



Seven Tools For Sharing Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

“Then He said to them, ‘The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’” (Lk. 10:2)

According to Christian research, ninety-five percent of Christians have never led a non-believer to Jesus despite God’s command for Christians to share Jesus with non-believers. There is something about the word evangelism that evokes negative connotations. So if you feel like that about evangelism, you are no different than most Christians in that respect. However, this self-help training booklet will encourage you and equip you to follow God’s command and make an eternal impact in the lives of others. I have been inspired by what the Apostle Paul said in Ac. 20:24: “But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” I don’t know how you feel about the word evangelism, but I would like to help ensure that you embrace it as you should. Just think of the positive results you could realize if you were active in sharing your faith in Jesus.

A. You would experience peace and personal satisfaction in knowing that you are following one of God’s most important commands, and you would experience more purpose and meaning in life.

B. You would help non-believers experience eternal life, and help expand God’s Kingdom. How great is that?

C. You would help non-believers experience more abundant life here and now. About twenty-five years ago, I was involved in church visitation when I had the privilege of leading a

young man to Jesus. We moved away and then visited that church about fifteen years later. A man, who I didn't immediately recognize, approached me and said, "Jerry, I want to thank you for leading me to Jesus. It has changed my life!" About ten years ago, I gave a copy of the PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE to my real estate client at the end of a settlement and explained a little about the book. The other agent, who was the most successful realtor in the county, asked where he could get a copy of the book. I said, "I just happen to have an extra copy in my office." and I gave it to him. I spoke with him a year later, and he said, "Jerry, that book has changed my life and my wife's life!" We know that it was really the Lord who changed their lives, but the book was an excellent instrument and an easy way to share Jesus. Those experiences remind me of one of my favorite songs, Thank You, recorded by Ray Boltz. God can use you and me to help change lives here, now and forever.

D. You would receive joy through the experience of witnessing. Not long after receiving Jesus as Lord in Turkey a half century ago, I took a brief course on sharing the gospel using my personal testimony. At the end of the course, we were assigned to knock on three doors in an American apartment building to share our testimony. I was with the missionary's wife and one other lady. No one answered at the first two doors, and we were rejected at the third door. We all breathed a sigh of relief and turned to go back to our church. That was when the Holy Spirit got hold of me as I sensed that we were not finished. So we continued knocking on several doors until an older lady invited us in. We nervously shared our testimony with her and she received Jesus as Lord. I experienced great joy for a couple of days similar to the joy I experienced when our two children were born. Since then, I have always experienced joy when I have had the privilege of leading others to Jesus.

E. Hopefully, you would influence other people in becoming active in sharing Jesus. Just recently, I gave our

daughter some training material on how to share her faith. She then joined Child Evangelism Fellowship and participated in leading a fourth-grade girl to Jesus after class in a local elementary school. My daughter was filled with joy, and I was too.

F. You would finish well. Who would not like to do that?

G. And finally, you would receive more rewards in Heaven. Isn't that cool! I think some of those rewards will be given in the form of people thanking you for giving to the Lord.

Multitudes of non-believers are currently missing out on an eternity with Jesus and facing an eternity in Hell, but we can help change that within our own sphere of influence. Three of the biggest problems that keep Christians from sharing their faith are fear, lack of commitment and not being prepared. Hopefully, this training material will help overcome all three problems.

Many Christians have said, "I don't have the gift of evangelism." to justify not witnessing.

If we don't have the gift of giving, we still give.

If we don't have the gift of encouragement, we still encourage.

If we don't have the gift of helps, we still help, etc.

We don't need the gift of evangelism to be an effective witness, because God commands every Christian to witness, and He enables us to do so. Instead, we need to trust the Holy Spirit for help as He is the source of power for witnessing.

GOD COMMANDS ALL CHRISTIANS TO WITNESS:

One of Jesus' first commands and His last command was for all Christians to witness! At the beginning of His ministry, He said, "...Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4:19) If we are not fishing, we are not really following.

