

WITNESSING

Leading someone to Christ is a wonderful experience. You will understand the rejoicing that goes on in Heaven (**Luke 15:4-7**) when you have accomplished it. But you must know what you are doing. Remember what happens if the blind lead the blind. Ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment to help lead dear souls to Him. “He that winneth souls is wise.” (**Pro 11:30**)

Study the following outline. There are many methods to bring a soul down the path of Life. Although there are different ways, each must have the same essential elements. Memorize the four main points and the associated verses. The method used here is called the “Romans’ Road” and is one of the oldest and simplest methods available. It basically stays in the book of Romans to keep it simple. We suggest that you mark it in your Bible. Simply write the next scripture by the previous scripture to develop a path through your Bible. This will aid you in remembering the order.

When you talk to someone about the state of their soul, you must begin somewhere. A good opening question that will cut through a great deal of religious sidestepping is this:

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

The answer to such a question will reveal much about the condition of the person’s soul. If they answer with a “No”, or a “Not sure”, or an “I think so”, then you can proceed with the next question.

May I show you from the Bible how you can know for sure?

If the response is positive, then begin revealing God’s plan. The following is presented in a direct form so you can see exactly what could be said to a lost soul.

I. FIRST, YOU MUST REALIZE THAT YOU ARE A SINNER.

A. Rom 3:10 - “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.”

- “none righteous” means that there is no one good enough to get to Heaven on their own.
- I’m not righteous and you are not righteous because there is “none” righteous.

B. Rom 3:23 - “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.”

- Why are none righteous? Because all have sinned.
- Do you believe you are a sinner?

NOTE: If they answer “Yes” to this question, then proceed to the next main point of **Rom 6:23**. If they answer “No”, then you must take time at this point to convince them that they are a sinner. No one can be saved until they realize that they are a lost sinner.

- ❑ Have you ever read the Ten Commandments in **Exo 20:1-17**?
- ❑ Have you ever lied? Have you ever dishonored your parents? Have you ever used God’s name in vain? Have you ever stolen? Have you ever coveted anyone else’s things? Then you are guilty of breaking God’s Law!
- ❑ **Jam 2:10** – “For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.”
- ❑ If you have broken God’s law you are an enemy of God and the cross of Jesus Christ. Men love the world and reject everything God stands for and loves.
- ❑ **Jam 4:4** “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”
- ❑ **1 John 2:15-16** - “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.”
- ❑ **Col 1:21** – “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled.”
- ❑ **Phi 3:18-19** – “(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)”
- ❑ **Acts 13:10** – “And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?”
- C. Rom 5:12** - “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”
 - ❑ We are all sinners by “nature”. In other words, we sin because we have a sinful nature. God is different than us in that He does not have a sinful nature. Your sin is the result of your nature.

Example: Dog barking - A dog barks because he is a dog. Likewise, you sin because you are a sinner.
 - ❑ We inherited a sinful nature. I’m a sinner because my father was a sinner, and his father was a sinner, etc... back to the first father, Adam.

II. YOU MUST REALIZE YOUR SIN WILL TAKE YOU TO HELL.

A. **Rom 6:23** - “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord,”

- The penalty for sin is death.
- This is not talking about physical death like getting hit with a car.
- This is spiritual death - the second death – the lake of fire.

B. **Rev 21:8** - “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

- Fearful – cowardly, won’t confess Christ before their friends.
 - Unbelieving - don’t believe the Bible (**1 John 5:10**)
 - Abominable - desperately wicked and vile
 - Whoremongers - women chasers
 - Sorcerers - involved in witchcraft or drugs
 - Liars - perjurers, false accusers
- If you died in your sin where would you go?**

NOTE: A person must realize they are lost and going to hell before they can be saved. If they don’t acknowledge their state at this point then review the above verses again.

III. YOU MUST REALIZE GOD LOVES YOU AND SENT HIS SON TO DIE FOR YOU.

A. **Rom 6:23b** – “...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

- God’s gift is eternal life. A gift has no strings attached. It is free to all who receive it.

Example: “The Christmas Gift” - Your parents wouldn’t give you a gift and then say, “You must clean the house for three weeks for this.” Then it would not be a gift. You would have earned it. It is the same with God’s gift. You do not work for it. You simply must receive the gift in order for it to be yours.

Example: “Pen Illustration” - Hand a pen to him and say, “You can have this.” He must reach out and take it to say it is his own.

