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SESSION 63: HOW TO WITNESS EFFECTIVELY PART 4

HOW TO SHARE GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Acts 4:12: *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

There are seven simple steps to take in sharing God's Plan of Salvation.

1. **Share your personal experience of salvation.** Do not give your life story. It should not take more than a few minutes to tell how the Lord saved you. As you come to the close of your testimony, bring out your Bible and say, "May I share with you God's plan of salvation that changed my life?"
2. **John 3:16**, which shows them **THAT IT IS A FACT THAT GOD LOVES YOU.**

It is an eternal fact that God loves you with an everlasting love that cannot be fathomed; it is so boundless that it can only be known by faith. The little word "so" in **John 3:16** is most expressive. It gives you some concept of the magnitude of God's love, God SO loved you, that He gave His only begotten Son, to be made sin for you that you might be made the righteousness of God in Him (**II Cor. 5:21**).

Jesus Christ was made that which God hates sin – that you might be made that which God loves -- righteousness. Because God so loves you, you can exchange your sins for His righteousness. Could you ask for greater evidence of love? Calvary is proof that God loves, and longs to save you.

Can you now admit to yourself, that God loves you?

In response to a yes, then you can say something like this: So and so (their name), will you now admit that God loves you? Lead him to admit it if you can. This will get him involved in the plan of salvation.

3. IT IS A FACT THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.

In **Romans 3:23** it states “*For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.*”

What is sin? It is the transgression of the law (**I John 3:4**).

- a. Sin is unbelief; it calls God a liar (**I John 5:10**)
- b. Sin is active rebellion against God (**Isaiah 1:2**)
- c. Sin is passive rebellion against God (**Isaiah 1:2**)
- d. All unrighteousness is sin (**I John 5:17**)

God, who cannot lie, said, “*all have sinned.*” “All” includes you. You have sinned against God by **thought, word, and deed**. You have committed sins of commission and sins of omission. In the sight of God, you are a lost sinner.

Now, before turning to the next fact, admit to yourself this fact: “I am a lost sinner, because I have sinned.”

When he/she admits that he/she is a lost sinner, you say something like this. So and So, (their name) isn’t it wonderful, God loves you even though you are a lost sinner?

4. IT IS A FACT THAT YOU ARE NOW DEAD IN SIN. Read **Romans 6:23a**: *For the wages of sin is death*”

Then say, you have already confessed and admitted that you are a sinner. Now God would have you know that “the wages of sin is death.” You are dead in sin until you accept Christ as personal Saviour. The apostle Paul said, “*You have he quickened, (made alive) who were dead in trespasses and sins*” (**Eph 2:1**). **To be saved is to be made spiritually alive in Christ.**

What is death?

- a. Death is spiritual separation. Your sins have separated you from God; you are dead in your sins.
- b. Death is physical separation; it separates the spirit and soul from the body.
- c. Death is eternal separation. If you remain lost in your sins, you will stand before God at the great white throne judgment, and there your sins will separate you from the mercy of God forever; this is hell (**Rev. 20: 11-15**).

Now say: You know that God loves you, and that you are a sinner – dead in sins. Before I share the next fact, admit to yourself “I am dead in sins.”

5. **IT IS A FACT THAT CHRIST DIED FOR YOU.** **Romans 5:6-8** says: 6) *“For when we were yet without strength, in due time, Christ died for the ungodly. 7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”*

He died for those who are unlike God; this includes you.

- a. *“While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”.* (**Romans 5:8**).
- b. *“For he (God the Father) made him (God the Son) to be made sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him: (II Cor. 5:21).*
- c. *“For as much as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold...But with the precious Blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot: (I Peter 1:18-19)*
- d. *“For Christ also hath once suffered for sin, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened in the spirit” (I Peter 3:18)*
- e. *“Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures” (I Cor. 15:3).*

In the light of these wonderful scriptures, will you now thank God for his great love in sending His son to bear your sins in His own body on the cross, and admit to yourself that: “Christ died on Calvary for me?”

6. **IT IS A FACT THAT YOU CAN BE SAVED BY PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST** **Acts 16:31:** *And they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”*

The Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas: “Sirs what must I do to be saved?” The answer was quick in response, and positive in content: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. They believed, and they were saved.

As we continue this study, some references I will make are direct statements to an unsaved person, some to the faithful Christian. Let your heart judge which you are.

What is the gospel that saves when believed? **I Corinthians 15:3-4**

- a. First, it is “that Christ died for our sins.”
- b. Second, “that he was buried.”
- c. Third, “that he rose again the third day:

Jesus Christ, the God-man died for you, was buried for you, and rose from the dead for you; and is now at the right hand of the father interceding for you (I John 2:1).

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth” (Rom. 1:16). The gospel (good news) is the power of God unto salvation only when you believe. Your faith in Jesus Christ releases the power of God that saves your soul.

The man born blind received physical sight by a miracle, but spiritual sight came when Jesus asked, *“Dost thou believe on the Son of God?”* He answered, *“Lord, I believe”* (John 9:35-38). Salvation came to Thomas when he believed, and confessed, *“My Lord and my God”* (John 20:24-29).

The scriptures tell us that when you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Rom. 10:9-10).

7. INVITE THE PERSON TO WHOM YOU ARE WITNESSING TO BY FAITH ACCEPT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS THEIR PERSONAL SAVIOR.

If they say yes, then say please repeat this prayer after me:

“Lord Jesus, I know you love me, because you died on the cross bearing my sins. Thank you, Lord, for revealing to me my lost, sinful condition. I confess that I am a sinner, dead in sin, and cannot save myself. Father, I come to you in the name of Jesus. I acknowledge that I am a sinner in need of a Savior. I ask you to forgive me of my sin and wash them away with the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. I do now by faith gladly accept You as my personal Savior, and thank You, Lord, for eternal salvation. Amen

When they finish the prayer, ask them did they mean what they prayed? When the reply is yes, then say, upon the authority of God’s word that says in Romans 10:13 that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved, you are now a child of God!