His last command was, “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Ac. 1:8) “And Jesus came and spoke to them saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.’” (Mt. 28:18-20)

Here is a tough one: “When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood.’” (Ez. 3:18) Besides the commands, there is also encouragement to witness: “The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.” (Pr. 11:30)

ALL OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS IN JERUSALEM WITNESSED:

“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.” (Ac. 5:42)

“At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.” (Ac. 8:1)
“Those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.” (Ac. 8:4)

Can you imagine how quickly Christianity would spread if all Christians witnessed like the early Christians did?

The best way to be confident about witnessing is to always be prepared. “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have, but do this

with gentleness and respect.” (1 Pe. 3:15) Professional athletes and musicians develop amazing skills and continue to prepare to use their skills by practicing every day. I once met a world-class guitarist by the name of Ray Gantek. I asked him how often he practiced and he said, “every day!” I mentioned that to a friend, and he said he also asked a musician the same thing, and that musician responded with, “four hours every day!” Considering the importance of sharing the gospel, we should also learn to do it effectively and practice as often as necessary to maintain preparedness. Then when you have an unexpected opportunity, you will be ready for it.

HOW TO PREPARE:

- A. Demonstrate love and care for people. Hopefully, you are probably already doing that. Other than it’s the right thing to do, non-believers will respond better to your gospel presentation, if they know you care.
- B. Pray for a closer relationship with Jesus, for help to prepare, for opportunities to witness, for boldness, for wisdom, and for lost people. Pray!
- C. Practice being aware of God’s presence all the time, and depend on the power of the Holy Spirit.
- D. Memorize appropriate scripture as much as your natural abilities allow. (Jos. 1:8-9) I understand, the older I get, the more I forget. If you have problems memorizing, don’t let that stop you from trying. You probably already know some scripture verses like John 3:16. Most importantly, even if you can’t memorize, share the gospel anyway. It may be helpful to take along some 3x5 cards with scripture verses.

E. Carry a gospel booklet to give to non-believers after you speak to them to reinforce what you will have explained to them. I have provided a gospel booklet narrative in TOOL FOUR.

You don't need to have all the answers to questions people may ask. No one has all the answers. If you don't have an answer, just say, "Good question, I'll find the answer and let you know." This will give you a good reason to follow up with them.

You are not responsible for the results. That is the responsibility of the Holy Spirit. Success for you is defined by how often you share Jesus and plant spiritual seeds. After retiring from the Federal Government, I wanted to do something totally different, so I started a painting and paperhanging business. One day, I was working in a kitchen, while the lady of the house was packing her lunch, and her husband was down in the basement. I explained the gospel to her and she accepted the Lord! She then went off to work. A little while later, her husband came up, and after a brief conversation, he also received Jesus! He then told me a story. He said he had a heart attack a year earlier and was in the hospital. A pastor, who he did not know, stopped by his room to share the gospel. He rejected Jesus then, but the memory of that experience remained with him until I came along. We just need to plant the seeds and let God take it from there. Sometimes we will have the privilege of being there at the time of birth.

Encourage non-believers to engage in the discussion. This gives you an opportunity to verify that your listener is understanding you and helps you determine if he or she is accepting what you have to say.

Mentor new believers, or make arrangements for someone else to do it if you cannot do it. They are just baby Christians, and they need help to grow to spiritual maturity.

USING THE TOOLS:

Even though there are seven different tools, you don't need to use all of them. Simply pick the few that may be most helpful to you. Most of the tools are compatible with one another, and they can be downloaded to your computer and cell phone for study and for convenient reference during a spiritual conversation. When you have an electronic copy of these tools, you can email all of them or selected ones, like the gospel booklet narrative. You may also print them.

TOOL ONE

EASY WAYS TO WITNESS

A. Read an appropriate book or child's tract to a child. How easy is that?

B. Give a gospel-related book to a teen or adult:

Here are a few examples: Holy Bible, Purpose Driven Life, More Than A Carpenter, The Case For Christ, The Case For Faith and the Gospel of John.

A missionary by the name of Avery Willis told me an interesting story that occurred when he was in Indonesia. He offered to give a local native a copy of The New Testament, and the native said, "I'll smoke it." Avery said, "What do you mean you will smoke it?" The native said, "The pages are good for rolling cigarettes." Avery then said, "I'll give it to you if you promise to read it before you smoke it." When Avery ran into that person a couple of months later, the native said, "I read Matthew, and I smoked it." "I read Mark, and I smoked it." "I read Luke, and I smoked it." "Then I read John, and I haven't been the same since then."

