

SHARING THE GOSPEL EFFECTIVELY

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.”

Romans 1:16

Witness Depot

Know What the Gospel Is

A Genuine Authentic Gospel

The first key to being able to share the gospel effectively is to know what the gospel is. What is your gospel? Do you have an authentic genuine gospel? Paul addresses the importance of an authentic gospel in the book of Galatians 1:1-12.

I am surprised and astonished that you are so quickly turning renegade and deserting Him Who invited and called you by the grace (unmerited favor) of Christ (the Messiah) [and that you are transferring your allegiance] to a different [even an opposition] gospel.

Not that there is [or could be] any other [genuine gospel], but there are [obviously] some who are troubling and disturbing you and bewildering you [with a different kind of teaching, which they offer as a gospel] and want to pervert and distort the gospel of Christ (the Messiah) [into something which it absolutely is not].

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach unto you a gospel contrary to and different from that which we preached unto you, let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

As we said before, so I now say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel different from or contrary to that which you received [from us], let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!

The Apostle Paul declares to the church of Galatians that he is surprised and astonished that they were transferring their allegiance to a different and opposing gospel. He tells them there is only one genuine, authentic gospel of salvation. Paul continues by saying they are being troubled, disturbed, and bewildered by false gospel preachers who are perverting and distorting the gospel of salvation.

Paul tells them if any one is preaching a perverted gospel that is contrary to the genuine gospel he preached to them, let that preacher go to eternal punishment and be doomed forever. Wow! Talk about having a responsibility to preach an authentic gospel!

In Galatians 1:11-12, Paul tells them, “I certify you, brethren that the gospel which was preached of me, is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Different American churches are preaching different gospels. It's like the 'Baskin-Robbins' style gospel, a 'choose your own flavor'.

They have perverted and violated the gospel of salvation. False pastors, preaching a false gospel, produce false converts. Apostle Paul says these false preachers should be devoted to destruction, eternal doom, and punishment for preaching a false gospel. Wow!

We dare not violate, pervert, dilute, cheapen, candy coat, add, or subtract from the gospel of salvation. The Holy Spirit will not convict, convince, and convert sinners with a false gospel. A false gospel has no power to save a soul.

Do You Know What the Gospel Is?

Paul's gospel was the gospel of Jesus Christ. Paul says the gospel he preached was given to him of divine origin by the revelation of Jesus Christ. This is the only gospel of salvation that can save sinners from eternal death – the damnation of their soul.

The Heartbeat of the Gospel

“Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel, which I preached unto you, which also you have received and wherein you stand; By which also you are saved, if you keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ, for it is God's power working unto salvation [for deliverance from eternal death] to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16 Amp).

In order for sinners to be saved a pure unadulterated gospel must be preached.

It is vital that you know the gospel if you want to be able to share it effectively.

The gospel is good news, a supernatural message from God that has power to bring salvation, deliverance from eternal death to every one who will repent and believe. The believers who know the gospel and will allow the Holy Spirit to train them how to effectively share it are

the most beautiful people in the sight of the Lord.

“How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:15).

Danger Ahead! Sinners in the Hands of an Angry Righteous Judge

How does getting saved (rescued) make any sense to anyone who does not believe they are in danger of anything?

Sharing the gospel effectively starts with the righteousness and justice of a Holy God and the unrighteousness of a sinful, unjust man and the gulf that exists between them.

God Almighty is a righteous Judge. The foundation of God's throne is justice, righteousness, and truth. God Almighty is the Supreme Court Justice of the world. Justice will be served. God is angry with the wicked every day. Sin is evil in his sight and grievous to His heart.

Every Sin is a Crime and Every Sinner is a Criminal

Sinners are lawless criminals and will give an account to Him for their crimes. Every sinful motive, thought, word, desire, and deed will be brought into judgment. God Almighty has record books of every sin ever committed by every sinner.

Every sinner will appear before him at the Great White Throne Judgment and they will try to run away and hide from his presence.

God will execute his justice, vengeance, and sore punishment on every sinner. Whosoever not found in the book of life will be sentenced to an eternal death penalty (separation from God forever) into a lake of fire.

“Vengeance is Mine [retribution and the meting out of full justice rest with me]; I will repay says the Lord. It is a fearful thing to incur the divine penalties, and be cast into the hands of the living God!” (Hebrews 10:30-31 Amp).

