

E-Basics

“A Jump-start to effective personal evangelism”
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A Jump-Start to effective Spirit-led witness

Week 1

I. Introduction:

- 1) The assumption is that you are already persuaded about your responsibility to be a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ ... Yes?
- 2) Leader's background and experience.
 - A) Born & raised.
 - B) Brief testimony of coming to Christ.
 - C) Brief steps from salvation to becoming this course's leader.
 - D) Leaders/teachers need to be aware that ... ***"Behavior is caught, not taught."***
- 3) Trainee's stories:
 - A) What led you to take this course?
 - a) Peer pressure ?
 - b) You just want to ?
 - c) Led by the Holy Spirit ?
 - d) From reading the Bible ?
 - B) What previous experience do you have with evangelism, sharing Jesus with others?
- 4) The course is not designed to "tell" you about evangelism, but to help you develop the skill.
 - A) The benefit of the course is measured by your ability to effectively share the Gospel, in season and out in daily living ... otherwise known as "Lifestyle" evangelism.
 - a) ***E Basics*** will give you the basic knowledge and skills to get you started.
 - b) **Roll playing** is the core component of the course to transition you from knowledge to application. Roll playing will be done in class and at home.
- 5) Learning to share the Gospel, and continuing in it, will generate great personal spiritual growth.
 - A) The more you witness, the more you will learn about the Lord and His word.
 - a) Why ... because the more you witness, the more questions you will be confronted with that you will not be able to answer.
 - b) And, you will be considering ways to more effectively share the Gospel and general spiritual truth, which will also compel you into the Word and related resources such as apologetics.
- 6) Expect spiritual warfare.
 - A) As soon as you endeavor to be a witness, you will be targeted by the enemy.
 - a) Expect disruptions, distractions, interferences and the like.
 - b) "Emergencies" will surface at just the wrong time.
 - c) "Good" things will come your way that will plead for your time.
- 7) Must be walking in the Spirit to be effective ... Prayed-up and "Fessed-up."
 - A) You will need to have your sins and compromises daily given to the Lord.
- 8) This is "**Lifestyle**" Evangelism, otherwise known as **FRANgelism**:
Friends ... Relatives ... Associates ... Neighbors
 - A) That is, your normal, regular acquaintances that you see/talk to on a regular basis.
 - B) Sharing is to be natural: in the general course of the day, not forced or canned, be yourself.

- C) **Live Out Loud “LOL,”** which is making spiritual statements and gestures part & parcel of your daily life before others.
- a) **LOL** says things like: “God bless you,” “may I pray for you,” “Lord willing,” “by His grace.”
 - b) **LOL** demonstrates: love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control.
 - c) **LOL** is sincere and concerned for others.

9) Partners are important in life and required in the course.

A) Preferably someone in the course so you can relate better to each other.

B) Your prayer partner will pray for you daily and for special occasions.

a) **Prayer point ideas:**

Physical, spiritual, emotional, mental protection & strengthening.

Discernment to recognize the leading of the Lord.

Discernment to recognize the schemes of the evil one to derail you.

Doing the homework + empowerment in role playing.

Opportunities to share the Gospel for real / “Prospect list” ... see point 10 below:

10) Develop a prospect prayer List.

(those you will be intentional to share the Gospel with during the course)

A) The list should be a minimum of three.

B) The list may change during the course.

C) Your prayer partner should be praying for these prospects.

II. Getting Started:

1) What is the Gospel ?

1 Cor 15:1-5

v1 *“Now I make known to you, brethren, **the Gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,*

v2 *by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.*

v3 *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,***

v4 ***and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,***

v5 *and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.”*

2) How is the Gospel imparted to man ?

Romans 10:9

*“That if you **confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord**, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved”*

Jesus as **Lord** = He is your **King**, your new **Boss**, in all areas of life.

3) Does one need to confess sin in order to be saved?

*“Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.” **Acts 10:43***

When Jesus becomes your “Lord”

The eternal penalty for sin is paid for ... BUT !!!