C. Join the Gideons if you qualify, and give away Bibles.

Handing out Bibles is a great way to spread the gospel and to initiate a witnessing discussion.

D. Join Child Evangelism Fellowship.

E. Give a tract to a non-believer. I read about a man who was deep-sea diving when he found a tract moving with the current on

the ocean floor. He was amazed and thought there must be a God. He later read it and received Jesus as Lord.

F. Write a letter or email with the gospel message or with your personal testimony.

G. Share Jesus on social media or otherwise on the web.

H. Practice your gospel presentation by explaining it or even reading it to a telemarketer.

I. Share your personal testimony.

J. Ask gospel-related questions.

K. Memorize the following outline of the gospel: love, sin, penalty, payment, believe, trust, repent, call, receive and follow, and with the information in TOOL FOUR, learn how to explain each word.

TOOL TWO

GOSPEL-RELATED QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Before launching into a full-blown gospel presentation, it is good to build bridges for a trusting relationship, when possible, through acts of kindness and respect, and then look for natural opportunities in the form of a related subject that pops up in a conversation. Also, you can be proactive like Jesus who created witnessing opportunities by asking the right questions. This process does not have to take long. Most of the witnessing examples in the Bible happened rather quickly. There are many gospel-related questions, some soft and non-threatening like, “Where do you attend church?”, and others that are more direct like, “Would you like to invite Jesus to come into your life right now?” I recommend that you begin with soft questions, and then increase the level of probing questions as the Holy Spirit leads. You can actually present the entire gospel by asking the right questions. At any time there is a resistance to your questions, you should back off. Here is a list of both soft and more probing questions for you to consider.

Where do you attend church or worship service?

Do you attend regularly?

Do you belong to a small group?

What ways are you active in your church?

How does a member of a _____ (religion or denomination) get to heaven?

What do you think the main difference is between Christianity and other world religions?

What would you say is your main purpose in life?

Do you ever feel empty inside?

Would you say that you have inner peace?

How do you feel about death?

What do you believe about God?
What do you think about the Bible?
How often do you read the Bible?
What is your prayer life like?
Do you believe that the Bible is an accurate revelation from God?
What is your spiritual background?
Why do you believe what you believe?
Where are you on your spiritual journey?
Jesus claimed to be God. Do you think He is a liar, lunatic or who He claims to be?
Who is Jesus to you?
Have you come to know Jesus in a personal way or are you still in the process?
How did you come to know Him?
How has life been different since you came to know Jesus?
Do you know that Jesus claimed to be God?
Would you be willing to examine substantial proof that Jesus is who He claimed to be?
Have you ever been on a mission trip with your church?
What is the best thing you like about being a Christian?
Have you ever shared your faith in Jesus to a non-believer?
Have you ever had the privilege of leading another person to Jesus?
Are you aware of one or more spiritual gifts that you have?
How do you use them?
Are you familiar with practicing God's presence, which is trying to be aware of him continually?
Do you try to practice His presence?
Do you believe in Heaven and Hell?
When you die, where will you go?
Do you know for sure that if you died today, you would go to Heaven?
Do you realize the Bible says you can know for sure?
How can you know for sure?
Why would God let you into Heaven?
Do you think you can do enough good to get into Heaven?
How much good must you do to get into Heaven?

Do you know that God created you for a personal relationship?
Do you know that your sins can separate you from that relationship with God?
Do you believe you are a sinner?
Do you know that the penalty for sin is death in Hell?
According to God's Word, if you die without Christ, where will you go?
Would you like to be forgiven of your sins to avoid death in hell?
Do you know how God can still forgive you and give you eternal life?
Do you believe that Jesus is God's son?
Do you believe that He died on a cross to pay the penalty for your sins and rose again?
Do you trust Him as God's son?
Do you believe you must repent of your sins to get to Heaven?
Have you repented?
How do you feel about sin in your life?
Have you ever called on Jesus to enter your life?
Have you received Him as Lord and Savior, committing to follow Him for the rest of your life?
Do you know what born again means?
Do you know that when you are born again, the Holy Spirit comes into your body to help you?
Do you realize that you then become a new person in Christ?
Do you know any way to gain eternal life other than through Jesus?
Is there any reason you would not want to have a personal relationship with Jesus?
Are you willing to turn from life apart from Christ and live for Him?
Are you ready to receive Jesus as Lord right now and give Him control of your life?
In a prayer, will you acknowledge Jesus as Lord, ask Him to forgive your sins, and invite Him to take control of your life?
Would you like to pray with me now?

