

**Key Scripture:** 

2 Timothy 1:8 NKJV

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord

## **Peter's Testimony**

Acts 2:32,36-39 NKJV

32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.

36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

37 Now when they heard this, <u>they were cut to the heart</u>, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

## What causes a hard heart towards water baptism?

✓ Hanging on to unbiblical traditions: Baby baptisms.

Mark 7:13 NLT

And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition.

And this is only one example among many others.

✓ **Fear** of man: We must acknowledge Jesus publicly.

Matthew 10:32 NLT

Everyone who acknowledges Me publicly here on earth,
I will also acknowledge before My Father in heaven.

✓ **Reject God's** plan for your life: "I will live out my faith my way."

Luke 7:30 NLT

But the Pharisees and experts in religious law rejected God's plan for them, for they had refused John's baptism.

✓ **Too** Spiritual: "Don't need water baptism...Already baptized with Holy Spirit"

Acts 10:48 NIV

"Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water?

They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

✓ **Unwilling to leave** sinful lifestyle: Romans 6:11-12 We leave sinful lifestyle.

## My Testimony

Says I Belong To Jesus

How to say... "I Belong To Jesus."

1. Change: Leave old way of life.

Acts 2:38 NKJV

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2. Obey: Believe Jesus.

Notes:

Mark 16:16 NLT

Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved.

Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;
and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

## 3. **Proclaim**: Declare your new life with Christ.

Colossians 2:12 NLT

For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized.

And with Him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

An encounter with God today...will be your testimony for others tomorrow.
