

## THE POWER OF TESTIMONY - ACTS 22:1-21

**Acts 22: Your personal testimony has great potential power.**

- Vs 1: It is a powerful defense.

**Revelation 12:11** And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

- Vs 3-f: It is a powerful tool to relate the gospel.

Paul's testimony in Acts 22 is a model for you to develop a personal testimony.

**The four parts of a good testimony.**

1. Vs 3-5: Paul told who he was and what his life was like without Christ.  
Paul covered his race (Jews), origin (Tarsus), education (Gamaliel), religion (zealous), devotion.
2. Vs 6-10: Paul told how he personally encountered Christ.
  - Vs 6: He told of God's divine intervention.  
Note! It is God who is seeking man!  
Encountered God's light, not man's reason/intellect.
  - Vs 7: He told of the conviction of sin.
  - Vs 8-9: He told of meeting Jesus.  
Salvation is a person, not a religion.  
Others encounter God, but never know Him.
  - Vs 10: He told of his submission to God's Lordship.
3. Vs 11-20: Paul described how God went to work in his life.
  - Vs 11-13: Submission to Christ results in submission to Christ's servants.
  - Vs 14-15: Showed God's direction.
  - Vs 16: His basic steps of obedience in following the Lord.  
Baptism is a sign of the reality of your faith.  
Baptism clears conscience in that you've been obedient to God. **1 Peter 3:21**
  - His growth even in the midst of problems (17-20)
4. Vs 21: He told who he was now 22:21

**Vs 22-24: THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THOSE WHO HEAR WILL ACCEPT CHRIST!**

SUMMARY

1. WHAT WERE YOU LIKE WITHOUT CHRIST?
2. HOW DID YOU MEET CHRIST?
3. WHAT RESULTED FROM GETTING SAVED?
4. WHAT IS GOD DOING IN YOUR LIFE NOW?