) How were you before you were saved? Were you religious, uncaring about the things of God, atheistic etc. How did you feel about believers and the Bible?
- (b) How did you hear the gospel? Was it from someone in your family, a friend, a colleague, a Christian who knocked on your door?
- (c) How did you react when you first heard the gospel? Were you interested or hostile?
- (d) When did you first realize that you were lost and under the wrath of God?
- (e) What did you come to understand about the work that Christ did on Calvary's cross?
- (f) What Bible verses helped you.
- (g) Who helped you to trust Christ?
- (h) When and where did you actually call upon the Lord to save you?
- (i) What has happened to you after receiving Christ? Are you now attending Sunday

