

Lesson Nine ~ Discipleship/Evangelism

Winning Others to Christ

The thing that will bring the most excitement to a Christian is winning others to Christ. Nothing brings more joy than sharing Christ's love by telling others what Christ has done in your life. I am sure you have unsaved friends and perhaps members of your own family who are not saved. By living a changed life before them and witnessing to them, you can share your joy with them – joy that only comes from the love of Jesus Christ. You can start inviting your friends to attend church with you, where they will hear the gospel.

Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 1:8

The very last command Christ gave to Christians before He went into heaven was to share his message with others. In every single gospel – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – we are told that we have a responsibility to bring others to Christ. In *Acts 1:8*, Christ promised that we would have the power of the Holy Spirit living within us to perform this important task of sharing Christ's message.

There are many reasons for winning others to Christ, not the least of which is the reality of an eternal hell. Yes, there is a heaven for the people of God and a burning hell for those who reject Christ. Certainly it is every Christian's desire to see his friends and relatives in heaven for all eternity.

Begin now to learn the brief gospel outline provided below, and you will surprise even yourself as you begin to share with others the truth about eternal life through Jesus Christ.

I. Brief Gospel Summary

This is a great way to explain God’s salvation plan to those who might not understand it. This will help you as you tell others what Jesus Christ has done for you.

1) We are saved by the loving grace of God

- Write out *Ephesians 2:8-9*.

It is absolutely impossible for man to save himself. Therefore he must depend on God’s grace; grace is the undeserving favor of God.

2) We are separated from God by our sin

- Write out *Romans 3:23a*,

Every man has sinned and cannot save himself. God will not live in a presence of sin; therefore we must come to God through Christ.

3) There is a penalty for sin

- Write out *Romans 6:23a*,

The payment for sin is eternal death in hell, which is known as the second death.

- Write out *Revelation 20:14-15*,

4) God is loving and merciful

- Write out *Romans 5:8*,

Christ died on the cross for our sins 2,000 years ago because He loved us so much that He wanted to pay our sin debt.

- Write out *Romans 6:23b*,

Now for all who will trust Christ, God offers the free gift of eternal life.

5) We must receive Christ as Savior

- Write out *John 1:12*,

It is not enough to say we believe Jesus Christ is real. We must receive Him as our only Lord and Savior, for only He can save us from our sin.

- Write out *Romans 10:13*,

Will you receive Christ right now by turning from your own sinful way and trusting Him as Savior and Lord? Pray now and ask Him to save you from your sin.

Questions & Answers

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1. Why should you tell others, according to:
 - a. *Matthew 10:32-33*? _____
 - b. *Mark 16:15*: _____
2. Who gives you the power to be Christ's witness (*Acts 1:8* and *Luke 11:13*)?

3. How do you glorify God (*John 15:8*)?

4. What has God chosen you to do (*John 15:16*)?

5. How can you make heaven rejoice (*Luke 15:7*)?

6. God compares witnessing to what (*Matthew 4:19*)?

7. What does *I Peter 3:15* say you need to be ready to do at all times?

8. You need to convey five main points in order to bring an unbeliever to a greater understanding of Christ.
 - a. We are saved by the loving grace of God (*Ephesians 2:8-9*).
 - b. We are separated from God by our sin (*Romans 3:23*)
 - c. There is a penalty for sin (*Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:14-15*).
 - d. God is loving and merciful (*Romans 5:8*).
 - e. We must receive Christ as Savior (*John 1:12*).
9. What was the main reason Christ came to earth (*Luke 19:10*)?

I TRUST THESE LESSONS HAVE BEEN A SOURCE OF BLESSING TO YOUR NEWFOUND CHRISTIAN LIFE. IF YOU WILL STAY FAITHFUL TO THESE LESSONS, YOU WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN YOUR DAILY WALK WITH CHRIST.

Key Memory Verses:

Romans 1:16; 3:10; 3:23; 3:28; Romans 5:8, 9; Romans 10:9, 13

Note: These heresies concerning evangelism should be avoided:

- 1.** God is a God of love and therefore would NOT send anyone to hell.
- 2.** Man can save himself by simply being a good person.
- 3.** Living the gospel without preaching the gospel is sufficient to convince others to trust Christ.

From the Bible principles taught in this lesson, you should understand that these attitudes are wrong, and why.

Write any questions you may have concerning the subjects in this lesson.