



FOUNDATION CORNERSTONE

FCS1-4-08: Christian Testimony

Testimony: (Greek 3142 – 2 *Thessalonians 1:10*) marturion mar-too'-ree-on neuter of a presumed derivative of 3144; something evidential, i.e. (genitive case) **evidence given** or (specially), the Decalogue (in the sacred Tabernacle):--to be testified, **testimony, witness**.

A Christian's life should show evidence that God is real and so is eternal life is worth fighting for. When a person looks closely at the life of a Christian, they should find hope and a newness of life. God has called the Christian to be a testimony of His purpose and a testimony of His grace.

2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

1 Timothy 4:11-12 These things command and teach. 12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

This kind of testimony really stands out among the people due to the sin and spiritual darkness that are in the world. God's Spirit and light shines outwards as a beacon from a safe harbor to those that are lost and without hope.

Matthew 5:14-16 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The holy calling of God for a Christian is to be an ambassador for Christ. God is reaching out to the lost through their testimony; a living beacon of hope shining from the life within His people.

1 Corinthians 1:4-6 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed



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unto us the word of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

In the eyes of the people around us, our testimony is a reflection of the God we serve. Every Christian has a commission from God; to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every believer can share of things they have learned and experienced in Christ. Therefore, every believer has the commandment to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ based on what they know and understand to be true.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Matthew 28:19-20 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Sharing the Gospel unto every creature is considered to be the Great Commission. What makes the Gospel believable is the testimony of the person sharing it.



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Question 1

As described in 2 Timothy 1:9, what is true about our holy calling?

It is according to God's purpose and grace.

It is not according to our works.

It was given before the world began.

Man will get the glory.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 2

As described in 1 Timothy 4:11-12, in our youth, purity is not important to our testimony.

True

False

True/False

Question 3

As described in Matthew 5:14-16, men should see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

True

False

True/False

Question 4

As described in 2 Corinthians 4:3-6, letting the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ shine brightly will help our testimony and the unbelievers come to be saved.

True

False

True/False

Question 5

As described in 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, Jesus Christ hath given to us

the _____ of _____.

Fill in blanks



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