There must be **REPENTANCE** to receive Mercy/Forgiveness

Luke 24:46-47 (+Luke 3:3, 17:3-4)

*“Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that **REPENTANCE** for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations...”*

4) **"Evidence of Salvation"**

Life will change:

"Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away: behold, new things have come" (2 Cor 5:17).

Four Evidences:

- 1) **A greater awareness of Sin** (1 John 1:8)
"If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us."
Demonstrated by Obedience (1 John 2:3-6) ... **"REPENTANCE"** (Luke 24:46-47)
v3: *"By this we know we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments."*
- 2) **A desire to know more about God** (John 17:3)
"And this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent."
- 3) **A desire to be with other Believers** (Hebrews 10:25)
"not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another: and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."
- 4) **A desire to share the Gospel** (Matthew 5:13-16)
"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

III. Introduction to "Eternal Life Plus"

A copy of the tract is at the end of these training notes on pages 14-18.

(The tract is just a tool ... just a guide to work from)

- 1) Demonstration of using **ELP+** by the instructor:

Homework 1 ... Start learning **ELP+**

- 1) **First, review all of the outline/info above.**
- 2) Memorize each page **title** of the **ELP+** tract in order and **one item** on each page.
- 3) Be ready to recite the titles and one item of each page of the **ELP+** tract to the class.
- 4) Practice a **SIMPLE** dialogue of the **ELP+** tract with your partner.
 - A) Be easy on each other.
 - B) Stick to your titles and one point from each page.
 - C) Use a **Q&A** approach.

Here is a suggested approach to start with:

- 1) As you practice this week, make the first round with the lost person already knowing about the first two points ***Eternal Life*** and ***Plus***.
- 2) Now the lost person wants to know how you get it and what it looks like.
- 3) The believer just needs to take their lost friend through ***"How to get Eternal life Plus"*** to ***Assurance***.
Note: you can start by having the tract open to read as needed.
- 4) The lost friend should ask some clarifying questions along the way.
One of those clarifying questions should be something like: "What is the place of sin and how do I deal with it?"
- 5) That's when the believer will need to explain the ***Sin & Salvation*** pages ... thru ***Through Faith Alone***.

Note: in the end, you will learn to go with the flow and mix and match the pieces of your presentation.

That is, in real life, a smooth continuous presentation of any method almost never happens if you are being natural and keeping in touch with who you are sharing with, "meeting them where they are."

And, in the end, out of this course, you will make it your own!!!
That is, you will custom tailor it to your own style and personality ☺

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Week 2

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IV. Presenting the Gospel

1) Roll Playing:

- A) Recite the titles and one item of each page of the **ELP+** tract to the class.
- B) Make a simple presentation of **ELP+** with your partner to the group.

2) Building on **ELP+**

- A) **Two clarifying Questions** to help find where they are spiritually:

#1 If you were to die today, do you know where you would go?

#2 When you die and stand before God Almighty,

He could ask you,

“Why should I let you into My heaven?”

What would you say?

- a) These two questions, one or both, are usually asked prior to your **ELP+** presentation.

B) **Two powerful illustrations:**

- a) **Scrambled Eggs** ... see on page 9.

Scrambled Eggs goes a long way in explaining God's view of sin.

The instructor will give a simple demonstration.

- b) **Record Book** ... see on page 9.

The Record Book helps to give a visual of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

The instructor will give a simple demonstration.

- c) Either illustration can be used before starting **ELP+** or in it ... or completely independent of it.

D) **What is Faith?** ... Boiled down: ***“Acting on what God has said”***

Obedience is a primary evidence of Faith!

You need to know how to explain “**Biblical Faith**” in a practical way
because it's at the core of the Gospel and salvation.

1 John 1:5-10, John 3:36, Acts 5:27-32, James 2:14-26

Homework 2 ... Practice, Practice, Practice!!!