TOOL THREE

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony.” (Jn. 4:39)

A personal testimony is an easy and effective way to share Jesus with others. It can also be used together with a partial or complete explanation of the gospel. Your testimony can be shared by offering pertinent facts about your life before receiving Christ; explaining how you recognized the need for Him and how you received Him; and telling about the difference He has made in your life. Write it down and practice giving it. Here is my personal testimony as an example:

I was born in Connellsville, PA where my dad was a coal miner. We lived in a small rustic house on a mountain side with no central heat nor inside plumbing. My parents did not attend church, but they sent my three brothers and me to Sunday school. I will never forget my Sunday school teacher as I can picture him today with tears in his eyes over his concern about our relationship with Jesus. I can’t remember anything he said, but I’m sure he explained about God’s son, Jesus, who suffered and died on a cross to pay the penalty for our sins, so we could go to Heaven instead of Hell. I realized then that I needed Jesus, but didn’t fully understand how I could receive Him, and I put it off for many years. During most of that time, I attended church, and people thought I was a Christian, but I continued to have an empty feeling inside. I went forward during a couple of altar calls, but I must not have had a contrite heart.

I eventually got a job with the Federal Government, and in 1972, I accepted a position in Ankara, Turkey. I had almost a year to prepare for it, and as I did, I learned of some scary things about the assignment, which caused me to seriously begin seeking Jesus. During the next several months, I spoke to my pastor, prayed, read the Bible and other spiritual books. I was obviously a slow learner. A few months after arriving in Turkey, I took an overnight trip to a Turkish military site. On my way back to Ankara, I was thinking about my search for God, and He spoke to me clearly although inaudibly: “It’s not that difficult; just receive My Son by faith.” So I made that commitment, and the empty feeling left me, never to return.

I sensed that I was a different person with a new outlook on life. I began developing my relationship with Jesus by reading my Bible, praying, trying to avoid sin in my life and serving Him in various ways. I had assurance of Heaven, and wanted others to receive Jesus with that same assurance. Have you ever made a commitment to Jesus?

TOOL FOUR

GOSPEL BOOKLET NARRATIVE

TOOL FOUR is a narrative of my gospel booklet entitled, “Do You Know for Sure”. My purpose for writing this booklet was to provide a clear explanation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to help non-believers receive eternal life.

I especially wanted to ensure a proper understanding of the word “believe” which appears in the New Testament about 250 times, and as you know, is a key word used to explain the gospel. I have been concerned that if the word “believe” is not explained carefully when presenting the gospel, the truth can be distorted and can possibly result in either the spiritual birth of wimpy Christians or even worse, result in non-believers who have a false sense of eternal security.

Even though the New Testament was written in Greek and translated into English, you would think that if you **just** quote scripture like, “whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life”, without explaining what believe means, that would be clear enough. However, misunderstanding of “believe” is possible because of the difference between the common understanding of “believe” in today’s world and the meaning of “pisteuo”, the Greek word for “believe” in the New Testament. They are significantly different.

The most common understanding of the word believe today is simply: to accept something as true. However, the Greek word for belief or believe (pisteuo) means a confident attitude toward God, involving commitment to His will for one’s life and trust for salvation. Trust and commitment to God’s will, however, are not

included in the common understanding of “believe” today. The inclination, therefore, for a non-believer, may be to focus on just the facts about Jesus, when they hear “whoever believes in Him.” Even Satan just believes the facts, but He does not have a trusting relationship with Jesus. James 2:19 says, “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble! Just believing the facts about Jesus does not meet God’s criteria for salvation.

Little children not only believe the facts about their moms, but they trust in her with all their hearts, and Jesus said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of Heaven.” (Mt. 18:3).

