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How to Share Your Faith

Suppose you encounter a man who is not a person of faith, but he is interested in Christianity. In fact, he is seeking. You learn he has a deep hunger to know about God. He asks, “Is Jesus Christ the way?” He invites you to his house. He’s prepared refreshments, has his family there, and invited his neighbors in. He says, “Would you please explain your faith? Tell me why you believe in Jesus Christ.”

That would be a great opportunity, wouldn’t it? But suppose it really happened—you’ve been invited to share what you believe and why. Would you be prepared?

This very opportunity came to Simon Peter. A Roman army officer, Cornelius, invited Peter to his home. Prior to that, an angel had visited Cornelius saying, “Send for Simon Peter. He will come and tell you how you can know God personally.” Peter goes, prepared to tell him about the Lord.

Do you know how to share the Lord Jesus Christ? Do you share your faith? All some people can answer is, “Well, I keep the faith...” You ought not only to keep it but to give it away. And if you don’t have a desire to give it away, perhaps you ought to give it up. How can you call yourself a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ?

If you knew the cure for cancer or the answer for war, you’d share it, wouldn’t you? Yet we *know* the answer for what is causing so much heartbreak

and strife on our planet. At least we say we know the answer.

In this booklet you will find practical helps and the specifics you need to share Christ with your loved ones—and those you encounter in your daily walk.

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Do you share your faith?**



Two Convincing Truths

Before you can share your faith, you must have a bulldog grip on these two pillars of truth. If you do not, you cannot be an effective witness.

WHO CAN BE SAVED? ANYONE!

In Acts 10:9-15, Peter learned directly from the Holy Spirit that Christianity—faith in Christ—is not a Jewish religion, nor is it a Gentile religion. It is not limited to one region or culture. It is the old-time, all-time, new-time, every-time religion. After this encounter Peter said, **“Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him”** (v. 34-35).

Whoever you are, wherever you are, there is one faith, broad in availability, all-encompassing in scope. And God has made it clear in His Word that, **“The Lord is...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”** (2 Peter 3:9). God is no respecter of persons. God wants every person saved.

WHO CAN SAVE? ONLY ONE!

While salvation is broad in availability, it is narrow in its source—the Lord Jesus Christ *only*. Look in Acts 10:36, “**The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:)**” And before the religious rulers, Peter boldly declared: “**Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved**” (Acts 4:12).

Jesus Himself said in John 14:6, “**...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.**”

■ THE ONLY WAY

There is no other way. Truth is not relative. Peter didn't say to the Roman centurion, “Now Cornelius, I'm a Christian, and you're not a Christian, but you know what? God is a loving God. So you have your religion and I'll have mine. We're all going to heaven...just by different roads. Isn't it wonderful?”

It's not wonderful and it's not true. God is not a pluralist. If He were, He would never have sent His beloved Son to die.

This is not a popular concept in today's culture where the most highly prized traits are *tolerance* and *diversity*. But throughout the ages, the Gospel has gone against the grain of popular thought.

There is multiplied proof in Scripture that Jesus Christ is the only way. The Bible is clear. God did not leave this open for debate. The apostle John wrote, “**...he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him**” (John 3:36). Later John emphatically states in 1 John:

**...the blood of Jesus Christ His [God's] Son
cleanseth us from all sin. (1:7)**

And He [Jesus] is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (2:2)

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. (5:11-12)

Paul affirms the singularity of salvation through Christ alone in 1 Timothy 2:5, **“For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.”**

The Lord Jesus Christ is *the one and only* Mediator between sinful mankind and a holy God. Christ alone can provide salvation. God went to great lengths in His Word to make certain we understood this: Jesus Christ, through His blood, provides the only way to salvation. You say, “Well, that’s awfully narrow.” Yes, it is narrow.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)

■ JESUS HIMSELF CLAIMED TO BE GOD

Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. (John 5:18)

I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins. (John 8:24)

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I AM. (John 8:58)

I and My Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from My Father; for which of those works do ye stone Me? The Jews answered Him, saying, For a good work we stone Thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that Thou, being a Man, makest Thyself God. (John 10:30-33)

If Jesus Christ is not the only way, He's none of the ways! If He is not the only way, He is a liar, a fake, a fraud, and an imposter. Whatever other ways there may be to God, He cannot be one of them, because a liar is no one's Savior.