“If anyone’s [name] was not found recorded in the Book of Life, he was hurled into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:15 Amp).

The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in a flame of fire to deal out retribution (chastisement and vengeance) upon those who do not know or perceive or become acquainted with God and upon those who ignore and refuse to obey the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

II Thessalonians 1:7-9 says that such people will pay the penalty and suffer the punishment of everlasting ruin (destruction and perdition) and eternal exclusion and banishment from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power. Sinners are in danger of eternal death (separation from God forever).

Why would anyone want the good news to get saved, the saving of their soul, if they did not believe they were in danger of the bad news of losing their soul?

“In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel” (Romans 2:16).

The Gospel of Salvation

God Almighty a righteous, just judge sent God Almighty, the Word of God, down from heaven and was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin woman named Mary and became the only begotten

(God birthed) Son of God. His name was Jesus which means: I AM SALVATION! I AM SAFETY!

Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners from the danger of God's righteous judgment – the punishment, penalty, and power of sin.

Jesus Christ suffered man's cruelty; a brutal crown of thorns was jammed down his scalp. He was whipped with 39 lashes shredding his flesh up into a bloody mess, and was made to carry a cross through town to a hill called Golgotha in Jerusalem. Jesus was nailed to that cross and was raised up on the hill for the whole city to view.

- Jesus suffered God's wrath for sinners on the cross.
- Jesus suffered God's punishment for sinners on the cross.
- Jesus suffered God's penalty for sinners, eternal death (separation from God forever) on the cross.

Jesus died on the cross, was buried, and three days later rose again from the dead. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and said unto them, "It is written that the Christ (the Messiah) should suffer and on the third day rise from among the dead" (Luke 24:46 Amp).

Jesus also said to them, "That repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name to all nations. You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:47-48 Amp).

Jesus ascended back into heaven and sat down on a throne as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and now makes intercession as an advocate for all of who have received Him as their Lord and Savior.

Believe In the Power of the Gospel and the Power of the Holy Spirit

The second key to sharing the gospel effectively is to believe in the power of the gospel and to believe in the power of the Holy Spirit.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel (good news) of Christ, for it is God’s power working unto salvation for [**deliverance from eternal death**] to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance” (Romans 1:16 Amp).

“Go into all the world and preach and publish openly the good news (the gospel) to every creature [of the whole human race]. He who believes [who adheres to and trusts in and relies on the gospel and Him Whom it sets forth] and is baptized will be saved [**from the penalty of eternal death**]; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:15-16 Amp).

Every believer has been commanded to proclaim the gospel to his world. Jesus Christ will train you to witness and win souls. “Come after me and I will make you a fisher of men” (Mark 1:17).

The gospel is the message that we are to preach, witness, testify, and broadcast. What is at stake is the salvation of a soul or the damnation of a soul.

“Witnessing is sharing Jesus Christ and the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results with God.”
Bill Bright

One of the main purposes of the Holy Spirit residing in you is to

empower you to witness. We have been endued with supernatural power to witness.

Our personality, natural ability to communicate, is not what makes us effective. Without the Holy Spirit our witness is void of life. The Holy Spirit resides in you. You now have the ability, sufficiency, and might in you to witness and share the gospel effectively.

“You shall receive power (ability, efficiency, might), after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and you shall be my witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

Witnessing is partnering with the Holy Spirit to be His mouthpiece.

“That utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds: that I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak” (Ephesians 6:19-20).

Without the Holy Spirit’s partnership we cannot effectively witness for Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is the person who convicts people of their sin, convinces people of the gospel, and the Holy Spirit converts people. When you are in partnership with the Holy Spirit to be his mouth piece your words are alive and full of power.

“We can conclude that the whole reason that evangelism makes so little progress, why the church is retrograde in the work of winning souls, and why it has been on the brink of bankruptcy is that partnership with the Holy Spirit has been broken.” Pastor Cho

The word of God is active, operating, and being energized in the person you are talking to. Your words are sharper than any two edged sword, penetrating, and dividing the soul, spirit, and body. Your words are backed by the Holy Spirit and are reaching the thoughts and intents of the person's heart. Your witness is making an impact on that person's soul.

The Holy Spirit is the person who saves a soul by imparting the life of Christ to the sinner. You are only an Instrument. Without the Holy Spirit's partnership and power, the saving of a soul is impossible.