- 1) Start adding more pieces to the dialogue, little by little ... more each week.
 - A) Practice out-loud the **Two Clarifying Questions** ... **especially #2**
 - B) Add a few additional pieces from the **ELP+** tract ... more each week.
 - C) Be ready to share the **Two Illustrations** in class.
- 2) Be ready to roll play every week ☺

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Week 3

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V. More Roll playing:

- 1) Each team will roll play before the group.
 - A) Start with the 2 clarifying Questions.
 - B) Use as much additional pieces as you are comfortable with.

VI. Maneuvering for an opportunity: See the Flow Chart on page 10.

- 1) **Go with the flow** ... but, be looking for an opportunity to introduce a spiritual point.
 - A) Find out where they are ... and meet them there!
 - a) That is, from a general conversation, shift it to spiritual things as there is an application.
 - b) Such as, the topic of death or the future comes up, you can insert, "speaking of that," then ask one or both of the clarifying questions ... see the Flow Chart p10.
Remember: the clarifying questions are stated back on page 4, in the middle
- 2) **Communication** is over 50% non-verbal.
 - A) The more natural you can be, the better.
 - B) Being real, open and even vulnerable will draw your friend closer.
 - C) Identify with your friends issues, fears, and concerns, share yours.
 - D) Be happy for them with good news, share yours.

VII. Flow Chart Introduction ... see chart on page 10.

- i 1) The Instructor will explain.
 - a) It's a tool to keep in your mind when feeling-out someone: are they saved or not?
To extract where they are spiritually and how to flow with it.

Homework 3 ... Practice, Practice, Practice!!!

- 1) Practice having a simple mock conversation that will lend itself to asking the 2 clarifying Qs and or one of the illustrations before launching into the **ELP+** presentation.
- 2) Keep adding more pieces to your presentation.
- 3) Practice using the Flow Chart with your partner playing the part of someone who is not really saved but thinks they are.
 - a) Initially, don't play hard to get.

NOTE: if you are having trouble keeping-up, **go at your own pace**. The course will last as long as you personally need to get it, so long as you are putting in a good effort each week.

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Week 4

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VIII. Annnd ... more Roll Playing:

- 1) Each team will roll play before the group.
 - A) Start with a general conversation that will beg one of the 2 Clarifying Questions and or one of the two illustrations.
 - B) Use as much additional pieces as you are comfortable with.
 - C) The group will now join-in with the critique along with the leader.

IX. 2-3 minute Personal Testimony

- 1) The instructor will share their 2-3 minute testimony verbally.
 - A) A written example is on page 11 as a model for you to write your own.

Homework 4 ... Practice, Practice, Practice.

- 1) Develop your own personal 3 part 2-3 min testimony.
 - A) Describe life before coming to know Jesus.
 - B) Describe the sequence of coming to Christ.
 - C) Describe life since you started walking with the Lord.
 - D) Write it out and be ready to share it with the group next week.
- 2) Keep practicing and adding to your presentation.

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Week 5

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X. Getting Close:

- 1) Share your personal testimony with the group (2-3min ea).
 - A) Best if you can recite it, but this week its OK to read it.
- 2) Unrehearsed roll-playing with a different partner ☺

Homework 5 ... Practice, Practice, Practice.

XI. *ELP+* Dialogue:

Using the Dialogue doc included with the course as a model (p12-13),

Write your own complete dialogue.

How would you like it to flow along?

Now, with all the pieces in hand: **Roll-playing will continue for two more weeks.**

Or, for as long as you need to get it ☺

Extra Credit:

God is **Holy, Just, Gracious, and Merciful.**

This exercise is designed to draw-out the difference between grace and mercy. There is a significant misunderstanding within the body of Christ and it makes a difference. The Lord's Holiness, Justice, Grace and Mercy all work together and are core to our relationship with Him, specifically salvation. The four are demonstrated in the garden and then over again throughout the Bible. Yes, its valuable to understand the dynamics of these four principles for your own edification and then when sharing the Gospel with the lost.

