

Testimony

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I. Introduction. (1 Timothy 2:2-4)

A. Four great questions.

1. Who am I? Why am I here?
2. What am I like? We are sinful.
3. What do I need? We need salvation through the cross.
4. Where am I going? Judgment is coming, but those who believe in Jesus are not condemned.

II. Testimony.

A. The speaker began to realize that although he joined the church, he had not joined the kingdom.

B. He realized that we are not saved by works.

C. We make a choice in our will to run our lives on our own or turn our lives over to Christ.

D. If we turn our lives over to Christ, he will give us new machinery on the inside—he will make us a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

E. The speaker lost his father, lost his wife, fell into debt and considered suicide but he pressed on for Jesus. (Romans 8:28)

III. To know Jesus personally, one must admit his need, be willing to change, believe that Jesus Christ took our punishment upon himself and invite Jesus Christ to take control of one's life through an act of one's will.

IV. Procrastination keeps people from the kingdom.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to know Christ personally?

2. How does the speaker's testimony demonstrate the extent of God's forgiveness?

3. Why is it important to understand that inviting Jesus Christ is an act of the will?
