

GOSPEL PRESENTATIONS

Our goal or objective should always be to make the gospel as clear as we possibly can. Keep in mind the fact that the listener has probably heard countless confusing messages and will be receiving your words through the lens of those previous presentations.

5 QUESTIONS

1. Do you have any spiritual beliefs?
2. To you, who is Jesus?
3. Do you believe in heaven and hell?
4. If you die, what will happen to you?
5. If you are wrong about what you believe, would you want to know?

TEACH EVANGELISM

1. Ask: Would you like to know a way to easily share the good news with others?
2. Are you familiar with John 6:47?
3. Who is speaking?
4. Who is he talking about?
5. What must a person do?
6. What do believer's get?
7. When do they get it?

A WALK THROUGH 1 JOHN 5:9-13

1. Vs. 9 –Whose witness is greater?
2. Vs. 10 – What are we calling God when we don't believe what He says?
3. Vs. 11 – Where is eternal life found?
4. Vs. 12 – Who has eternal life?
5. Vs. 13 – Who can know they possess eternal life?

USE GOSPEL TRACTS

Many a person has gotten saved while reading a gospel tract (including this writer).

Tracts can be given to another, either in person or through the mail, or can be simply left laying somewhere for someone to find and read.

Be certain that any gospel tract you use makes the plan of salvation clear and precise – it is faith alone in Jesus alone that saves!

When you hand someone a gospel tract, say something like any of the following:

1. “May I share with you the best news I have ever heard? You may already know this but in case you don't, it could be the best news you will ever receive.”
2. “Here is some good news I think you will appreciate.”

THE “GOOD NEWS – BAD NEWS”

- Bad news #1: All have sinned. (Romans 3:23)
- Bad news #2: The wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23)
- Good news #1: Jesus died to pay for sin. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- Good news #2: Faith alone in Him will save you. (John 3:16-18; 5:24; 6:47; 1 John 5:13)

THE “HAND ILLUSTRATION”

1. Extend left hand and say, “Let this hand represent you and me.

2. Place object in left hand and say, “Let this object represent our sin.”
3. Raise right hand about eye high and say, “Let this hand represent God in heaven.”
4. The Bible tells us that we have sin to our account and sin cannot enter heaven. Raise the left hand showing how the object separates us from God and since sin cannot enter heaven, neither can we with it on our account.
5. Bring the left hand back down a foot or so and, while lowering the right hand to the same level, say, “Because of God's great love for us, He came to earth to take upon Himself flesh, becoming the God-man, so that He could pay the penalty for our sin.” Quote John 1:1 and 1:14 as you lower your right hand, illustrating that God took upon Himself human flesh.
6. Say something like, “When Jesus died on the cross, he didn't die to pay for his sins for he had none; he died to pay for our sins.” (While saying this, move your right hand over your left and pick up the object in your left hand, illustrating that Jesus took our sin onto himself.
7. Now take the object in either place it in your pants pocket or set it down on something behind or beside you while saying, “Yes, Jesus died and was buried for three days.”
8. Raise your hand and show your audience that it no longer holds the sin. Say, “Jesus paid for our sin and rose again the third day. His rising from the dead proves two things: (1) that his sacrifice was acceptable, and (2) he has power over death!”

9. Add, “The only thing we need to do, or can do, to have his payment for sin apply to us is to believe in Him.”

THE “FILTHY RAG” ILLUSTRATION

1. Show a dirty piece of cloth or paper and say, “Let this represent us with our sin. Say, “The Bible says, “All our righteousnesses are like filthy rags.” (Isaiah 64:6)
2. Hold up a Bible and say, “Let’s let this Bible represent Jesus and His righteousness. The Bible teaches that He is without sin.”
3. Say, “The real issue is that if we stand before God without a savior but with our sin still to our account, we cannot enter heaven.” (Revelation 21:27)
4. Follow with, “If we have believed in Jesus as our savior, we are placed in Christ and no longer have our righteousness, but His.” (2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9)
5. Ask, “Whose righteousness would you rather stand before God with—your own righteousness or the righteousness of Jesus?”

THE CHAIR OR BENCH ILLUSTRATION

Point to the fact that when a person sits on a chair, he is trusting that chair to hold him up. It takes faith to sit in a chair or on a bench but once a person sits, it is the stability of the chair that allows him to sit securely.

THE BRIDGE ILLUSTRATION

Explain that our sin has separated us from God (Isaiah 59:2) and on one side we have the fact that we have sinned and the penalty of our sin.

On the other side, we see Forgiveness of sin, Eternal life, and being heaven-bound.

What it is that gets us from one side to the other is faith in Jesus. (Draw a picture of two cliffs with a cross bridging the gap between them.)

TWO CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE

Either we believe and have Jesus or we remain in unbelief and don’t have Jesus.

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (John 3:18)

He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. (1 John 5:12-13)

You can show the separation between these two categories by walking from one area to another, or simply using your left and right hands.

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The methods of sharing the gospel message contained herein have been developed by others and used successfully by many who love to tell the story of Jesus and his love for us.