Fill in the blank with: **Justice, Grace** or **Mercy**:

(God's Holiness: He is perfect and completely separated from sin. That's why Adam & Eve had to leave the Garden)

- 1) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I call the police, they find you and put you in jail. This is _____
- 2) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead I find you myself. I offer you an option, if you give the wallet back, I will not call the police and will drop the matter. I give you time to collect the articles and money that were in the wallet. This is _____
- 3) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead find you myself. I offer you an option, if you give back the wallet, I will not call the police and will drop the matter. I give you time to collect the articles and money that were in the wallet. You appeal by admitting the offense and thanking me for the kindness of not going to the police, but then go on to say that you have no way of finding all of the articles and money that were in the wallet. I have compassion and drop the whole thing. This is _____
- 4) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead find you myself. I then tell you, I'm a Christian and God forgave me ... I forgive you and will not press any charges, you are free. This is _____ Luke 3:3, 17:3-4, 24:47

"GRACE"

A "BIG" Subject

Difficult to pin down with a single definition.

Consider 1 Cor 15:10 below, substitute in your understanding of grace and see how it fits.

1 Corinthians 15:10

*"But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and His grace toward me did not prove vain;
but I labored even more than all of them,
yet not I, but the grace of God with me."*

(From his mother's womb ... Gal 1:14-15)

Philippians 2:13

FYI: Phil 2:13 does not use the word grace, but actually helps to define it for us.

*"for it is God who is at work in you,
both to will and to work for His good pleasure."*

"Grace is the supernatural power which God gives the believer to accomplish His will"

(From: The Institute in Basic Life Principles)

Boiled down, **Grace** is:

"Unmerited time and motive to do the right thing"

After the Garden, separated Adam & Eve were given both time and motive from the Lord to come to Him and so it is for all mankind. Time and motive to first come to Him on His terms, then time and motive to do His will as a believer.

Justice – *Grace* – *Mercy*

Justice

Fair / Appropriate Judgement

ie: “eye for an eye” ... “tooth for a tooth”

Grace

Unmerited time and motive

to do the right thing in any circumstance.

(as Grace applies to salvation and God’s call for your life)

Popular expressions of Grace:

“Unmerited favor”

“God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense”

A Second (3rd, 4th, 5th...) Chance

Mercy

**Dropping the punishment of
an offense or crime.**

(Mercy = Forgiveness)

Distinction between **Grace** and **Mercy**

Grace ... getting what I do not deserve...ie: blessings

Mercy ... not getting what I deserve...ie: punishment

Justice or *Grace* or Mercy

(Answer Key)

- 1) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I call the police, they find you and put you in jail.
This is: **Justice**
- 2) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead I find you myself. I offer you an option, if you give the wallet back, I will not call the police and will drop the matter. I give you time to collect the articles and money that were in the wallet. This is: ***Grace***
- 3) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead find you myself. I offer you an option, if you give back the wallet, I will not call the police and will drop the matter. I give you time to collect the articles and money that were in the wallet. You appeal by admitting the offense and thanking me for the kindness of not going to the police, but then go on to say that you have no way of finding all of the articles and money that were in the wallet. I have compassion and drop the whole thing. This is: **Mercy**
- 4) You attack me, beat me up, and take my wallet. I choose not to call the police, but instead find you myself. I then tell you, I’m a Christian and God forgave me ... I forgive you and will not press any charges, you are free. This is: **done only with discretion !** See **Luke 3:3, 17:3-4, 24:47**

God does not forgive us until we repent. Like wise, we are under no obligation to directly forgive the offender until he/she asks and repents. Nevertheless, it is critical to forgive the offender before the Lord to be right and clean with Him and to forestall lasting negative emotions/attitudes that can fester and poison us.