Be Willing and Obedient to Share the Gospel Anytime, Anyplace, With Anybody

The third key to sharing the gospel effectively is being willing to share the gospel anytime, anyplace, with anybody when God opens a door of utterance.

“Pray for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ” (Colossians 4:3).

“Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time” (Colossians 4:5).

The Living Bible says it this way, “Make the most of your chances to tell others of the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them.”

These are the people you have influence with (your world), and come in contact with whom no one else can reach. They live in your world: family, friends, relatives, employers, employees, classmates, neighbors.

There are people in your world that are indirect acquaintances such as dentists, doctors, parents of your children’s friends, teachers, people you spend time with recreationally, people you meet at the restaurant, bank, and grocery store, all in your daily routine of life .

The list is endless for the doors of utterance and divine appointments God will give you to witness and share the gospel.

Through prayer, and co-laboring with the Holy Spirit, we can expect God to open doors for divine appointments to share the gospel.

God uses people who are willing and obedient to witness for Him anytime, anyplace, and to anybody.

A door opened for me one day when I was in the front of my house. A man walking his dog stopped and I witnessed to him. I prayed with him to receive Jesus Christ. This man was a nightclub entertainer and a drug addict; he ended up renouncing his lifestyle, and went on to have a ministry and very successful business. I was happy to serve as best man at his wedding. This all happened because I was obedient to share the gospel anytime, anyplace, and with anybody.

God uses believers who are willing and obedient to go through the doors of utterance that God opens up. Jesus Christ is still seeking and saving the lost. He wants to work through you.

There will be rejections, ridicule, and bad reactions when witnessing to your world, but know that sharing the gospel is the greatest act of mercy you can show people by caring for their soul. Tell God you are willing to be obedient to share the gospel anytime, anyplace, and with anybody when he opens the door of utterance.

A Biblical Gospel Presentation

God is not dependent on your education, eloquence, or your ability, but on your willingness and obedience to share the gospel. You are an ambassador for Christ. You are His mouthpiece, His vessel. He has given you the ministry of reconciliation by bringing God and man together. Be yourself and boldly share the gospel when God opens the doors and sets up divine appointments for you.

The purpose of a set plan (Biblical gospel presentation) is not for being some mechanical robot with a canned approach, but to stay on course by sharing the essentials of the gospel under the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Romans road plan is a Biblical gospel presentation that will help you keep your focus on sharing the gospel. It is only a springboard to help you get started in sharing the gospel. The Holy Spirit will continue to train you to witness and share the gospel.

The book of Romans gives us a clear picture of the gospel of salvation. Many times you will get to share only a part of the gospel with people. There will be other times when you get to share the entire gospel.

Through this Romans road gospel plan, I have seen conversions by the Holy Spirit for family members, employees, neighbors, drag queens, homosexuals, winos, drug addicts, outcasts, and people from all walks of life. One person came to the Lord and died two days later. Another person died several months later after coming to the Lord. I was at his side in the hospital room when he died. Witnessing experiences like these will transform your life.

A person coming to Christ is the result of several impacts of the gospel and the Holy Spirit. Other people have gone before you. Some plow, sow, water, and some reap. It is God who converts. This means that getting people converted is a team effort through the Holy Spirit.

Let me emphasize that we are not in the sales business. We are not trying to manipulate, or convince someone to pray a prayer so they can be saved. We are not trying to talk people into praying a prayer.

We want to share the essentials of the gospel with the person we are talking to. Just because you do not lead someone to the Lord does not mean you were not effective in sharing the gospel. The gospel is the power of God, so your witness is having a spiritual impact on that person.

There are many who would say they don't need a gospel plan; they are just led of the Spirit. I believe it is time we get the "led" out and get the

gospel in. I find that when you have a true understanding of the gospel, and believe in the power of the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit you truly qualify to become led of the Spirit. A gospel plan will help you stay focused on sharing the gospel.

Covering all the Bases

1

First Base – Revelation

Most people, especially in America, view themselves as good people. Being a good guy, a good person, performing good deeds, attending and joining a good religion or church qualifies them for some merit with God to get into heaven when they die.

People often think they are going to heaven when they die because they believe they have done more good than bad. They do not realize or have any revelation that we are all evil and wicked sinners (criminals). They do not have God's perspective and viewpoint that they have rejected God and are lawless sinners.

