

# THE GOSPEL CALL

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WHAT WOULD YOU DO? BY JASON BUTTE

What would you do if the Lord Jesus Christ were to appear to you with a sobering message? He says, "Dear \_\_\_\_\_, I have come with an urgent message for you. The day of My return is drawing near. No man knows the exact time except My Father; however, I tell you—that time is drawing very near. I have a task that I am entrusting to you. Fulfill this task with all diligence, because the time is short. This is the task: There are many around you who do not know Me. They are headed for an eternity in the Lake of Fire—but I love them. I came to be their Savior and I gave My life to pay the penalty for their sin. I bore the wrath that they deserve. Warn them of the danger of rejecting Me, and tell them of Me and the gift of salva-

tion that I have provided. It is for this reason that I came into the world. Don't delay. Don't be afraid. I am with you. The time is short." Then, after saying this, the Lord vanishes from your presence.... What would you do? How would your life be changed from that experience? I would dare say that your life would be turned upside down! The priorities of your life would be completely rearranged. You would proclaim the Gospel with great boldness to all who would listen. Consider... What would you do?

Dear Friend, the Lord has sent this message to you... No, He did not appear in bodily form before you; however He has declared this same message to you in His Word. Before His ascen-

sion, the Lord gave that very task to His church (Mark 16:15). Then, in the final chapter of God's Word, Jesus declares this truth—"Surely, I come quickly" (Rev 22:20). If the Lord's return was imminent nearly 2,000 years ago, how much closer must His return be in our day?

Someone may say, "Well, that is different... sure it is in the Bible—but that is not that same as Jesus telling me that personally...." Why not? Why don't we take God at His Word? We would do well to recall the story of the rich man who spoke with Abraham in Luke Chapter 16. He wanted Abraham to send a beggar named Lazuras back from the dead to warn his brothers of their need for salvation. How did Abraham respond?

He told this rich man that his brothers had Moses and the prophets (that is—they had the Word of God). He told this rich man that if his brothers would not believe the Word of God, neither would they believe even if one was risen from the dead. And thus it is with you and I. We have God's Word and that Word is just as valid as if He were speaking to us bodily.

Friends, the Lord is returning soon (James 5:8). In the meantime, He has entrusted you and I with a vital task. We are to share the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with the world. We are the King's ambassadors (2 Cor 5:20).

The question? What WILL you do?

QUESTION: I GREATLY DESIRE TO LEAD SOMEONE TO FAITH IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN. CAN YOU HELP?

The truth is that all of us are very insufficient on our own. The Bible teaches us that God Himself is responsible for the results—not us (1 Cor 3:6). It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ that is the "power of God unto salvation" (Rom 1:16). In other words, the effectiveness lies in the Message and not in the messenger. When we

share the Gospel, we are sharing the Message through which the Creator of the Universe works to bring people to repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is our duty to proclaim the Word and leave the results to God. So, if you sometimes feel incapable—that is okay. We are all incapable in ourselves.

However, when we share the Gospel with others we can have confidence because we are serving the Living God—the One with whom all things are possible (Mark 10:27). Always be careful to let your confidence rest in God and His Word—and not in your abilities. And know that God has promised blessing upon His Word (See Isaiah 55:11).



"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

Psal m 34:3

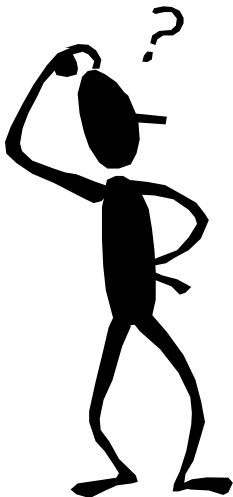


“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

“BUT GOD COMMENDETH HIS LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.”

ROMANS 5:8



QUESTION: WHEN I AM WITNESSING TO INDIVIDUALS, WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE MESSAGE THAT I NEED TO PRESENT?

I believe the Bible teaches that there are three key elements in the Gospel message.

First, is our SIN against God. In order for a person to see their need for a Savior they must understand why a Savior is necessary. If a person does not understand they have violated God’s law, the judgment God has declared upon mankind will seem harsh and cruel. So, share with them about their sin against God and rely upon the Holy Spirit

to awaken them to their need (John 16:8).

Second, share with them about the JUDGMENT of God—the penalty God has declared for our sin against Him (Hell). If you commit a crime in civil law, but there is no penalty—there is no reason to seek pardon. Likewise, it is necessary for individuals to understand that God is the Righteous Judge and he will ensure that no transgression will go unpunished. There-

fore, we all need pardon.

And finally, share with them that JESUS has purchased their pardon. When Jesus suffered and died upon the cross, He was paying the penalty that you and I deserve because of our sin. His payment was accepted and He is risen from the dead. God has promised that if we will repent and trust in the risen Christ—we will be forgiven and will receive eternal life (John 3:36).

QUESTION: ISN’T IT BETTER TO SPEAK OF GOD’S LOVE RATHER THAN TO SPEAK OF HIS JUDGMENT?

Consider this: How do we know the love of God towards us? Through the cross of Jesus Christ. The Bible consistently draws a connection between the two (Read John 3:16; Rom 5:8; etc).

How can a person speak Biblically concerning the cross of Jesus Christ without mentioning our sin and the judgment of God for our sin? You can’t!

The Biblical way to express the love of God towards an individual is to show them how much they have sinned and the punishment they deserve because of their wickedness. Once you have shared this, then—and only then—share with them the gracious love God has shown to them in Jesus Christ. It is only when a sinner sees the severity of their sin against God

that they will begin to grasp the great love God has for them. When a sinner realizes their great need, they will see that the grace of God is truly amazing. It is then that they will readily appreciate and appropriate the free pardon that is offered in Jesus Christ.