Scrambled Eggs Illustration:

When sharing the Gospel, it's common to have to explain why "good works" cannot make-up for our sin. The following is one way of doing that:

- 1) Say to your friend ... "If I were to make scramble eggs for us with 5 good eggs and 1 rotten one, would you want to eat it ?" The answer is almost always: No!
- 2) Then go on ... "What if I took six more good eggs & mixed them in, would you want to eat it then?" Everyone still answers: No!
- 3) Now, make the conclusion ... "That's the way God sees our sin. No matter how much good we do in our lives, the bad (sin) has ruined or polluted the good and it is unacceptable to Him because **He is Holy...** that is, He is completely separated from sin whether big or small, many or few." **ie:** how many sins did Adam & Eve have to commit in order to be sent away from Lord's presence?

Record Book Illustration:

A good way to describe how Jesus takes our sin away.

For this illustration you will need to use your hands and a book.

- 1) Start by placing your right hand with the palm up at about chest level.
Then say: "my hand represents those who hope to go to heaven."
- 2) Next take the book with your left hand and place it on top of the right, stating: "this represents a record book of all of your sin and it is keeping you from going to heaven." Motion with your right hand an effort to go up, but the book is keeping it down.
- 3) Now, place your left hand with palm up at chest level (while keeping the right in the same place) and say: "my left hand represents Jesus dying on the cross for you."
- 4) Next, shift the book from your right hand and place it on top of the left, saying... "this transfer represents our sins being taken by Jesus."
- 5) After the book is placed on Jesus (left hand), go on to say:
"On the cross, the last thing Jesus said was: 'my God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' That's because, at that moment all of the sins of the world, past, present, and future, were placed on Him. Jesus then died."
- 6) Move Jesus down low to represent Him coming off the cross and being buried while saying "Jesus took our sins into the grave with Him."
- 7) Now start moving Jesus (left hand) up to represent the resurrection as you state: "Jesus left our sins in the grave, but was raised from the dead Himself and returned to heaven from where He came from."
- 8) Keep moving Jesus up as high as you can and keep holding Him up. Back to the right hand (you), explain that: "those who believe in Jesus are now free from their sin and will be able to follow Jesus to heaven." Move the right hand up, close to Jesus.

“PERSONAL EVANGELISM”

Start with any Conversation.

(Usually secular)



Guide & Direct the Conversation to:

General church inquiry

ie: “Do you go to church anywhere?”



Explore different spiritual matters.



Clarifying Question #1

“Do you believe that you will go to heaven when you die?”

Yes

Any positive answer.



Clarifying Question #2

“If you were to stand before God and He asked you, *‘Why should I let you into my heaven?’* What would you say?”

No

Find out why not.



Do they believe in Heaven?

Do they believe in God ? What God?

Do they believe that the Bible is the Word of God?

Listen Carefully



Right Answer

Get Testimony

Listen for changed life

Wrong Answer

Lead into Gospel

Patch - Challenge - Educate



Be ready with a one minute Gospel

Assurance



GOSPEL

Eternal Life Plus+

John 3:16, 5:24
1 John 5:11-13
2 Peter 1:3
Gal 5:22-23

How to Receive it

Rom 10:8-10
1 John 1:1-9
Acts 10:43
John 14:6, 8:24

What to Expect

1 Cor 5:17
John 15:4-11
Heb 12:4-11
Pro 1:1-7

Getting Started

Mat 22:34-40
Heb 10:24-25
2 Pt 1:3-11
1 John 3:22-24

Two to Three Minute Testimony

By: WGT

I became a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ when I was 21 years old.

Part 1 ... Before Jesus:

My life up to that point was pretty good:

- We lived in a very good town and neighborhood.
- I had friends, fun, as well as a good school.
- My father had a very good job and we were well provided for.
- I was at least content with life if not happy.
- I had ups & downs, difficult/hard times, and issues to deal with ... but overall, life was good and promising.
- I was not questioning the meaning of life or searching for answers.
- I was working hard at a professional career and optimistic about it.

My world view said that life (as I knew it) had a lot to offer and I had a lot of confidence in myself to be successful at it. Then I was challenged with the Gospel and for the first time I began to seriously consider the reality and truth of "God and the Bible."

