

OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

"Romans 10:14-15 & Colossians 1:28-29"

Study #4 | Tools For Effective Evangelism

Introduction:

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Personal Testimony:

- People can argue about the Bible and other things, but they can't really argue with the power of a changed life.

Romans Road:

- Romans 3:23
- Romans 5:8
- Romans 6:23
- Romans 10:9, 13
- Romans 8:1, 38-39

Using the Law:

- Galatians 3:24
- Proverbs 14:12
- Romans 3:19-20

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- Romans 7:7, 9, 13

- Mark 10:17-20

- John 4:16-17

- Acts 28:23-24

• NOTE: The Law can be used as a tool to show people their need for the gospel, but it is not a prerequisite or requirement to share the gospel.

- John 3:1-21

- John 8:1-11

- Acts 2:14-41

- Acts 4:10-12

- Acts 5:29-32

- Acts 8:26-31

Using Tracts:

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Conclusion:

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THE GOOD PERSON TEST

Answer the following questions, knowing that one "Yes" answer means you have sinned and are in need of God's forgiveness...

- Have you ever failed to love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind? (Luke 10:27)
- Have you ever failed to love your neighbor? (Luke 6:31, 10:27)
- Have you ever been drunk? (Ephesians 5:18)
- Have you stolen something that wasn't yours? (Exodus 20:15)
- Have you lied? (Exodus 20:16)
- Have you had sexual intercourse with someone other than your spouse? (Exodus 20:14; 1 Corinthians 6:9–10)
- Have you ever entertained lustful adulterous thoughts in your mind? (Matthew 5:28)
- Has any "perverse speech" proceeded from your mouth? (Proverbs 8:13; Ephesians 4:29)
- Have you been arrogant or prideful? (Proverbs 8:13, 16:5; Galatians 6:3)
- Have you paid all your taxes? (Romans 13:6–7)
- Have you lived your life in subjection to the government (i.e., obeyed the laws of the land)? (Romans 13:1–2)
- Have you hungered after (coveted) something that didn't belong to you? (Exodus 20:17)
- Have you ever replaced a four letter vulgar word with the name of Jesus? (Exodus 20:7)
- Have you ever disobeyed or dishonored your parents? (Exodus 20:12)
- Have you murdered anyone, or even had harsh thoughts about someone? (Matthew 5:22)
- Have you ever used anything as an object of worship or veneration? (Exodus 20:4)
- Have you ever given allegiance to anything else over God in your life? (Exodus 20:3)

How did you do?

If you answered, "Yes" to even one of these questions, you have violated God's holy standards. This means you are a sinner and in need of God's grace and forgiveness. Those who turn away God's offer of salvation purchased for them through Jesus' death on the cross will stand before God on the day of judgment still in their sins, only to be judged, justly condemned, and cast away from God's presence forever in Hell (Romans 2:5; Revelation 20:15). Friend, you do not want to go there! And God doesn't want you to go there either (1 Timothy 2:4). That's why Jesus died on the cross for you. He received the punishment you deserved for your sins, so you could be pardoned and forgiven. He loves you (Romans 5:8)! So how can you be saved? Go to the next point...

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FIND PEACE WITH GOD:

God loves you! He really does. (See John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 John 4:9-11.)

The Creator of the universe created you so that you might know Him and enjoy a relationship with Him now and throughout eternity. But humans have been separated from God because of our sins. Without a remedy to that situation, the Bible says we would all face God's righteous judgment for our sins and end up in Hell. Thankfully, that doesn't have to happen because this same God, who is holy and just and hates sin, is also merciful and loving. He loves you! So much that He determined that He would pour out the punishment we deserve for all our sins on Himself. How awesome is that? That's what was happening when Jesus died on that cruel wooden Roman cross. He was receiving the punishment you deserved for your sins so that you could be forgiven, escape eternity in Hell, and enjoy everlasting life in God's kingdom.

Three days after that agonizing death on the cross, Jesus rose from the grave. And now He's offering all humanity:

- "the forgiveness of sins" (Acts 26:18)
- "peace with God" (Romans 5:1)
- "free gift" of "everlasting life" (Romans 6:23; John 3:16)

What a gift! How might you receive it? How might you be saved? God said, "*Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth*" (Isaiah 45:22). Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever *believes* in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

God's not asking that you do anything except turn to Him and place your faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior of your soul. So friend, do that right now. Just talk to God and pray something like this:

"God, thank You for loving me. I admit that I'm sinner. Please forgive me for all my sins. I renounce them and turn away from them and turn to You, God. I trust in You Jesus to save me. I believe that you died on the Cross for my sins and rose again the third day. Come into my life and be my Lord and Savior. Make me into the person that You desire for me to be. Amen."

Romans 10:13 says, "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." If you prayed that prayer with a sincere heart, you have begun a relationship with Jesus Christ, and God has forgiven you of your sins (1 John 5:13).