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APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

Dear Candidate for Baptism,

What a joy it is to know that you are being obedient to our Lord's command to proclaim your salvation through the ordinance of baptism. God will bless you and use your example to bless others. The following application will prepare you and us for this special event. I am looking forward to seeing you publicly identify with Christ and His Church.

*Grace to You,
Andrew Hadaway
Senior Pastor*

Today's Date: ____/____/____

Male Female

Name: _____ Birthdate: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Have you trusted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? Yes No Not Sure

Do you understand the meaning/significance of baptism? Yes No

Are you a regular attendee of Grace Bible Church? Yes No

Have you ever been baptized before? Yes No

If so, please explain why you need/want to be baptized again. _____

Personal Testimony

At the event of your baptism, you will be given the opportunity to publicly profess your faith in Christ to our congregation. We ask that you write out your testimony, for that helps in keeping it brief, but to the point. You will also find that it will calm your nerves as you have written out exactly what you want to say. There is no need to memorize it. You may take the paper into the baptismal with you and read it as written.

Two themes should be evident in every testimony. First, the most important theme is the gospel message which you have believed. The gospel centers on who Jesus is and what He has done for you in regard to salvation. You should present a clear statement of your faith in Jesus Christ as God's provision for you as a sinner. The reason is twofold: (1) Jesus Christ is honored as He is given the preeminent place in the role of salvation and in your life; (2) your testimony will encourage the saints and also possibly be used by God in bringing someone to salvation.

The second theme is the personal story that pertains to how you, as an individual, came to believe the Gospel and trust in Jesus Christ. This story might include a little background on the belief system you were raised with, your initial reasons for seeking out Jesus, your perception of your view of God and of yourself, and any circumstances that directly led you to realize that you were not acceptable to God.

After writing out your testimony, read it out loud several times, and time yourself. It should be no longer than 3-5 minutes. Please attach your testimony to this application and make sure to keep a copy for yourself.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____

Please turn your completed application into the church office and you will be contacted by a church representative who will meet with you.

Church Representative's Signature _____ Date: ____/____/____