

Lesson 13

You Too Can Share The Gospel.

This whole process of doing these lessons began because there was a time in your life when you placed your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. So before we come to the end of these beginning lessons in the Bible, we want to be sure that you know how to share the Gospel with someone else. The first thing we want to understand is what is our motivation for sharing the Gospel. We want to share the Gospel because it is commanded by our Lord, **Mark 16 15**. And because the love of Christ now controls our lives, **II Corinthians 5:14-19**. So we are motivated by the command of our Lord and by love for our Lord and our love for others. Remember, the best way to prove that we love others is to share the Gospel with them.

HOW CAN YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL?

You are now going to learn a simple four point presentation which as used and taught by EVANTELL, an evangelistic training organization. This is known as the "Good News, Bad News" approach. It is easy to learn and it is a clear and biblical presentation of the Gospel. This presentation is broken down into four points, each point has a statement, a verse and an illustration. So here we go.

Opening Question: Has anyone ever taken a Bible and shown you how you can know that you are going to heaven? May I?

Transition: The Bible contains both good news and bad news The bad news is something about you, the good news is something about God.

First Point: You are a sinner

Verse: Romans 3 23

Illustration: The Bible teaches that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The word sin means, "to miss the mark " For example: Suppose we were to go outside and try to hit the capitol dome in Lincoln from Omaha with a rock. Some of us might come closer than others but we would all miss. The target that God has set before us is His righteousness and even though some of us may come closer than others, the fact remains, we have missed the mark and come short of God's righteousness.

Second Point: The wages of sin is death

Verse: Romans 6:23

Illustration: Everyone likes to receive wages for the work they have done. For example: Suppose I asked you to come and paint my house and I would pay you for your work After you had completed the job you would expect to be paid your just wages. It would only be fair for you to be paid what you deserved and earned. The Bible says that what you have earned for your sin is death. Death is eternal and painful separation from God.

Transition: Man cannot come to God so God came to man.

Third Point: Christ died for our sins.

Verse: Romans 5:8

Illustration: The word "for" in our verse, means "on our behalf or in our place." For example: Suppose you were sick, in the hospital, dying with cancer. I came to visit you and told you that I would take your cancer cells and put them into my body. What would happen to me? I would die. What would happen to you? You would live. In the same manner the Lord Jesus has taken what was killing us, sin, and placed it upon Himself so that He would die and we would live.

Transition: Just as the bad news got worse, the good news gets better.

Fourth Point: You can be saved through faith.

Verse: Ephesians 2:8,9

Illustration: The word "faith" means, "to enter into." It is the same as believing or trusting in something or someone. But it is not enough to just believe about something or someone. For example: Suppose we were taking an airplane from Omaha to Denver. We could see that the airplane was ready to go on the runway and we believed the airplane could get us there and that the pilot was well trained and could fly the plane. But what do we have to do to get to Denver? Well, we have to get on the plane. Then when we are on the plane, whatever happens to the plane happens to us. In the same way, when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, then whatever happens to Him happens to us. The good news is that He has said, "**because I live, you shall live also**" (John 14:19).

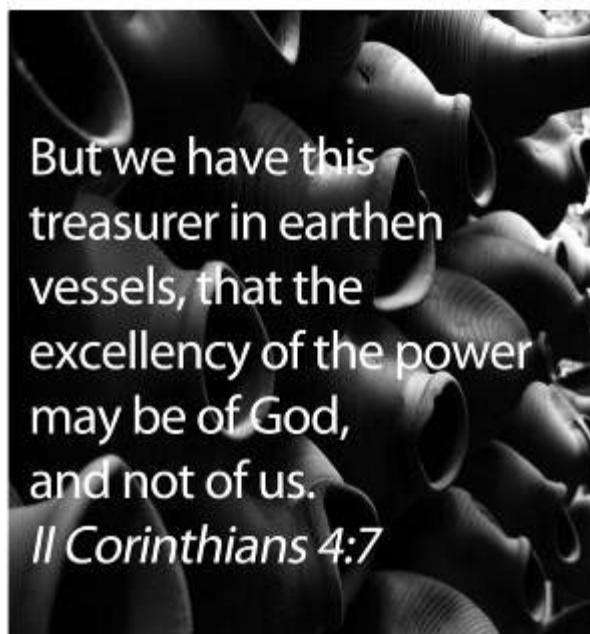
Closing Question: Now, is there anything keeping you from trusting Christ right now?

If the answer is no, then say: As you know, prayer is simply talking to God. So what we want to do now is tell God that you are putting your trust in Christ. I will pray first and then you can pray.

If the answer is yes, there is some reason why they would not trust Christ right now. Then answer their question or respond to the problem. A good thing to remember is always begin your answer or response with an agreement or compliment. For example: I can see you have given this a great deal of thought. Could you tell me what has brought you to this conclusion? I can appreciate your concern, if I can answer your question to your satisfaction, is there any other reason why you would not place your trust in Christ, right now?

More extensive evangelistic training is available on how to overcome objections, ways of creating opportunities for evangelism etc. For now, learn and use this presentation.

Bible Reading: Romans 10:9-15



Our review for this lesson is to know the presentation. So fill in the blanks for each section of the presentation. For the illustrations, just give a one sentence summary of the illustration so I know that you know what it is.

Opening Question:

First Point:

Verse:

Illustration:

Second Point.

Verse:

Illustration:

Transition

Third Point:

Verse:

Illustration:

Fourth Point.

Verse:

Illustration:

Closing Question

If they say no

If they say yes