Many American churches believe they have made a mistake in telling people they are sinners. Instead they believe sinners should be told what a great a treasure they are. Words like sin, sinner, hell, wrath, evil, and wicked have been banished from their vocabulary.

There are churches that have been built and grown around the belief that we do not want to offend sinners. These are called sinner sensitive churches. The churches, church services, and church growth are built around making the sinner feel comfortable. Sins, sinners, wrath, judgement, hell, evil, wicked, and repent are words that are never brought up because that would make the sinner feel uncomfortable.

Worship has been replaced with high powered concerts and light shows that make the sinner tingle. The sinner feels like he is attending

a concert or a very enjoyable Broadway show.

The preacher's sermons are designed to motivate individuals that God wants to fulfill their potential, destiny, and their American dream. God has a wonderful plan for their life. All one has to do is pray and ask Jesus into their heart.

In a 1984 issue of Christianity Today, Pastor Robert Schuller stated, "I don't think anything has been done in the name of Christ, and under the banner of Christianity, that has proven to be more counterproductive to the enterprise of evangelism than the crude, uncouth, and un-Christ strategy of attempting to make people aware of their lost and sinful condition. Guilt is loss of self-esteem."

According to this preacher, Jesus would never insult a human being by calling him a sinner. Didn't Jesus call people sinners? Pastor Schuller said that it is an insult to any human being to call him a sinner. Why Jesus would never do that!

Jesus Called People Sinners

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance"
(Luke 5:32).

"God be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13).

"Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance"
(Luke 15:7).

Because sin, sinner, and sin's penalty has been removed from the gospel it has led to an epidemic of false conversions in the American church. We clearly see that Jesus Christ's purpose was to save sinners.

“This is a faithful saying, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15).

Sinner

What is a sinner?

A sinner, in Greek (Hamartolos) is a person who misses the mark, a lawless person, guilty of an offense.

A sinner in Hebrew (chata) is a person who misses the mark, a criminal, a guilty offender.

Sin

What is sin?

Sin in Greek (Harmatia) is to miss the mark, to transgress, to commit a crime, an offense.

“Sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4).

Sin's Penalty

What is sin's penalty? Death

- Spiritual Death – man's spirit separated from God's Spirit.
- Physical Death – man's spirit separated from the body.
- Eternal Death – man's spirit separated from God's Spirit forever.

“The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23).

“Sin came into the world by one man, and death as the result of sin, so death spread to all men, [no one being able to stop it or to escape its power] because all men sinned” (Romans

5:12 Amp).

“It is only when a sinner sees the depravity of sin and the severity of the wrath of God abiding upon him that he will cry out in despair. ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner.’”

Charles Spurgeon

- Why would a person want to take a bath if he did not believe he was dirty?
- Why would a patient want to take medicine if he did not believe he was sick?
- Why would any person want Jesus to save them if they did not believe they were a sinner?

Preaching the law to sinners awakens people to their sinful condition. God gave the law so that sinners would come into the revelation of their sinful condition before him.

“That sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful” (Romans 7:13).

“For by the law is the knowledge of sin.” (Romans 3:20).

“They must be slain by the law before they can be made alive to the gospel.” Charles Spurgeon

“The law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly, and for sinners ... according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust” (1 Timothy 1:9-11).

“There is a big difference in an awakened sinner and an un-awakened sinner.” Charles Finney

Good questions to ask and discern when sharing the gospel is, “Has this

person been awakened to his sinful condition? Has he had a revelation that he is a sinner?”

The modern American contemporary church has removed sin, sinner, and sin's penalty from the gospel. This has violated and diluted the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2

Second Base – Remission

The heartbeat of the gospel message will always be that God came down from heaven and became a man. Jesus became God's substitutionary punishment for the sins of the world on the cross. Jesus died on the cross, and was buried, and rose again from the dead for the remission of our sins.

“I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which you received and wherein you stand by which you are saved, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: and was seen of Peter and then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of five hundred brethren at once” (1 Corinthians 15:1-6).

Proclaim the cross of Jesus Christ when sharing the gospel.

- Jesus suffered on the cross God's punishment for sinners.
- Jesus suffered on the cross God's penalty for sin (eternal death) for sinners.
- Jesus suffered on the cross God's wrath for sinners.

