

The plan of salvation

Our Problem – SIN

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death...Romans 6:23a

God's Only Solution – Jesus Christ

...but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23b

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8

For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

My Response – Receive God's gift

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. Romans 10:9-10

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12

Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Revelation 3:20

Admit that I am a sinner and need God's forgiveness.

Believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose again for my sin.

Confess that Jesus Christ is the only way to God and commit to live for Him for the rest of my life.

Dear God: I admit that I am a sinner. I have done many things that don't please you. I have lived my life for myself. I am sorry and I turn from my sin. I ask you to forgive me. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for my sin and rose again to save me, and give me eternal life. You did what I could not do for myself. I come to you now and ask you to take control of my life, I give it to you. Help me to live every day in a way that pleases you. I love you, Lord, and I thank you that I will spend all eternity with you. I pray this in my Savior's name, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Share The Faith

Live Authentically



Love Unconditionally



Lead Wisely



"Open Doors - Closed Doors"
Colossians 4:2-6

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Revelation 3:20 (NLT)

Observations:

- **God _____ and _____ doors.**

... This is the message from the one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David. What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open:

⁸ I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close...

Revelation 3:7b-8a (NLT)

- **Not every " _____ " is an open door.**

Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. ²⁶ Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! ²⁷ The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"

Acts 16:25-28 (NLT)

- **Not every " _____ " is a closed door.**

A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. ²³ They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. ²⁴ So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.

Acts 16:22-24 (NLT)

The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Acts 16: 29-30 (NLT)

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- **Some _____ are open/closed for the time being.**

Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time. Acts 16:6 (NLT)

This went on for the next two years, so that people throughout the province of Asia—both Jews and Greeks—heard the word of the Lord. Acts 19:10 (NLT)

Jesus replied, “My light will shine for you just a little longer. Walk in the light while you can, so the darkness will not overtake you. Those who walk in the darkness cannot see where they are going. ³⁶Put your trust in the light while there is still time; then you will become children of the light.” John 12:35-36a (NLT)

- **An _____ door results in people opening up their _____ to Jesus Christ.**

One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. Acts 16:14 (NIV)



Talk to _____ about _____

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Colossians 4:2-3 (NIV)

When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. Acts 14:27 (NAS)

But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me. I Corinthians 16:8-9 (NIV)

Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach. ⁹And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained. II Timothy 2:8-9 (NLT)



Talk to _____ about _____

Pray that I may proclaim it **clearly**, as I should. ⁵Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:4-6 (NIV)

May I represent Jesus clearly in my...

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity...

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt...

...so that you may know how to answer everyone.

And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

Taking It Home:

Expect _____ to “open doors”.

Be _____.

Be aware of those around you who are...

_____ ; _____ ; in _____.

_____ **to their** _____.

_____ **your** _____.