

**SHARING THE GOSPEL  
BASICS ALL BELIEVERS MUST KNOW**

Many of us want to share our faith with loved ones, friends, or others but need a little jump start to take advantage of the witnessing opportunities. The first thing is to seek the Lord's guidance with all your heart. Know if your spiritual heartbeat is weak and if so strengthen it with Him through prayer and in His Word. Examine yourself and ask if you need to grow in the knowledge of your faith. Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. One of the best ways is to share your own personal testimony.

The specific steps and verses presented here with references do not necessarily need to be shared with the person to whom you are witnessing, but their own truths – in your own words – do need to be voiced.

When you share the good news of Jesus Christ, you are attempting to tell a lost person how to get to Heaven and Satan does not want people to go to Heaven. Therefore, he will oppose you in any way he can. He will try to do whatever it takes to try and stop you from sharing the Gospel. But don't help Satan by not sharing the Gospel. The Gospel is about Jesus Christ, his death, burial and resurrection.

Now let's look at the basics of sharing the gospel.

1. **Unconditional belief that Jesus Christ is God the Creator of Heaven and Earth.** God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are one and the same. There are three personalities, but one God. The three together form the Trinity. All three are equal in deity, but their roles vary. Jesus Christ is the second person of The Trinity co-equal with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. In [John 10:30](#), Jesus proclaims, "I and the Father are one." If they are one (as in "one and the same"), then Jesus "is" what His Father "is." His Father is God; therefore, Jesus is God. [Colossians 1:16](#) says: "For by Him {Jesus} were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him." [Genesis 1:1](#) and [Isaiah 45:18](#) say God created the universe. What's the answer? The answer is this: God created the universe. Jesus created the universe. This can only mean one thing: Jesus is God. [Philippians 2:11](#) tells us, "that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."
2. **Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation.** You must believe this second core fact. The Bible makes abundantly clear there is only one way to salvation, Jesus Christ. In [John 14:6](#) Jesus says: "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man comes into the Father *but* by me." In [John 3:36](#), Jesus affirms: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abided in him." This second "basic" may not come up in a witnessing encounter, but it is a fact.
3. **We are all sinners.** We must tell the individual the reason for his or her need for Christ is that we are born in sin at birth and thereby separated from God. [Romans 3:23](#) says: "For *all* have sinned and come short of the glory of God." [Isaiah 53:6](#) says: *All* we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." There is not a soul alive that has not sinned. We fall short of God's glory. In other words,

we have failed the test. God's holiness, righteousness, and justice demands perfection, but we are incapable of it.

4. **The consequences of being a sinner.** We fall short of God's requirements and yes there are consequences. Romans 6:23 says "for the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ". The word death does not refer to our physical death since all people die except those to be raptured. This Death refers to eternal separation from God in Hell. Hebrews 9:27 tells us, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." You live but once and then you die. Those who die without accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior will face judgment (Revelation 20:11-15) which will result in their being "cast into the lake of fire" (v. 15).
5. **We cannot save ourselves.** A person's "good works" will be of no avail; salvation is of Christ alone. Our righteousness is like "filthy rags". I'm not sure we can image how Holy is God. There are some who cannot come to grips with their utter helplessness in saving themselves. Trusting Christ alone to the exclusion of everything else seems narrow-minded to many people today particularly in today's culture, but it is clearly what the Bible teaches. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; *and that not of yourselves*: it is a gift of god: Not of works, lest any man should boast."
6. **God paid the penalty for us on the Cross of Calvary.** Jesus Christ by virtue of His perfect life has paid the debt (penalty) of sin for us by dying on the Cross and with His shed blood making us acceptable before a Holy God. Romans 5:8 makes clear: "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
7. **Confessing Christ and receiving him as Savior.** If the person you are witnessing is in agreement with everything you have said, the next step is confessing, believing by faith and accepting Jesus Christ as Savior. John 1:12 tells us: "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."
8. **The permanence of Salvation.** If a person makes an authentic profession of faith and truly believes that Jesus is God and the only way of salvation, that person is saved for good forever. John 5:24 says, "Verily verily, I {Jesus} say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death to life. If you believe in Jesus Christ and the God that sent Him you ARE saved."

**Suggested Prayer When Receiving Christ:** "Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank you for dying on the Cross for my sins. By faith I accept You as my Lord and Savior and repent of my sins. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take my life and lead me". Very simple prayer because Jesus has already done the rest.