Part 2 ... Coming to Jesus:

This didn't slow me down from pursuing my career but I was compelled to decide whether or not the Bible was true and the actual word of God ... I would later learn that the Holy Spirit had moved in and was drawing me to Christ.

The main struggle during this period was how it would effect my view and pursuit of life ... what would I have to change ... what would I now have to do or not do ... I liked things just the way they were ☺

I wrestled with this for the next 6mo and although not all of my questions could be answered ... my heart was telling me it was true. That was it ... I simply said "it's true, so I guess I better start reading the Bible and find out what I am supposed to do. That's when the trouble started! ☺

Part 3 ... Living for Jesus:

Although I genuinely believed, my desires in life were far from yielded ... I did not aggressively pursue God and godliness. I was still focused on my career and God was in the background. Jesus was Lord, but I was far from really knowing Him and having a meaningful "relationship" with Him.

Even so, I faithfully read my Bible every night and fell asleep with a token prayer.

- I would even write down questions and every so often go to a pastor and try to get answers.
- I usually came out more confused than I went in ... I would just shrug my shoulders and say this stuff is too deep for me...just keep on working on what you know to do.
- I would pray and seek God's will but could not discern His lead ... instead I was having a lot of grief and aggravation to the point of getting angry with God.

This process went on for 9yrs with little growth until I had the good fortune of attending a very practical week long Bible conference.

- I would come to know that the trouble I had been having the previous 9yrs was mostly my own fault ... I had been violating some scriptural principals along the way and as a child of God now ... He was chastening me.

With a whole new perspective and dedication, I earnestly began to study and apply God's word to my life.

Now life would change in a really good way:

- Priorities changed
- Attitudes changed
- And most of all I would learn how to effectively discern God's lead and His power started to show in my life.

E Basics Dialogue

The following dialogue is geared to the sequence and elements of the tract:

“Eternal Life + Plus”

The following dialogue has you in conversation with a friend or even a total stranger on an airplane.

In the course of general conversation, there are almost always statements along the way that lend themselves to an opening for changing the subject to spiritual matters.

While in that general conversation, be listening for a point to interject:

“speaking of that”

“while we’re on the subject”

“that brings up another point”

Or: “May I ask you a personal question?”

The response is almost always “yes.”

This is when you need to be prepared to appropriately initiate a spiritual point.

What you say, how you say it and where you want to go with it, makes all the difference.

The following dialogue generates from a conversation that has touched on the future and or the meaning of life. Maybe the conversation drifted to a death in the family. You would naturally first demonstrate empathy, but then you could insert: what do you think, is there life after death? Some discussion ensues, but now you are looking for a good place to transition the general to a Biblical perspective such as:

Jim: If you were guaranteed eternal life and supernatural power to live this life ... would you be interested ?

Joe: “Well sure, who wouldn’t”

Jim: Did you know that the God of the Bible promises these things along with:

Love, Joy and Peace.

Knowledge, understanding, wisdom for successful living.

Physical, spiritual and emotional healing.

Do you have these wonderful things in your life ?

Joe: “Hmmm, I would say yes, to some degree.”

Jim: What about eternal life ?

Joe: How could anyone know that ?

Jim: Actually, you can have all of these in this life, but especially the assurance of eternal life. The God of the Bible promises them in abundance (John 10:10), but first you must have a relationship with the Him, which is actually quite simple to acquire. The Bible says: *“If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved (Rom 10:9).”*

Do you know who Jesus is ?

Joe: Jesus is the Son of God ?

Jim: Right, and what that really means is that Jesus is God Himself. Jesus said: *“He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me, but in Him who sent Me. He who sees Me sees the one who sent Me” (John 12:44-45), “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30).*

Also, you need to realize that our relationship with God was severed because of sin (Rom 3:23), that is anything that is contrary to the character and nature of the Creator. He designed the universe and how it should operate. The Ten Commandments are a good general set of those principles ... do not **steal/kill/lie/commit adultery** and on the other hand, **love God** and **love your neighbor** as yourself (Ex 19:3-17 and Mat 22:36-40).