Jesus Christ is the one and only Mediator between sinful mankind and a holy God.

What do we understand from these two pillars of salvation? With God, anyone, any place, anywhere, anytime can be saved. But they're going to be saved only through Jesus Christ. There is no other way to be saved. Jesus has cornered the market on salvation. He is Lord of all.



Sharing the Savior, One-On-One

When you enter the battle for souls, you must have four vital tools.

THE PERSONAL CONFIDENCE OF YOU, THE SOUL WINNER

If you're not sure about your own faith, you cannot win souls. When Peter met with Cornelius, he began his testimony by saying, "Jesus alone can satisfy your hunger, Cornelius. Jesus alone is God's answer for your sin, gives meaning to your life, can take the sting out of sin, the pain out of parting, the dread out of dying, and the gloom out of the grave. Jesus alone can give a hope that is steadfast and sure."

Do you have that assurance, that confidence? Are you yourself trusting Christ alone?

THE POWERFUL CONFIRMATION OF EYEWITNESSES

When you share Jesus Christ, in addition to personal confidence in your salvation, you need something to back it up. Peter was equipped. He held in hand three lines of persuasion about the Lordship of Jesus Christ. So must you, if you are

going to witness effectively and bring your friends and family to know the Lord. Embed these truths in your heart and mind for that time when opportunity comes. You need powerful confirmation.

Continuing in Acts 10, Peter says to Cornelius, **“And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem”** (v. 39).

There’s no reasonable way to dispute the early apostles, who said, “We are eyewitnesses.” They gave united testimony of what they’d seen and heard.

■ DIVERSE WITNESSES

Actually they were a motley group. There was John, young, observant and sort of philosophical; Peter, a loudmouth fisherman; Simon Zelotes, a political zealot; Nathaniel and Thomas, at first skeptical, far from gullible; Matthew, a hard-nosed tax man; Andrew, kind and compassionate; Philip, shrewd and calculating; and James, who had a straightforward, no-nonsense disposition. Yet all are unanimous on Jesus. What a group they made as they testified of the Lord Jesus Christ!

■ UNANIMOUS ON THREE THINGS

They may have been diverse, but they were totally united on three things about Jesus Christ:

1. His virtuous life

Peter testified to Cornelius:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all things which He did... (Acts 10:38-39)

Peter could affirm, “We saw His life—He went about doing good. His miracles indeed are true. Yes, He turned water into wine. I drank some of it. Yes, He walked on water. So did I. Yes, He raised Jairus’ daughter from the dead—I was there. I saw Jesus as He healed lepers. I was there when He was transfigured. I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘This is My beloved Son.’ We were eye witnesses of His majesty.”

Jesus was unique in His virtuous life.

2. His vicarious death

“...Whom they slew and hanged on a tree” (Acts 10:39). Peter said, “I saw His death—I saw Him as they laid Him in the tomb.” His death is an established, historical fact. And it was no ordinary death. His vicarious (substitutionary) death was the ultimate sacrifice of love. **“For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him”** (2 Corinthians 5:21).

What is that saying? A perfect, sinless Person took the penalty—took on Himself your sins and mine, the sins of every person who has ever lived—and paid for them with His death on the cross.

3. His victorious resurrection

Him God raised up the third day, and shewed Him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Peter verified, “I saw Him in His resurrection.” Some may try to argue, “Peter, you were hallucinating.” He could answer, “You don’t eat and drink or have a meal with a hallucination.”

Others might try to explain away the Resurrection by claiming Peter was in some sort of trance. Peter could respond, “Five hundred people at one time saw Him. Do you think everyone was in a trance together? He’s not a ghost. We touched Him. We handled Him. We talked with Him. We ate and drank with Him. I’m not telling a lie.”

We can be sure Peter was not lying because Peter was willing to die for his faith—and did. People may sometimes live for a lie, but no one will willingly die for a lie if he knows it’s a lie.

■ CONVINCED TOTALLY

As an eyewitness, Peter could say, “Look, we saw His virtuous life, His vicarious death, His victorious resurrection. This is what we want to share with you.” **“And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead”** (Acts 10:42).

