

## **The plan of salvation**

*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*

## **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

## **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. <sup>10</sup>For 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*

**A**dmit that I am a sinner and need God's forgiveness.

**B**elieve that Jesus died on the cross and rose again for my sin.

**C**onfess 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



"Staying On Message"  
Colossians 3:16-17

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Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Colossians 3:16-17 (NLT)

**"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."**

C. S. Lewis

## Staying On Message

### ① The Message Is \_\_\_\_\_.

*When I first came to you, dear brothers and sisters, I didn't use lofty words and impressive wisdom to tell you God's secret plan. <sup>2</sup> For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified. <sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness—timid and trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. <sup>5</sup> I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God. I Corinthians 2:1-5 (NIV)*

*Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. <sup>16</sup> But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear.- <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. I Peter 3:15-16a;18 (NLT)*

*At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do." Luke 10:21 (NIV)*

About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"<sup>2</sup> Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them.<sup>3</sup> Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven."<sup>4</sup> So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."  
Matthew 18:1-4 (NLT)

Jesus doesn't call upon his follower's to \_\_\_\_\_ off by impressing people with the depths of our brilliance and eloquence; rather He calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ up by influencing those around us with the story of God's grace.

The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him home, saying,<sup>39</sup> "No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him.  
Luke 8:38-39 (NLT)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 (NIV)

For we do not proclaim ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.<sup>6</sup> For God, who said "Let light shine out of darkness," is the one who shined in our hearts to give us the light of the glorious knowledge of God in the face of Christ.<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that the extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.  
II Corinthians 4:5-7 (NAS)

## ② The Message Is \_\_\_\_\_.

For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified.  
I Corinthians 2:2 (NIV)

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,<sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.  
I Corinthians 15:3-4 (NIV)

Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.<sup>11</sup> For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'<sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."  
Acts 4:10-12 (NLT)

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!<sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.<sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation.<sup>2</sup> So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"<sup>21</sup> For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

II Corinthians 5:17-21 (NLT)

Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. Acts 8:35 (NIV)

But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God. Acts 20:24 (NLT)

"Prayer is crucial in evangelism: Only God can change the heart ... No matter how logical our arguments or how fervent our appeals, our words will accomplish nothing unless God's Spirit prepares the way."  
—BILLY GRAHAM

## Taking It Home:

- Start with prayer
- Lead with your actions, not your words.
- Listen to their story.
- If no one is questioning...stop answering.
- Keep to simple truths.
- Invite them to do something.

## An Essential List:

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## An Important Date:

November \_\_\_\_\_

