

A Guide To Intentional - Effective Evangelism

“Before We Continue”

Romans 3:23

- Our last lesson was from [Romans 6:23](#) Simplified into these truths!
 - o Heaven is a free gift!
 - [Romans 6:23](#)
 - o It cannot be earned or deserved!
 - [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)
 - Like a Friends Gift
- We closed off in our lesson from [Romans 6:23](#) with this statement:
 - o **“This can be seen more clearly when we understand what the bible says about man”**
- And that is where we come to today, with our memory verse for the month of March, [Romans 3:23](#)
- If you are taking notes I’ve entitled this message today,

“Before We Continue”

- There is good news my friends, the bible says we can know we have eternal life!
- There is great news my friends, the bible says Heaven is a free gift from God to man!
- But there is a reality here my friends, that we must come to terms with, “Before We continue”
- And that reality, is simply the reality of man!

Man

- Remember our transition! ^^^^
- ** Start with: **You know the bible has some really great things to say about man!**
 - Made In God’s Image - formed and fashioned in His likeness!
 - Woven together in our mothers womb, known by God before physical conception!
 - When God made man and women He blessed them!
- ** But the Bible also says some concerning things about man, that are certainly worthy of our attention!
 - The Bible also says that,

#1 - Man Is A Sinner

- God created us this way ^^^ and created us to walk in communion with Him from the beginning but we have chosen our own way and it has made nothing more than a massive mess for us!

Romans 3:23

- ^^^ Both universal but also personal!!

Transition

- Have you ever heard that before? - Reference [Romans 3:23](#)

Sin Defined


- If I were to ask you, in your own words to define Sin, what would you say?

- We think of the big sins! - Murder - theft - adultery
- But the Bible makes sin much more personal than that!
- See I believe the Bible would describe sin as:
 - **“anything unpleasing in God’s sight or that which goes against His law (Word)”**
 - **Commission** - things we should not do!
 - Steal, fight, curse!
 - **Omission** - things we should be doing!
 - Reading the Bible, praying, loving our neighbors
 - **Thoughts - Words - Deeds**
- That is Sin Defined - Now let’s illustrate it to help us understand better just how much this plagues us!

3 Sins a day illustration (Use a book)

- Understanding Sin, this way, **thoughts, words, Deeds** contrary to God’s law or unpleasing to Him, I think we can begin to see that we sin way more than we realize!
- Consider if someone was really, really good! Maybe they would only sin 3 times a day! Once in each category!
 - In the course of a year that is over 1000 Sins!
 - Average life expectancy is 70 - that’s over 70,000 sins in a lifetime!
 - Average adult fiction book is 70,000 -120,000 words!
 - Quite literally plus some - every word of every page is a Sin we have committed against God!
 - **Consider this if we were to walk into a court room!** No Judge in their right mind should let us walk!

Transition

- And this, understanding this, Illustrates for us, that not only does man have a Sin condition, but that in that sin condition we in no way, shape or form can do anything to save ourselves!
- **Man Is A Sinner!** & 

#2 - Cannot Save Himself

- Call back to their answer on the Diagnostic Questions!
 - Have you ever wondered just exactly how good you would have to be to earn heaven?
 - God has shared with us what His passing Grade is: Perfection!

Matthew 5:48

- 3 sins a day!

Omelet with rotten egg Illustration

- **6 egg omelet recipe - one is rotten**
 - If I were to serve you this, would you consider it acceptable?
 - How much more when we bow before God and try to offer up our imperfect lives as if they meet His Holy Standard?
- *James 2:10 “for whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of it all”*
 - One sin - one failure - one commission - one omission - thought - deed - action
- The bible says, *“There is a way that seems right unto man”*

- In talking with people today, it seems The overwhelming majority of men, women and religions, believe the way that seems right to them is that they can do enough,
 - Give enough, love enough, be good and virtuous enough, to earn there way to Heaven!
 - To Merrit their way to God’s favor!
- *“There is a way that seems right unto man”, I CAN EARN IT! But the scriptures go on, “and the end there of, is death”*
- **“Do you see why, dear friend, it is impossible for anyone to save themselves?”**
 - Impossible to get to heaven by yourself?

Transition To Next Lesson - God

- *“This all comes into sharper focus when we understand what the Bible says about God”*