- Jesus shed his blood so God could forgive and cleanse sinners.
- **“Whosoever believes in him shall receive remission of sins”** (Acts 10:43).

Remission (aphesis) – a release from bondage, forgiveness, pardon of sins

- Remission is the cancellation of debt, charges, or penalty.
- Remission is the forgiveness of sins (to send away sins)

Remission (forgiveness of sins) should be preached in his name. (Luke 24:27)

Remission of sins is an essential part of the gospel. Clearly explain the remission of sins when sharing the gospel.

Proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Share the resurrection when sharing the gospel. Jesus rose again from the dead. Jesus Christ is alive.

“I am the resurrection and the life: he that believes in me, though he was dead, yet shall he live. Whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die” (John 11:25-26).

“We shall be saved by his life” (Romans 5:10).

Discernment must be used to determine if the sinner knows and understands Jesus Christ’s substitutionary punishment for the sins of the world on the cross, and his death, burial, resurrection for the remission of sins. Without the proclamation of these gospel facts no person can be saved.

To share, witness, testify, and proclaim Jesus Christ without ever mentioning the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection is truly diluting and perverting the gospel of salvation.

3

Third Base – Repent

Repentance and John the Baptist

“When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” (Matthew 3:7).

“Bring forth fruit that is consistent with repentance [let your lives prove your change of heart]” (Matthew 3:8 Amp).

John the Baptist refused to baptize people who gave no evidence of a change of mind and heart.

Repentance and Jesus Christ

“Repent and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:15).

“Unless you repent you shall likewise perish” (Luke 13:3).

“I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Luke 5:32).

Repentance and believing the gospel are essential for a sinner to get saved. Jesus warned people of eternal consequences if they would not repent. Jesus calls sinners to repentance.

Repentance, the Disciples, and Apostles

“They went out, and preached that men should repent” (Mark 6:12).

Jesus sent the disciples and apostles to preach the same message he preached, repentance. When Jesus gave the apostles the mission of the church he told them their message.

“That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning in Jerusalem” (Luke 24:47).

Repentance and the Apostle Paul

“God commands all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30).

“Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21).

God does not ask a sinner to repent. He commands sinners to repent.

Repentance and the Apostle Peter

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19).

Can you be converted without repentance? Can your sins be blotted out without repentance?

Charles Spurgeon writes, “All of grace says repentance must go with remission, and you will see that it is so if you think a little about the matter. It cannot be that pardon of sin should be given to an impenitent sinner: this would confirm him in his evil ways, and to teach him to think little of evil. If the Lord were to say, you love sin and live in it, and you are going on from bad to worse, but all the same, I forgive

you, this would proclaim a horrible license for iniquity. The foundation of social order would be removed, and moral anarchy would follow. I cannot tell what innumerable wrongs would certainly occur if you could divide repentance and forgiveness.”

Repentance in Greek (metanoia) means to change the mind. Repentance in Hebrew (nacham) means to breathe deeply, to be sorry, to turn from and to turn to.

In almost every place you see the word repent it means to change the mind. Although the word repent means change of mind, a true change of mind will result from a true godly sorrow from the heart for sin.

**“For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation”
(II Corinthians 7:10).**

What is the sinner changing his mind about?

“I will arise and go to my Father” (Luke 15:18).

- Change of mind: God I have sinned against you. I am a sinner.
- “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you” (Luke 15:18).
- Change of mind: “God be merciful to me a sinner” (Luke 18:13)
- “Father I am no longer worthy to be called your son” (Luke 15:21).

To share, witness, testify, and proclaim Jesus Christ without ever mentioning repentance is truly diluting and perverting the gospel of salvation.



Home Plate - RECEIVE

What does it mean to believe?

Believe (pisteuo) is to be persuaded, to adhere to, to rely on, and to cling to.

A person is saved when he believes (receives and adheres to, trusts in, clings to, and comes into union with the life of Christ.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).

What is saving faith?

Faith (pistis) is a firm persuasion, a conviction in the heart based on hearing the gospel.

“So faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word (message) of God” (Romans 10:17).

What does the word receive mean?

Receive (lambano) to take, to welcome

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” (John 1:12).

“They which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:17).

What does Lord mean?

Lord (kyrios) supreme in authority, dominion, rule, ownership

“My Lord and my God” (John 20:28).