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part of the evidence.**

Peter was totally convinced. Are you totally convinced? When we share our faith, not only are we witnesses, we ought to be part of the evidence. A Christian with a glowing testimony is never at the mercy of a skeptic with an argument. It’s so important that you share your own story—*your* testimony—when you witness to others.

THE INFALLIBLE TESTIMONY OF SCRIPTURE

There is complete unity in the Old Testament about the coming Messiah. Peter continues with Cornelius, **“To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins”** (Acts 10:43).

One of the great proofs of the authenticity of our Savior is the Old Testament in perfect unity with no contradiction.

In over 300 prophecies, the Old Testament foretells the birth, life and death of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a mathematical impossibility that the Scripture concerning Jesus could be fulfilled by chance.

Critics say, “Jesus deliberately arranged to make it look like He fulfilled these 300 prophecies.” I want to agree with them. He did arrange it. Let me tell you how. For example:

- He arranged to be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)
- Jesus arranged to be born of a virgin. (Isaiah 7:14)
- Jesus managed to have His manner of death described before capital punishment by crucifixion was even heard of. (Psalm 22)
- Jesus managed to have two thieves crucified on either side of Him. (Isaiah 53:9)
- Isaiah foretells, **“...neither was any deceit in His mouth.”**
- Jesus arranged for Judas to betray Him for 30 pieces of silver. (Zechariah 11:12)
- Greatest of all, Jesus arranged to rise from the dead. (Psalm 16:10)

The prophetic power of the Old Testament testifies of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE PERSUASIVE CONVICTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

As Peter witnesses to Cornelius' household, look how all of these—personal conviction, eyewitness testimony, Scriptural confirmation—converge. And when they do, the Holy Spirit falls! (Acts 10:44-48)

Peter shares his testimony—his own confidence, what he has seen, felt, and experienced. He gives them the Scripture and says, **“To Him give all the prophets witness”** (v. 43). To crown it all, the Holy Spirit comes down and convicts and convinces.

This doesn't mean that every time you witness you'll succeed at bringing the person to salvation at that moment. You may be planting the seed. You may be watering what someone before you has planted. But of one thing you may be sure: God has gone before. The Holy Spirit is present. Jesus said, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me” (John 12:32).

It's not our job to “get them saved.” It is His. Our task is to lift Him up. He will do the drawing if we will do the lifting! We must be willing to make the presentation. As Peter shares, the Spirit of God is saying, “Amen. That's right. You listen.”

■ WITNESSING IS NOT BEING A SALESMAN

Here's the wonderful news: God does not have to make you a great persuader. Testifying of the Lord Jesus Christ is not being a salesman. Anything you can talk a person into, someone else can talk them out of. They must be convinced. You'll never argue someone into the kingdom of heaven. But God will allow you, a person who's had a personal

experience with Christ, to share what Jesus Christ means to you. God has given Scripture to ratify your testimony. Then God will send the Holy Spirit to permeate their heart, saying, “Yes. Amen. This is the truth.”

■ WITNESSING IS BEING PREPARED

The Bible says that when we are filled with the Spirit, He witnesses with us! “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me...” (Acts 1:8).

I would not think of stepping into the pulpit to preach without the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I get on my knees and pray for the anointing, because in spite of my own personal convictions and the confirmation of Scripture, there is still another vital ingredient—the Holy Spirit speaking to the listener’s heart.

■ THE HOLY SPIRIT WITNESSES TO YOU AND TO THE UNBELIEVER

The Holy Spirit takes the things of Christ and shows them to you, His child, and to the unbeliever. “**And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey Him**” (Acts 5:32).

The skeptic might say, “Well, I’m not a believer and it’s not my fault that I’m not a believer.” He may not be a believer, but it is his fault if he isn’t. He says, “I can’t believe.” Yes, he can. His problem is not in his head but in his heart.

How do we know the unbeliever can believe if he chooses to? Because the Holy Spirit is there. If he’ll open himself to the Holy Spirit, He will do what no one else can. First the Holy Spirit witnesses to you, then the Spirit witnesses *in* you after you are saved. “**He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself**” (1 John 5:10). You will have

assurance, not because of your scholarship, but you have the witness in yourself.

The Bible says, “**Taste and see that the Lord is good**” (Psalm 34:8). If you’ve never eaten apple pie, and I’ve just had a big slice of apple pie, you might say, “There’s no such thing as apple pie,” or, “If there is such a thing, it doesn’t taste good; it doesn’t satisfy.” That’s your problem, not mine. I have the witness in myself.