Have you ever stolen or lied ? What about lusting after someone (Mat 5:28)?

Joe: I suppose everyone has done those things, guilty 😊

Jim: Me too, we all have many sins. Do you know that the penalty of sin is death, eternal separation from God?

Joe: That's what Jesus on the cross is all about, yes?

Jim: Very good, Jesus took our place and fixed the problem.

When you make Jesus your Lord, your new Boss, you will be forgiven the eternal penalty of all your sins, Acts 10:43 tells us: *Of Him all the Prophets bear witness that through His name (Jesus) everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.* Then, He/God moves in with you (Rev 3:20) and His power and promises begin to work in your life. It's the sin that keeps us from God and His promises (Isaiah 59:1-2).

What do you think, does this sound real and true so far ?

Joe: Well ... yes.

Jim: Wonderful, the Kingdom of God is very near you 😊 Lastly, you also need to know that when you choose to make Jesus your King, He will expect you to follow Him in all areas of life. With a true belief in Jesus, comes repentance and a new nature. You will have a greater awareness of sin, a desire to know more about God, a desire to be with other believers and a desire to tell others about Jesus.

And, trials and temptations will come (2 Tim 3:12) and as God becomes your new Father, just like any good father, He will discipline you for disobedience/sin (Heb 12:4-11), no favorites.

But, God is good, and His grace, power and promises will help you through all of these things (Mat 10:37-39).

Do you think you understand now how to have a relationship with the God of Creation ?

Jim: Yes, all that you explained gives me a clear picture.

Jim: Excellent, is there any reason that you could not let Jesus become your Lord and Savior right now ?

Joe: I suppose not.

Jim: Wonderful, let me lead you in a short prayer ...

***My Lord and my God, thank you for loving me in spite of my sin.
Thank you for sending Jesus to save me. I want you to be my
Lord, my King. Come and take control of my life. From this day
forward I will strive to live the way you want me to ... help me
as I repent of my sins. In the name of Jesus ... Amen.***

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Eternal Life + Plus



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In His Word,
The God of creation ... promises:

Eternal Life In Heaven

John 5:24
1 John 5:11-13

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+Plus ... many other promises such as:

- Supernatural power to live life on earth (2 Peter 1:3)
- Forgiveness of sins (Acts 10:43, 1 John 1:9)
- Love, Joy, Peace (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Knowledge, Understanding, and Wisdom for successful living (Proverbs chp 1 / Joshua 1:8)
- Physical, Spiritual, Emotional Healing (Matthew 8:16-17)
- And more..."eye has not seen, ear has not heard all that God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor. 2:9)

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How to have "*Eternal Life +Plus*"

"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead (He is alive), you shall be saved" (Romans 10:9)

Saved from the eternal penalty of your sin (Rom 6:23),
And ... made a Child of God (John 1:12),
... a citizen of heaven (Ephesians 2:19)

It is very simple, but you must understand that "confessing" Jesus as Lord makes Him your **King**, your new **Boss**, the one whom you will now follow in all areas of life.

Note: Jesus is both Lord and Savior as God the Father is:
Isaiah 43:11, 49:26, 64:8, Luke 2:11, Philemon 3:20, 2 Peter 1:1+11

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What to Expect

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature, the old things have passed away, behold, new things have come" (1 Corinthians 5:17)

Evidence of a genuine decision to follow Jesus is a changed life ...
The Lord will put in your heart:

- A greater awareness of sin (1 John 2:4)
- A desire to learn about God and His ways (Proverbs 2:1-5)
- A desire to be with other believers (1 John 4:7-8)
- A desire to tell others about Jesus (Matthew 5:13-16)

And:

God's power and promises will begin to work in your life

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Count the Cost

Along with the blessings of knowing God through Jesus ...
sacrifice and trials may also come.
(2 Timothy 3:12)

Chastening is part of being a legitimate son. (Hebrews 12: 4-11)

- You are called to love God more than anything. (Matt 22:36-40)
- You must be willing to suffer at times. (Romans 8:15-17)
- You need to put aside selfish ambitions. (Philippians 2:3)
- **The Lord's grace, power and promises will help you through all of these things** (Matthew 10:37-39).

