

# A Different Take On What Our Testimony Is

It is traditional in the church system for a person to give their testimony. That testimony is usually how they “came to Jesus”. But is that what a testimony is?

The term ‘testimony’ is found in the NT, so it was a word that the first believers knew about and used. It meant to give an account of something seen or heard. It literally meant ‘to testify’ by ‘giving a report’.

The Greek word translated ‘testimony’ is *marturia* (μαρτυρία). It means ‘a testifying’, ‘what one testifies’, ‘a testimony’ (i.e. before a judge).<sup>1</sup> Also, ‘evidence given’ (judicially or generally), ‘a record’, ‘a report’, ‘a testimony’ or ‘a witness’.<sup>2</sup>

To get a better idea of what *marturia* means as a report of something, rather than “coming to Jesus” as it is used these days, the Greek word is actually translated ‘report’ in other places in the NT.

The Greek word translated ‘report’ is *martureō* (μαρτυρέω) which is derived from the same root word as *marturia*. This word means ‘to be a witness’, ‘to bear witness’, (i.e. to affirm that one has seen or heard or experienced something, or that they know it because they were taught by divine revelation or inspiration to give testimony and not keep it back), ‘to utter honourable testimony’, ‘to give a good report’, ‘to conjure’ or ‘to implore’.<sup>3</sup> Also, ‘to be a witness, (that is, testify both literally or figuratively), ‘to charge’, ‘to give evidence’, ‘to bear record’, ‘to testify’, ‘to give testimony’ and ‘to be, bear, give, or obtain witness’.<sup>4</sup>

The testimony given by a person is *marturion* (μαρτύριον) which meant ‘evidence’. ←NOTE

Revelation is full of the use of the word ‘testimony’.

- John wrote that he was testifying what he saw and heard in the vision by what he recorded in his letter we call “Revelation”.<sup>5</sup> It was for the purpose of educating the *ekklesia* in Asia Minor.<sup>6</sup>
- John wrote that he was on Patmos because of his testimony about Jesus being the Messiah<sup>7</sup>
- The 2 witnesses gave testimony to the existence of Almighty God for 1,260 days which was prophesying (the real Word of God) and declaring changes in the natural realm.<sup>8</sup>

So, when John stated that the believers triumphed over the Accuser “by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony”<sup>9</sup>, it wasn’t their testimony of how they “came to Jesus”. Their testimony would have been the greatness of King Jesus and what he had done for them and for all humanity.

This is the same for us today. Our testimony is NOT how we “came to Jesus”. It’s our experience of life with the Trinity and what they’ve done in us, through us and for us. That may be hard to understand because of the church training we’ve received. But, we overcome everything (including the enemy’s attacks) by standing resolutely on what Father has told us and on our experience of his faithfulness, power and his work in our lives.

This is the same testimony that we pass on to others who want to know about our spiritual life and how it’s relevant today.

As an example, one of Mike Parson’s testimonies is that Father told him several times in 2020 to write his latest book. Here’s those 3 testimonies:

1 – Thayer Definition [www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3141/marturia.htm](http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3141/marturia.htm)

2 – Strong's Definition G3141 [www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3141/marturia.htm](http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3141/marturia.htm)

3 – Thayer Definition [www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3140/martureo.htm](http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3140/martureo.htm)

4 – Strong's Definition G3140 [www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3140/martureo.htm](http://www.bibletools.org/index.cfm/fuseaction/Lexicon.show/ID/G3140/martureo.htm)

5 – Revelation 1:2

6 – Revelation 22:16

7 – Revelation 1:9

8 – Revelation 11:1-7

9 – Revelation 12:11

*“Son, the eschatology of restoration is a book that must be written to warn and prepare the Joshua generation for their restoration mandate.”*

*“Son, do not waver, and trust that you are on the right path. So do not hold back: write the book that will reveal the eschatology of restoration so Our children can be free from religious and political deception.”*

*“Son, you must take up this mandate and write the book *The Eschatology of the Restoration of All Things* that will expose the deceptions and reveal the Luciferian agendas behind them.”<sup>10</sup>*

Another of Mike Parson’s testimonies is that he always goes to ‘The Truth’ himself to find out the truth, rather than listening to the teachings of men. For him, that can be by asking the King specifically, or by allowing his Spirit to identify the truth that’s inside what others have said or written. Here’s his testimony of that:

*“In the pursuit of the truth, my primary source is the Truth Himself, Jesus, who is the greatest fact-checker of them all. Before I go any further I want to share my rationale concerning evidential material and historical accuracy. I have researched many sources, some of which are contradictory: so which sources do I trust and believe and which do I not? I do not want to operate in confirmation bias so I have not just looked at the sources of information that I already know agrees with my position. I have looked at much material that contradicts both the premise of this book and my eschatological views to get a balance and uncover the truth.*

*My starting point is always what the Father or Jesus have said to me and what frequency that truth carries. If you spend enough time hanging out with the source of all truth you will find it easier to discern what has the frequency of truth and what does not. We have to train our senses by practice to discern what is true and that is best done in a relationship with the Truth that develops through encounters. Knowledge is not to be intellectually discerned, as that is just information, but it must be spiritually known by experience. We can then know something as a personal testimony and not just know about something as information. Only by engaging God directly can we know the truth by experience and be confident of what is, in fact, the truth.”<sup>11</sup>*

(Permission to quote Mike Parsons received on 20-7-2020)

In his book, Mike also gave written evidence (testimony) of his experience on the fire stones in Heaven and of receiving truth for the content of the book while in God’s dark cloud.<sup>12</sup>

It should be quite clear now that we’re giving our testimony whenever we talk about the Trinity and what we’ve experienced with them or what we’ve learnt about them from spiritual interaction.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

10 – Mike Parsons (2022) “The Eschatology of the Restoration of All Things” [extract from the Introduction] [www.amazon.com.au/Eschatology-Restoration-All-Things-enlightenment/dp/1789633354](http://www.amazon.com.au/Eschatology-Restoration-All-Things-enlightenment/dp/1789633354)

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12 – Learn about God’s darkness here: “The Fire and Darkness of God” [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/the-fire-and-darkness-of-god.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/the-fire-and-darkness-of-god.pdf)