First He witnesses to you. Then He witnesses in you. Then He witnesses through you.

What a golden opportunity when Simon Peter came before the unbelievers in Cornelius’ home.

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Then He witnesses through you.



The Simplicity of Salvation

You are reading this booklet because you want to know how to share the Lord Jesus Christ with your loved ones and acquaintances in such a way that they too will be saved. As you prepare for that opportunity—and you do need to prepare—keep this in mind, for the Gospel itself is truly simple.

If you had a little child, and that child was lost, and you had an opportunity to send that child a letter telling them how to get home, wouldn't you make it as simple as you could? Wouldn't you make it plain? The Bible says of the Gospel, comparing it to a king's highway:

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. (Isaiah 35:8)

In plain English that means a stranger without good sense can find his way on the Gospel road. It's plain. It's simply glorious, but gloriously simple.

Sometimes intellectual giants will stumble over it when little children will find it. God wants it to be simple. Remember, **“The Lord is...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to**

repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). God spells it out plainly because He wants people to be saved.

SOME HOW-TO'S OF WITNESSING

Let's look at an account in the New Testament that shows in a practical way how to witness.

In Acts 16, Paul and Silas had an encounter with a man far from salvation—the warden of the jail at Philippi. Paul and Silas had been thrown into prison on trumped up charges for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When an earthquake sprung all the prison doors and it appeared to the jailer that his prisoners had escaped, he knew he would be killed for allowing them to escape.

But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? (vv. 28-30)

The greatest question anyone can ask is, “What must I do to be saved?” **“And they [Paul and Silas] said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house”** (v. 31).

Three things occurred in this man's salvation: *Proclamation. Prayer. Praise.* When you witness for Christ, there will be proclamation, there must be prayer, and there will be praise.

■ PROCLAMATION

We know Paul and Silas had already been sharing their faith in Christ in the prison, testifying to

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what the Lord had done for them, long before the earthquake. Otherwise, the jailer would not have come to them with the question, “What must I do to be saved?” He had been preconditioned to be saved. He knew there was something called salvation and these men knew how to be saved. They had proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ to him.

■ PRAYER

The Bible says **“at midnight Paul and Silas prayed...”** (v. 25). They weren't praying, “Lord, get us out of jail.” They were saying, “Lord, get the jailer out of jail. He's in a worse fix than we are. He needs You. He needs to be saved. Lord, get those shackles of sin off him.” Are you praying for those you want to come to Christ? Are you making that friend or loved one the focus of your prayers?

■ PRAISE

“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them” (v. 25). Songs at midnight...only Jesus can give you that kind of a song. The devil can give you songs when everything is going just fine. But only Jesus can give you songs in the darkest night.

The other prisoners heard them. In the darkest of days, can you be observed giving praise to God. This will prick the ears of those around you. God Himself heard their praise and said a divine “Amen!” with an earthquake. Jesus gives joy that the world can’t give and the world can’t take away.

By the way, have you ever wondered why the other prisoners didn’t hurriedly make their escape? The doors were open. They could have! Why didn’t they? God had touched their hearts. They knew something supernatural was happening and they wanted to see what it was. They too might have gotten saved. At least we know it got their attention.

If we obey God even in the darkest night, others are observing our behavior. When the earthquake hits them, they will turn to the ones they know have the answer and ask, “What must I do to be saved?”



The Meaning of Salvation

The Greek word for *saved* is *sôizô* which means “deliverance from trouble, saved out of difficulty, saved from sin.”

The word *sin* is out of favor today. Our culture calls it “psychological maladjustment,” a “mistake,” “misjudgment,” a “glandular malfunction,” a “stumble.” People don’t believe the problem is sin; therefore, they don’t see the need to be saved from sin. They want to be saved from their difficulties and problems.

You will encounter this as you witness. But the Bible doesn’t say you’re saved from your difficulties and problems. You are saved from *sin*.

WHAT IS SIN?

■ TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW

The apostle John tells us that sin is the transgression of the law. God has given us Ten Commandments, and when we break those, we sin. Most people—and those you will witness to—don’t think they’re such bad sinners. When asked they’ll say, “Well, I don’t think I’ve broken many of the commandments.” But the Bible says, “**For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all**” (James 2:10). In God’s sight, if you’ve broken any, you’ve broken all.