For further study read Acts 10:42-43 and Acts 17:30-31.

QUESTION: THERE ARE SO MANY METHODS USED IN SHARING THE GOSPEL, WHICH ONE IS THE BEST? HOW CAN I BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS?

When we study the different encounters that Jesus and the disciples had with individuals, one thing is clear—there is no one way to share the Gospel. Regardless of what method or methods you use to share the Gospel, the key thing to remember is that the Message must not be changed. Teach individuals (1) what God says about their SIN, (2) the

JUDGMENT of God because of their sin, and (3) the gift of salvation offered in JESUS—who atoned for their sin on the cross. Tell them they must repent and trust in Him alone for salvation.

What can we do to bring people to Jesus? The Bible gives us three responsibilities:

First, we are to pray and in-

tercede for the salvation of lost souls (Rom 10:1).

Second, we are to live a life that reflects the transforming power of the Gospel (Matt 5:16)

And third, we are to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Bible says, “Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” (Rom 10:17)

QUESTION: WHAT DO I DO IF SOMEONE SAYS THEY DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD, THE BIBLE, OR LIFE AFTER DEATH?

If they will allow you, continue to share the Word of God with them. This is important for two reasons:

#1: Sometimes people merely “say” they do not believe something without really meaning it.

#2: (And most importantly) The Holy Spirit can convict them and convince them that the Message you are sharing is true (John 16:8). So prayerfully share the Word of God.

Ask God to work in their heart to reveal Himself to them.

Another approach you can take in this situation is to remind the individual that saying you do not believe in something does not negate reality. For example, you can jump off the top of a 100-story building and say that you do not believe in gravity; however, that will not stop the fact that you will shortly reap the results of violating the law

of gravity. Likewise a person can say they do not believe in God, the Bible, etc.; however, that will not stop the fact that they will shortly reap the results of violating the law of God—eternal destruction in the Lake of Fire. Encourage them to give earnest attention to the Message you are sharing with them. Then, pray for them and continually show them the love of Jesus—sharing the Gospel every chance you get.



“And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”

John 16:8

QUESTION: IS IT WRONG TO GET PEOPLE TO RESPOND BY PROMISING THEM THAT JESUS WILL MAKE THEM HAPPY, FIX THEIR PROBLEMS, ETC?

Yes, this is wrong. This provides people with the wrong motive to respond to the Gospel. Everyone wants to be happy, to have their problems fixed, and to go to Heaven when they die. However, if a person is going to be saved, there must be repentance (Luke 13:3). This means that a person must be willing to turn from their self-absorbed and sinful way to God. If the

motive you are giving sinner’s to respond to the Gospel revolves around enhancing their conditions—you are merely feeding their carnal and self-absorbed lusts. They are not coming to Jesus because they are wretched sinners who have no other hope; they merely want to improve their life. If a person is going to be brought to repentance, the motive given for them to re-

spond must be deliverance from their sin. This means you must tell them of their SIN, the resulting JUDGMENT, and salvation through the LORD JESUS CHRIST. That is the Biblical Message—and it contains the Biblical motive for sinners to respond. Don’t circumnavigate the Biblical Message to create “decisions”. A decision is not the same as a conversion.

“EXCEPT YE REPENT, YE SHALL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH”

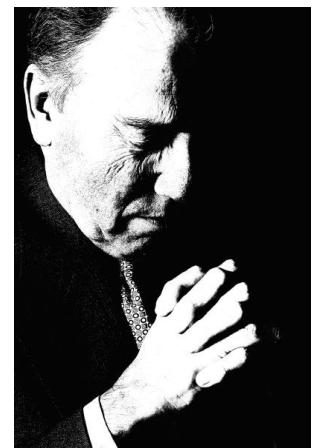
LUKE 13:3

QUESTION: AFTER I SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH SOMEONE, SHOULD I LEAD THEM IN A “SINNER’S PRAYER” TO RECEIVE SALVATION?

While this is a common practice today, there is no example of this method being used in the Bible. The clear instruction from God’s Word is for sinners to repent and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. While it is true that a person who is convicted and broken over their sin against God and cries out to the Lord in faith

for mercy will receive salvation—it is not true that everyone who says a prayer will be saved. A person can say a prayer without repentance and faith in Jesus; and if there is no repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, there is no salvation (John 3:18; Luke 13:5). While prayer may, or may

not, coincide with the receiving of salvation—the condition of salvation remains repentant faith in the Lord Jesus Christ—and this is what we should be declaring. Instruct individuals to look to the Lord Jesus and call upon Him—but, do not “lead” them in a “sinner’s prayer”. That would be unbiblical.





“Go ye into all the world,  
and preach the Gospel to  
every creature”  
Mark 16:15

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## About Sowing The Word

The chief aim of this ministry is the glory of God (1 Cor 10:31). We desire to see many enter into a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Knowing that we can do and accomplish nothing on our own (John 15:5), we seek to follow the Lord and proclaim His word faithfully. It is God who makes His servants “fishers of men” (Mark 1:17). It is God who gives the increase (1 Cor 3:6).

Sowing the Word (STW) began in April 2007 out of a desire to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ by propagating the Biblical Gospel. STW provides free Gospel tracts and evangelism training throughout the world. We are available to conduct evangelism seminars and workshops upon request.

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   “Thank You Very Much” (Spanish)

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Every time a baby is born, there enters into this world another individual who has never heard the Gospel. The one exception to this, of course, was the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ—He is the “Gospel”. The world needs Jesus! WE are responsible for sharing the Good News with our generation. Let each of us endeavor to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout our communities and to the ends of the earth. “O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together” (Psalm 34:3)