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Prayer of Truth and Salvation

"Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved"
Genesis 4:26, Joel 2:32, Romans 10:8-13

God already knows your heart and accepting Him as Lord and Savior is very simple. The following is a sample prayer:

***My Lord and my God, thank you for loving me in spite of my sin.
Thank you for sending Jesus to save me. I want you to be my Lord, my King. Come and take control of my life. From this day forward I will strive to live the way you want me to ... help me as I repent of my sins. In the name of Jesus ... Amen.***

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Welcome to the Family

Jump in and get connected to other believers

- Come to Church to study the Bible as the literal, inerrant word of God.
- Seek other believers for fellowship and support.
- Daily, **Read** the Bible, **Pray**, and **Obey**
Confess and repent of known sin (1 John 1:9)
- Obedience is very important, but with a heart and motive of love (Matthew 23:23). Jesus said that the whole law is fulfilled by loving God and your neighbor.
(Matt 22:37-40 ... also see 1 John 4:16 + 1 Timothy 1:15)
- Start claiming God's promises and power.
- Tell others about Jesus ... your own testimony is a good start.

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Assurance

Remember...salvation is a free gift (Romans 6:23) and
God will not take back His gifts (Romans 11:29)

God wants you to know that you cannot lose
your salvation, you cannot even give it back !
Romans 8:31-39, 1 John 5:13

"The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit
that we are the children of God."
Romans 8:16

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Sin & Salvation ... "The Big Picture"

Adam & Eve were created in the image of God, but their sin corrupted and separated them from Him (Gen 2:15-3:24). Nevertheless, God gave grace, another chance. To do so, God sacrificed animals and covered A&E with the skins. There was substitutionary death and the shedding of blood for the remission of sin. That pattern continued through the Old Testament until Jesus came, was crucified and resurrected. Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice & died as a substitute for all mankind, past, present, and future (Rom 5). Sin separates man from God, but as a person makes Jesus Lord of his life (Rom 10:8-13), the eternal penalty of sin is forgiven (Acts 10:43) and the relationship is restored (2 Cor 5:18-19). Jesus is the only way (John 14:6).

The Bible is one complete story (Luke 24:25-27). **Jesus Christ** is the central theme from beginning to end. He was promised in the Garden as: "The Seed of the Woman" (Gen 3:15). He came in the flesh and lived among us (John 1:1-34). He will come again at the end of the age.

(Revelation 1 / Matthew 24:1-41)

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The way of Sin

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"
Romans 3:23

Our sin has separated us from God and His promises
Isaiah 59:1-2

Nevertheless:

God Almighty loves you anyway ... and ... personally made a way
for you to be forgiven and have a relationship with Him ... forever.
Romans 5:8, 6:23, Revelation 3:20

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Jesus is the Way

Jesus said: "I am the way and the truth and the life..."
John 14:6

"Truly, truly I say to you, he who hears my word and believes
Him who sent me, has eternal life and does not come into judgment,
but has passed out of death into life"
John 5:24

Jesus died in our place, for our sins ... He was buried,
He rose on the third day according to the Scripture,
He is alive and many have seen Him.
1 Corinthians 15:3-6

Through Faith ... Alone

“For by Grace you have been saved, through faith
and that not of yourselves ... ” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Jesus said: “unless you believe I am He, you will die in your sins”
John 8:24

“All the prophets bear witness that through His name
everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins”
Acts 10:43

Faith is: “**Acting on what God has said**”... Faith = Belief
Without faith, it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

Acts 1:8 Group

"Equipping the Saints for the work of the ministry"

Eph 4:12

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