Here is a good illustration to share with people who may not understand this: Let's say you're dangling over a cliff, suspended by a chain of ten links. How many links would have to break before you fall? Ten? Or just one? How many of God's holy commandments do you have to break to become a sinner in the sight of a holy God? Just one. This may help the person see that sin is the transgression of the law.

■ FAILURE TO DO WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO

Sin is not only what we do wrong, but also when we fail to do right—not doing the things you ought to do. **“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin”** (James 4:17). None of us can say, “I've always done everything I ought to do.”

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■ HUMAN GOODNESS WITHOUT GOD

“...all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags...” (Isaiah 64:6). People need to understand that they're not going to hell just for the bad things they do—they're going to hell for the *good* things they do without God. God sees “good works” performed without His power and says, “Inadequate. Filthy rags. In My sight, that's not what I think about your

so-called badness, that's what I think about your so-called goodness." An unsaved person is wicked in himself; therefore everything he touches, he contaminates. The worst form of badness is human goodness when that human goodness becomes a substitute for the new birth.

WHAT IS "SAVED"?

■ SAVED FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN

God has laid down His law, and law without penalty is only advice. God is not giving advice. The Bible says in Romans 6:23, "**For the wages of sin is death...**" and in Ezekiel 18:4, "**...the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**"

To be saved, the person must realize that because of their sins, they are destined to spend eternity apart from God and the place Jesus said He is preparing for those who love Him (see John 14:2-3).

To be saved from that penalty:

- First they must confess, "Yes, indeed, I've sinned." Romans 3:23 states, "**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.**"
- Then they must be willing to repent of (turn from) those sins. To *repent* means literally "to make a U-turn." You've been going one way—you turn around and go the other way.

They must be willing to leave the old way of life—sins that have become a way of life—and walk in newness of life.

When we're saved, no longer do we die and go to hell. We're saved from the penalty of sin.

■ SAVED FROM THE POLLUTION OF SIN

It's not enough to be kept out of hell. We need to be delivered from the pollution of sin. The person who is unsaved pollutes what he does because he himself is polluted. But when you're saved, not only does God say, "I'll no longer send you to hell," God actually takes your sin out and puts His righteousness in. **"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"** (2 Corinthians 5:21).

We are made the righteousness of God in Christ. He gives us a new nature and the pollution of sin is gone.

■ SAVED FROM THE POWER OF SIN

"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Romans 6:14). We are also delivered from sin's power. Sin no longer has dominion over you. Satan has no authority. The world has no allurements. Sin has no attraction that the child of God cannot now overcome through Jesus Christ who gives us the victory, day by day. We don't have to obey the demands of sin anymore.



The Man of Salvation

When the Philippian jailer cried, “What must I do to be saved?” Paul and Silas were ready: **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...”** (Acts 16:31). When they said, “Lord” they meant He is Master. “Jesus” meant He is the Mediator. “Christ” meant He is Messiah.

MASTER

You cannot be saved unless you are willing to say, “Jesus, I crown you Lord of my life.” Step off the throne and enthrone the Lord Jesus Christ. In John 20:28 Thomas declared, “...My Lord and my God.”

MEDIATOR

The name *Jesus* means “Jehovah saves.” It speaks of One who saves you with His blood. **“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus”** (1 Timothy 2:5).

No doubt Paul and Silas shared with the jailer that Christ paid his sin debt. The unsaved person must become aware that God can’t just overlook their sin. For God to pardon sin, that sin must be paid for. In Jesus, God became flesh, and in His flesh He paid the debt for our sin.

MESSIAH

Christ is the Greek word for the Hebrew *Messiah*, which means “God’s anointed One.” God has only one Messiah, only one Christ. Remember Acts 4:12: **“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”**

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Only Jesus can save.**



The Method of Salvation

Membership in a church cannot save. You're not saved by the plan of salvation. You're saved by the Man of salvation. Only Jesus can save.

Salvation is not a creed, a code, a cause, or a church—but Christ. When the pagan jailer said, “What must I do to be saved,” they didn't hold up good deeds or good works. They held up Jesus Christ: Master, Mediator, Messiah.