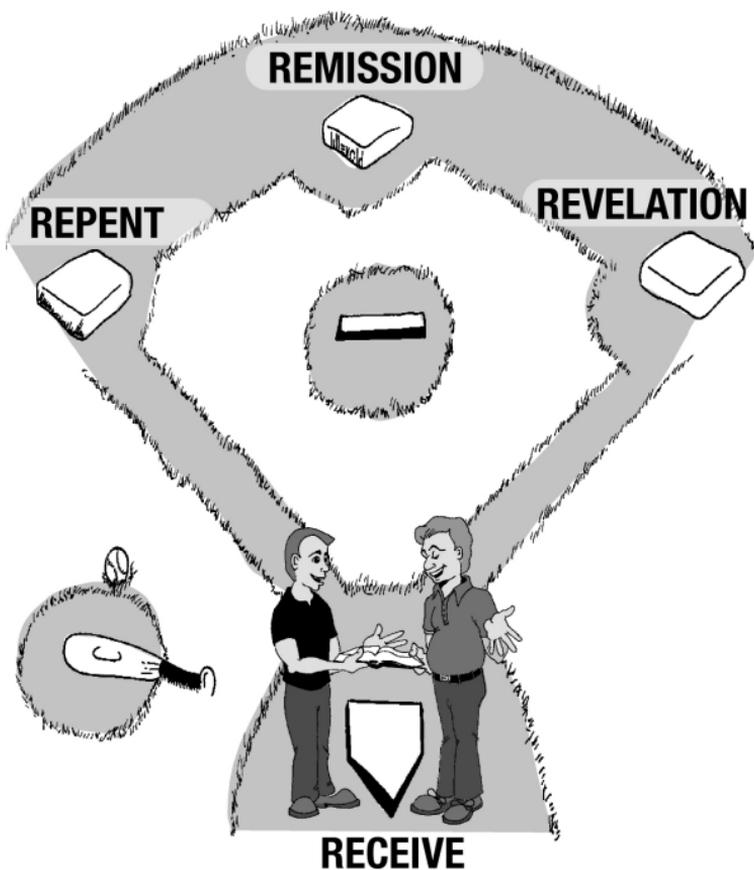
“As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him” (Colossians 2:6).

“Whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13).

We must believe in our heart that Jesus Christ is Lord and come into agreement with our tongue that Jesus is Lord. To eliminate the deity and Lordship of Jesus from the gospel is spiritual error.

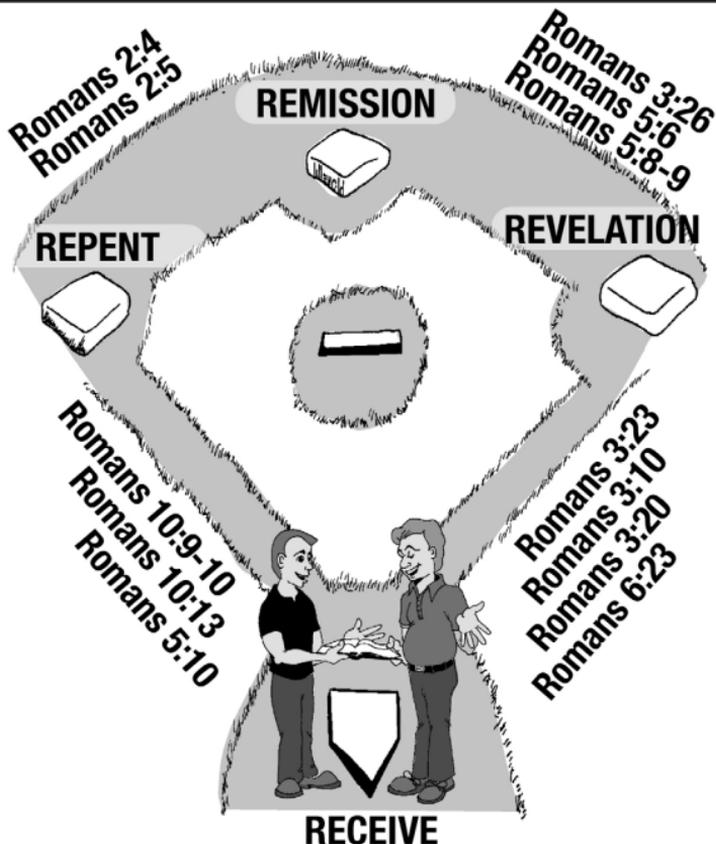
How does the gospel make sense if you can accept him as Savior, but reject him as Lord? Can you imagine Jesus hearing this prayer? “Jesus save me, but I do not want you to be my Lord and God.”

