

How to Share the Gospel

To keep the Faith, you must give it away

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THINGS TO COVER WHEN SHARING THE GOSPEL

1. **People are people...**(people that God loves) treat them as such, not just as another convert or number to chalk up to your credit. Be interested in them as people.
 2. As you begin sharing the gospel keep these important points fresh in your mind in order to lead others to Christ, as keys in making the gospel clear and understandable to others. “Tune in” where the person is and cover whatever material seem to fit the need.
 - **Absolute perfection** – in fact, God’s very own righteousness – is required for entrance into heaven. Psalm 5:4; Habakkuk 1:13; II Corinthians 5:21; II Peter 3:13; Revelation 21:27.
 - Obviously, no one is that perfect. Therefore, **no one is qualified for heaven or salvation.** Isaiah 64:6; Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23; James 2:10; 4:17.
 - Therefore, it should be clear to any thinking person that **eternal life cannot be gained by anything that man does.** Because no matter how much good he does, no man is perfect. Divine perfection is the requirement for heaven. Galatians 2:21; 3:21; Romans 4:5; Ephesians 2:8,9; Philippians 3:9; Titus 3:5.
 - **All men are already separated from God** because of the sin of **unbelief.** This condition of separation is called spiritual death. John 3:18; Isaiah 59:1, 2; Romans 6:23; II Thessalonians 1:8,9.
 - But Jesus Christ made a **complete payment for all sin**, and gives eternal life to all those who trust Him for it. He also credits **His very own righteousness** to them, so that the believing person now qualifies for entrance into heaven – having God’s righteousness put to his account through Christ. And it’s all God’s loving gift when we place our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah 53:6; Romans 4:5, 23-25; II Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 3:9; Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 10:10. 14-18; I Peter 2:24; 3:18.
- When a person sincerely believes in Christ (that is, when he trusts Him or depends upon Him as the Lord who has completely paid for all of his sin), **he is saved.** Eternal life is given to him the **very moment** he does trust in Christ. It is God’s gift, received through faith alone.* John 3:16-18, 36; 6:28, 29, 47; Acts 13:38,39; 16:31; Romans 4:5; II Corinthians 5:21.
 - Since God is God and *cannot lie* (Titus 1:2), the person who really believes in Christ can **Know right now** that he **HAS** Eternal Life... it is his now and forever. It cannot be lost. John 5:24; 6:37-39, 47; 10:28-30; Philippians 1:6; II Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 9:12; I Peter 1:3-5; I John 5:9-13; Jude 24,25.
 - God *trains, disciplines and corrects* every one of His children so they can be abundantly **happy and fruitful** now in this life. Hebrews 12:5-11; Mark 10:28-30; John 10:10; 15:2, 5, 8, 16; Titus 2:11-14; Proverbs 10:22.
 - A continually *rebellious and disobedient* child of God, though still in His family, will be **severely disciplined**, and God may even remove him from this life in disgrace. Ecclesiastes 7:17; Luke 13: 6-9; Romans 14:10-13; I Corinthians 3:11-15; 5: 1-5; 11:26-32: II Corinthians 5:10.
 - **Repentance has not been overlooked** here. You see, repentance and belief for salvation are very closely related. By definition, *to “repent” is to change one’s mind or attitude*, while “believe” means to trust, depend upon, or to rely on. It is, therefore, Impossible to go from an attitude of unbelief-or not relying upon Christ – to an attitude of trusting Christ – without repenting, or changing one’s attitude .
 - Repentance is not a *separate* step in salvation; rather, it is a part of the process that leads one to believe in Christ for personal salvation. For instance, the Gospel of John uses “*believe*” over 99 times referring to salvation, but doesn’t use “repent” or “repentance” a single time. Why? Because when one truly does trust in Jesus Christ, that one has already repented. When you go from **unbelief to belief** you had to change your mind.