

## **Series: The Great Commission 2**

### **Title: Presenting the Gospel**

**Text:** (Acts 1:8)

1st Desire of a new believer is to share their faith.

*Illus:* Newly Saved Barber, “Are you read to meet God?”

I remember my zeal! Called m friend Joe.

Anyone Saved person can tell someone what happened.

If you’re saved, then you know what happened.

God has given each Christian the task of sharing the Gospel.

**Ambassador** ~ sent by one sovereign or state to another **as its resident representative.**

(2 Cor 5:20-21) *Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 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.*

We are uniquely qualified as someone who knows first-hand what the Gospel IS, and How it Works!

### **I. Sharing the Gospel:**

#### **A. Understanding the Gospel: (1 Cor 15:1,3-4)**

*Gospel ~ Good News!*

Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### **1. Avoid the Extremes:**

Don't Use Christian EASE: Are you SAVED? Born Again?

Don't Rely on Emotionalism: Not everyone will shed Tears.

Don't Expect a lot of Theological Understanding:

Some make it too complicated, but some make it too shallow.

This is not a sales pitch to get them to pray a prayer.

It is a call to turn to and believe solely on Christ for Salvation.

### **2. Have a Plan: I use the “Roman’s Road”**

I like to ask a person a question to move from Small Talk to the Gospel.

*“Has anyone ever shown you from the bible how to know for sure you are going to heaven?”*

*“If you were to die today, do you know if you would go to Heaven or Hell, or do you know?”*

*“Can I take a couple minutes to show you what the Bible says?”*

***Many Times I will use the Back of our Tracts.***

I try to remain sensitive to the Holy Spirit to direct me to other passages or whether to continue the conversation on another time.

### **B. Giving a Clear Presentation: Keep it Simple**

***Thank God the Gospel is Simple!***

Jesus died in our place for our sins, and offers us the gift of eternal life.

#### **1. Understand that God Loves You: (John 3:16)**

He wants you to KNOW you have a home in heaven waiting for you: (1 John 5:13)

*“If God loves us & wants us to know we have a home in heaven, why doesn't everyone automatically go to heaven?”*

***Because we have a problem we cannot fix!***

#### **2. Realize Your Condition:**

**They MUST fully understand that they are a Sinner and Need a Savior:**

*“No One Gets SAVED till they 1st Get LOST!”*

***We all start off lost in sin:*** (Rom 5:12) *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

***No One had to TEACH Us HOW to sin!***

***Our Sin Separates us from God:*** (Rom 3:10) *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*(Rom 3:23) *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

### **3. Notice God’s Price for Sin:**

(Rom 6:23) *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Wage: something you earn, like a Paycheck!

***Many people think heaven is based on a debits & credits.***  
(Eph 2:8-9) *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.*

### **4. Believe Christ Died for You:**

***Jesus paid for OUR sins when He died for us.***

***We were lost & separated from God:*** (Eph 2:1) *And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;*

***Because God loved us, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for Our Sin, and after 3days, He arose again.***

(John 3:16) *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

(Rom 6:23) God offers us the gift of eternal life: *“but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our lord.”*

Through Christ’s death & Resurrection; Jesus became the payment for our sin.

***He is our Substitute!*** (Rom 5:8) *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

### **5. Confess your Faith in Christ:**

***To have a relationship with God & an eternal home in heaven, we must stop trusting ourselves, our works, & our religious traditions and place all of our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for forgiveness of our sin.***

***They Must Turn Repentantly to Christ in Faith:***(Acts 20:21) *Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Illus: Repentance/ Faith, 2 sides of the Same Coin.*

A person repents when they realize they are a sinner deserving God’s judgement and their works can’t save them.

Then they Turn from Self Effort to Christ as our their hope.

This change of mind about their hope of salvation leads them to FAITH in Christ.

Faith is believing that Jesus Christ is the only means by which to be forgiven and to receive eternal life.

(Rom 10:9-11) *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

“Saved”~ Delivered from the penalty of our sins = Eternal separation from God in hell.

**Many will say, they are saved:** If that is so.. quote (John 3:7) *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

**A Spiritual Birthday:** (Rom 10:13) *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

This is when we called upon the Lord in faith to save us!

Illus: *Convincing my nephew he was adopted.*

When did that happen?

Where did that happen?

How did that happen?

### **C. Leading to a Decision:**

I didn't start this to have a time to “*Share our Feelings*”.

I came to move them to a decision.

***I try to be very sensitive to the Holy Spirit & how this person is responding.***

Is their conviction of the sin apparent?

Are they distracted, or only being courteous?

Many times I pull back and give the Holy Spirit time to work on their heart.

Do you believe you are a sinner, separated from God, & w/o hope or ability to save yourself?

Here is where the objections come from religious people. If they don't say YES to this, there is no point in going any further.

***No One gets SAVED until They are first LOST!***

***Do you believe that Jesus, God's Son, shed His blood to pay for YOUR sins?***

***Is there anything that would keep you from turning to Christ and trusting him as your savior now?***

If they respond with Hesitation, I ask what would keep them from Trusting Christ.

If they have a sincere question, I want to respond with wisdom. I will give some common question to be ready for.

Illus: *Just like a person has to be urged to jump from a burning building into a safety net, I urge them to trust Christ.*

If they say Yes, they are ready, I review the gospel in the form of a sample prayer.

*“Pray, and call out to Christ to save you. Simply confess to Him you are a sinner and ask him to forgive you and be your savior, that you believe He died for you.”*

### **D. Preparing to Share the Gospel:**

***Practice presenting the gospel:***

Practice saying the verses out loud and giving a simple explanation for each.

***Understand that God Loves you:*** (John 3:16)

***Realize your Condition:*** (Rom 3:10) (Rom 3:23)

***Notice God's Price for Sin:*** (Rom 6:23) (Eph 2:8-9)

***Believe Christ Died for You:*** (Rom 5:8)

***Turn to Christ Call out to Him in Prayer, and ConFess your faith in Him!*** (Rom 10:9-11,13)

**Practice looking up these Scriptures:**

**Mark each Verse so they are easy to find:** It's better to SHOW them the verse and have them read them allowed rather than just quoting them.

Sometimes sharing your salvation story helps as you share the gospel with someone else.

Everyone believer has a story. - What is yours?

You were there, Tell them how you believed on Jesus (Jn3:36)