When Sharing the Gospel Four Key Bases and Words to Guide You



Revelation, Remission, Repent, Receive

When Sharing the Gospel Key Scriptures to Guide You



Romans 3:23, 3:10, 3:20, 6:23

Romans 3:26, 5:6, 5:8-9

Romans 2:4, 2:5

Romans 10:9-10, 10:13, 5:10

1

First Base – Revelation



“Will you admit to God that you are a sinner?”

Revelation

to reveal, to uncover, to disclose.

Discernment

Is this person an awakened sinner or un-awakened sinner?

Trust

“The Holy Spirit will reprove (convict & convince) the person of his sinfulness and sins awful penalty” (John 16:8-9).

Scriptures

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

“There is none righteous no, not one” (Romans 3:10).

“The wages of sin is death (separation from God)” (Romans 6:23).

Good Guy Test

Would you be willing to take the good guy test to find out if you are a good person?

“For by the law is the knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:20).

2

Second Base – Remission



Will you believe in your heart that God came down from heaven and became a man to save you from God's punishment and penalty for your sins?

Will you believe in your heart that Jesus was crucified, wounded and bruised for your sins, died, was buried, and rose again from the dead to provide for you remission (forgiveness) of sins?

Remission - the forgiveness of sins

Discernment - Does this person understand and believe that God came down from heaven and became a man to save him from Gods punishment and penalty for his sins?

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1Timothy1:15).

Does this person understand and believe in his heart that Jesus was crucified, suffered Gods punishment and penalty for his sins, died, was buried, and rose again from the dead to provide for you remission of

(forgiveness) sins?

Trust - The Holy Spirit will reprove (convict and convince) the person of Jesus Christ, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection from the dead for the remission of his sins (John 16:8-9).

Scriptures

“God is just (righteous) and the justifier of him which believes in Jesus” (Romans 3:26).

“Christ died for the ungodly” (Romans 5:6).

“God proved his love for us, in that, while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Being now justified (acquitted) by his blood we shall be saved from wrath through him” (Romans 5:8-9).

3

Third Base – Repent



**Will you Repent
(change your mind)?**

Repent

Will you change your mind

Discernment

Does this person want to obey God's command to repent (change his mind) about being a sinner against God?

Does this person want to obey God's command to repent (change their mind) about their unbelief and rejection of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior?

“God commands all men everywhere to repent, because he has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness” (Acts 17:30-31).

Trust

The Holy Spirit will reprove (convict and convince) the person of his need and command to repent (change his mind) about being a sinner against God, and about his unbelief, and rejection of Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior? (John 16:8-9).

Scriptures

“Do you despise the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads us to repent?” (Romans2:4).

“After the hardness and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath against the day of wrath” (Romans2:5).



Home Plate - RECEIVE



Will you call upon Jesus and receive him as your Lord & Savior?

Receive - to take, to welcome

“But as many as received him to them he gave the power to become sons of God” (John 1:12).

Discernment - Must be used to

determine, does this person believe in his heart that Jesus is Lord?

Discernment must be used to determine, does this person believe in his heart in the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins?

Is this person willing to call upon Jesus and receive him as his Lord & savior?

Trust - The Holy Spirit will (convince and convert) the person of his need to receive Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior (John 16:8-9).

Scriptures

“If you will confess (acknowledge) with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead you shall be saved” (Romans 10:9).

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13).

“We shall be saved by his life” (Romans 5:10).

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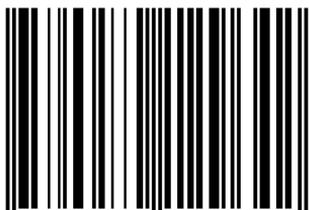
“For I am not ashamed of the Gospel (good news) of Christ, for it is God’s power working unto salvation (for deliverance from eternal death) to everyone who believes with a personal trust and a confident surrender and firm reliance” (Romans 1:16 Amp).

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- Believe in the power of the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit!
- Be willing and obedient to share the Gospel anytime, anyplace, with anybody when God opens a door of utterance!

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