How do you lead anyone to faith in Christ—to salvation? It is so simple. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved...”** (Acts 16:31). Can you make it plainer than that?

What does it mean to believe? Not mere intellectual belief. The Bible says that the demons themselves believe and tremble. They're certainly not saved. The Bible word *believe* means “commit yourself.” Not believe *about* Jesus; believe *on* the Lord Jesus. You ask, “What's the difference?”

It is like committing yourself to flying on an airplane. You may believe that the plane will fly and can carry you to your destination. But until you commit by actually going aboard the plane—fully committing your life and your future to that plane—you have not believed on it.

It is the same with faith in Christ. Before, you believed *about* an airplane. When you boarded, you believed *on* the airplane. To *believe on* the Lord Jesus Christ means *commit yourself* to Jesus

Christ. You do the believing, He'll do the saving. You supply the sinner. He supplies the Savior. On the authority of the Word of God, I promise God will save you.

The devil will whisper, "It's not that simple! You do your part and God does His part. It's part works and part faith in Christ." That is a lie. It's all of grace through faith. **"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast"** (Ephesians 2:8-9).

If you rely on anything else—especially your works—you'll never have the assurance of your salvation.

The moment anybody, anyplace, anytime, genuinely says "Lord Jesus, I trust You to save me," and means it, that person is saved instantaneously on the spot. Hallelujah for that Gospel. That is good news.

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As You Prepare to Share

WHAT HAVE WE SAID?

- If you are going to witness, you must have a testimony. Jesus Christ must be a bright, living reality to you.
- With a life that's pure and clean, you can skillfully take the Scriptures outlined in this booklet, and show that Jesus Christ is the Messiah.
- And the Holy Spirit will say amen to what you say.

REMEMBER

■ OUR FAITH IS NOT A BLIND FAITH

God gives us reasons for believing.

■ THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL

Anyone who will believe in the Lord Jesus Christ can be saved today if they will put their faith where God has put their sins—on the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ GO IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In Jesus' Great Commission to the Church (“**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...**”), someone has said that a literal translation of the first two words would be “As you are going...go!” Your Father

said, “...**I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee**” (Hebrews 13:5). He is there, witnessing alongside of you.

Whatever the outcome, those who sow in tears will reap in joy. “**He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him**” (Psalm 126:6).

Know that for the faithful, Paul attests in 2 Timothy 4:8, “**Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day....**”



A Closing Plea

My friend, have you given your life to the Lord? Do you have the assurance that if you were to die right now, you would go straight to heaven? If not, please let me tell you how you can be saved, on the authority of the Word of God.

■ ADMIT YOUR SIN

First, you must understand and admit that you are a sinner. The Bible says, “**There is none righteous, no, not one**” (Romans 3:10). “**For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God**” (Romans 3:23). Sin is an offense against God that carries a serious penalty. “**For the wages of sin is death** [eternal separation from the love and mercy of God] **but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**” (Romans 6:23).

■ ABANDON YOUR EFFORTS

Second, you must abandon any efforts to save yourself. If we could save ourselves, Jesus’ death would have been unnecessary! Even “getting religion” cannot get you to heaven. The Bible says it is “**Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His [God’s] mercy He saved us**” (Titus 3:5). Salvation is by God’s grace, “**...not of works, lest any man should boast**” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

■ ACKNOWLEDGE CHRIST'S PAYMENT

Third, you must believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for your sins. **“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”** (Romans 5:8). That means He died in your place. Your sin debt has been paid by the blood of Jesus Christ, which **“cleanseth us from all sin”** (1 John 1:7).

■ ACCEPT CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR

Fourth, you must put your faith in Jesus Christ and Him alone for your salvation. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved”** (Acts 16:31). Salvation is God's gift to you! **“The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”** (Romans 6:23). **“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”** (Acts 4:12).

Pray this simple prayer from your heart:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I know that You love me and want to save me. I know I can't save myself. Jesus, I believe You are the Son of God, who died on the cross to pay for my sins. I believe God raised You from the dead. I now turn from my sin and, by faith, receive You as my Lord and Savior. Forgive my sins and save me, Lord Jesus. In Your name I pray, Amen.

If you have prayed this prayer today, please contact us and let us know. Then go find and join a Christ-honoring, Bible-believing church near you!

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