- Eternal life - Your soul is eternal because God made you in His image. Your soul can not be destroyed so you will spend eternity somewhere - either Heaven or Hell.

B. Rom 5:8-9 – “But God commendeth (demonstrated) his love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

- ❑ Jesus died for you 2,000 years ago. If you were the only one in all history to believe on Him, He still would have gone to the cross for you! That makes His death personal to you. He did not die for the masses but for you!
- ❑ He took your rap. He paid for your crimes!

Example: “Death row and the Electric Chair” – Let’s say you commit a crime worthy of death. They bring you before the judge and you are found guilty. The judge sentences you to die in the electric chair. Then, they put you on death row to wait for your day of execution. You can do nothing. You are condemned already. Then the morning of your execution they unlock your cell and you start down that long hall to the death chamber. You are crying and sorry, but you can do nothing. Then all of a sudden out of a side room Jesus steps out and says, “I’ll take your place. I’ll die for you!” Now you could do one of two things. You could say, “Get out of here Jesus. I’ll pay for my own sin.” And you would be a fool. Or you could accept His offer and say “Thank you Jesus. I’ll live for You in Your place.” That is the similar situation you are in right now!

- ❑ **John 3:18** – All sinners are condemned already!

IV. YOU MUST BELIEVE AND CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD TO BE SAVED.

A. Rom 10:9 - “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”

- ❑ You must confess your “need” for Christ to God.
- ❑ You must believe that God raised Him from the dead to show you that His death was good enough to pay for your sin and give you eternal life.

B. Rom 10:10 - “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

- ❑ Remember, at the start we said there was none righteous? Well, this is how you become righteous, by believing in your heart of your need for Christ and then calling on Him to save you.

C. Rom 10:11 - “For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”

- ❑ If you truly believe then you will not be ashamed to acknowledge your need of Him.

D. Rom 10:12 - "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him."

He is not a respecter of persons but rich unto all.

E. Rom 10:13 - "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Anybody can call. He says, "whosoever". (Put their name in for whosoever and read the verse again.)

The name of the Lord is Jesus (see **verse 9**)

The call is a call of deliverance. You must see the predicament of your soul on it's way to hell, and then cry out to God for help.

See yourself as a drowning man without any strength going down for the third time and you are calling for God to reach down and save you.

If you call, you "shall be" saved, not "maybe", or "hope so" but shall be!

If you don't call, you won't be saved. It is a matter that must be settled between you and God.

V. REVIEW THE FOUR POINTS AND THEN PRAY.

A. Do you believe you are a sinner?

B. Do you believe if you die in your sin you will go to hell?

C. Do you believe God loves you and sent His Son to die for you to pay the penalty for your sin?

D. Do you believe that if you call upon Him that He will save you, like He said?

E. Would you like to trust Christ and ask Him to save you? If you mean it, put your hand in mine. Let's bow our heads.

NOTE: At this point, be sure to reach out your hand to him. Personal contact brings reassurance in you as a messenger. It shows you care. It also challenges the person to make a sincere commitment. When he takes your hand, bow your head first and pray to "break the ice" about praying in public.

F. Leader's prayer: "Lord, the best I know how I have shown _____ how to be saved. Please put it into his heart to trust you now."

NOTE: Ask him if he would like you to lead him in a prayer. If so, tell him to repeat the words out loud as you say them. Memorize the following prayer to give you a frame from which to work.

G. Sinners prayer: “Dear God, I realize I am a sinner, and I realize that I have sinned against you. Please forgive me of my sin. The best I know how, I repent and call upon your Son to save me. I believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sin and that He rose again to give me eternal life. I now receive Jesus Christ into my heart as my personal Saviour. Here’s my life - use it for your glory. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

NOTE: If he responds and prays be sure to rejoice with him in his decision to trust Christ.

VI. GIVE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION BY REVIEWING THESE VERSES.

A. Rom 10:13 - “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

□ What did you just do? (called upon the Lord) What did He say He would do? (save you) Notice He does not say maybe or hope so but shall be!

B. John 1:12 - “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.”

C. John 10:27-28 - “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them. And they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.”

D. John 6:37 - “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”

E. John 3:36 - “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 abideth on him,”

F. John 5:24 - “Verily, verily, I 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 unto life.”

CONCLUSION

When you win someone to Christ, then begin to disciple them to root and ground them in the faith. Remember the promise of reward in **Dan 12:3** for those that turn many to righteousness.