

# Being Salt and Light in The World



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# I'm a Christian

As a Christian, you are a child of God. This means that you have accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, and you have been indwelt with the Holy Spirit.

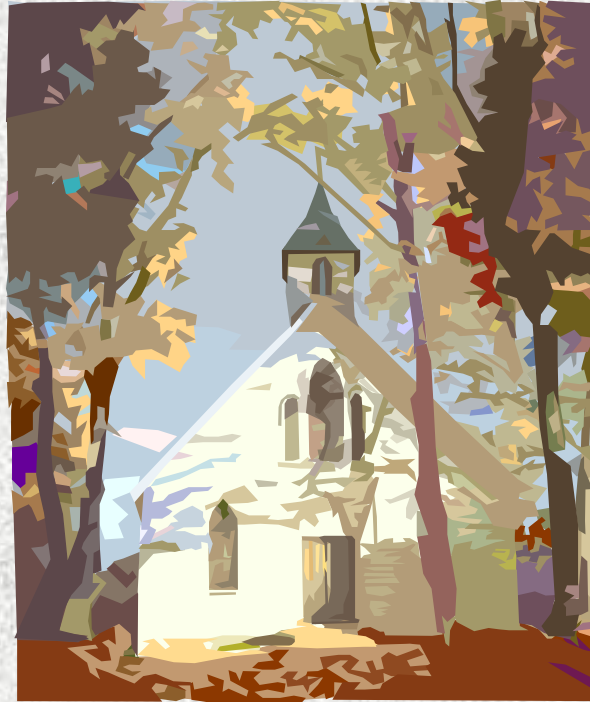
# Testimony

- What is a testimony?
- What does it mean when a Christian gives their testimony?

# Definition

A testimony is a compilation of words that tells others about your faith. It can explain why you are a Christian, experiences you have had, how you overcame sin, and more. Testimonies are often presented to other people to help them through situations or to demonstrate a point. It is used to reinforce the truth of the matter.

# My Testimony...



## What's Next?

Once you've chosen to learn God's word and a plan for your life, what's next?

- God's word explains to us how we are to live in a way that is pleasing to Him.
- When we follow God's plan for our lives, we can enjoy the blessings, joy, and peace God wants to give to us.

(Matthew 5:13-15) You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.



# The Salt and The Light

- Jesus is our role model...He is the one we follow and try to be like. The bible calls this being **SALT AND LIGHT IN THE WORLD.**

# Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Trinity. It is the part of God which lives within us. The Holy Spirit only lives within Christians. When you have the Holy Spirit within you, God begins to change you. Things you used to say and do don't have the same appeal as they once did.
- Other names that refer to the Holy Spirit in the Bible are: Paraclete, Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate.

# The “Helper”

- The Holy Spirit is our “Helper” our “Comforter” and our “Counselor” as we grow in our Christian walk.
- He helps us to change from our old ways into God’s new creation so that we may be salt and light to the world.

# **WHAT DOES IT MEAN** **TO BE SALT AND** **LIGHT?**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:1

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind.

**What does it mean to rid  
yourself of all malice,  
deceit, hypocrisy, envy  
and slander of every  
kind?**

# Malice

The word “malice” means evil in Greek. As we seek to live our lives in a way pleasing to God, these are things we don’t want to be recognized for.

- To Seek misfortune for others, even if we think they may deserve it.
- Being mean to others.
- Taking advantage of someone.

# Deceit

What does Deceit mean?

- To deceive or to lie.



# Hypocrisy

What does hypocrisy mean?

- To say one thing and do another.
- For example: You say, “I would never cheat on test” ...but then your teacher catches you cheating.

# Envy

What does envy mean?

- To be jealous of someone else because of something they have that you don't have.

# Slander

What does slander mean?

- To tell a lie about someone's character.
- To tell a lie about someone in order to make them look bad.

## **Examples of Sinful Behavior:**

- You may have thought telling a “little white lie” was no big deal.
- You may have thought criticizing someone was not a big deal, you might have thought you were being helpful.
- When I get angry I just “loose it” and I might yell and throw stuff around.
- You might have thought that sharing a juicy piece of gossip was not a big deal, as long as no one knows about it.

# How About You?

- Can you tell us some types of sinful behavior you might do...

## Let's Read...

- Ephesians 5:8-11
- 1<sup>st</sup> John 1:5-7
- 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:9-10

**Questions?**