I’m not a Greek scholar, but I have done some research on this subject. However, I struggled recently to write the truth about the Greek word for believe as clearly as possible. I then found it very interesting and amusing, that when I went to the hospital later that day for my volunteer job, and visited my last patient, I was very surprised to find him to be a Greek scholar! I kid you not! You can’t make this stuff up! So we talked about the Greek word for believe, and he confirmed my understanding. We were then interrupted by a nurse, and I walked away filled with joy!

Following is a revised narrative of my booklet, Do You Know For Sure?, which is compatible with the other tools. One can draw from this booklet as a source of additional information to be used with any of the other tools. I recommend giving a copy of this booklet, if available, to the non-believer at the end of your gospel conversation whether or not he or she receives the Lord. The booklet can be provided either as a 3x4 hardcopy, by an email attachment, or it may be printed from the attachment.

A black and white photograph of a landscape. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of trees and bushes. The middle ground shows a wide, flat area, possibly a lake or a valley, with some low hills or mountains in the distance. The sky is filled with large, dark, dramatic clouds. The text "Do You Know For Sure?" is written in a cursive font across the center of the image.

Do You Know For Sure?

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Do You Know For Sure?

Do you know for sure if you died today, you will have eternal life in Heaven? The Bible says you may know for sure. “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life...” (1 Jn. 5:13)

God loves you and created you for a personal relationship. He wants you to love Him as well. “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” (Jn. 15:13)

What do you think of a friend like that?

But there is a problem that can keep you from having that relationship. That problem is sin, and we are all guilty. God gave us a free will, and we often choose to follow after sin instead of following God. “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Ro. 3:23). “But your iniquities have separated you from your God...” (Is. 59:2)

If you are separated from God when you die, you will be separated from Him forever, and the penalty for sin and rejecting Jesus is death in Hell! “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Re. 20:15)

What do you think of that penalty?

That penalty may seem cruel, but to be fair as a holy and just God, He must hold all of us accountable for our sins even though we think we are good. He loves us, but we rejected Him. If you get a speeding ticket, and tell the judge that you are a good person, you would still have to pay the penalty, right? However, God is also a loving heavenly Father, who

provided a way to forgive our sins and give us eternal life.

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” (Jn. 14:6)

Here is how He did it: “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures...” (1 Co. 15:3-4) “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God...”. (1 Pe. 3:18)

Can you imagine that the Son of God suffered and died on a cross to pay the penalty for your sins and then rose up out of the grave on the third day in victory over death? Our sins separated us from God, but Jesus willingly died for us to bring us back to Him. However, forgiveness and eternal life won’t happen automatically; you must first believe in Him! “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (Jn.3:16)

Do you believe that Jesus is God’s son, who died on a cross to pay the penalty for your sins?

But you can’t just believe the facts about Jesus; even Satan believes the facts about Him but does not have a trusting relationship with Him. Someone might say, “I believe that Jesus is God’s son and all the other facts about Him, but I’m not really sorry for anything, and I want to do things my way!” “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble!” (Ja. 2:19)

It is very important to understand what “believe in Him” really means. Part of the original Bible was written in Greek.

The word believe comes from the Greek word pisteuo, which means to believe the facts about Jesus, and trust in Him with all your heart with an active commitment. That is much different than just believing the facts! “The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.” (Ps. 34:22)

Do you think God’s son, Jesus, is trustworthy? Trusting Him is absolutely necessary.

“Believe in Him” also includes repenting, which is a sincere expression of regret for your sins and a desire to turn away from sins and turn to God for His help. God hates sin and He wants us to have the same attitude as He does. After all, it was sin that compelled Jesus to suffer and die on the cross.

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you - even Jesus.” (Ac. 3:19 NIV) “...unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” (Lk. 13:3) “The Lord...saves such as have a contrite spirit.” (Ps. 34:18)

Have you repented of your sins?

If God convicts you of sins after you receive Him as Lord, He will forgive them when you confess them to Him. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 Jn. 1:9)

Finally, “believe in Him” includes calling on Him by faith and receiving Him as Lord and Savior with a commitment to follow Him. “For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Ro. 10:13) “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.” (Jn. 1:12). “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and

they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish..." (Jn. 10:27-28)

So you must believe that Jesus is God's son who died on a cross to pay for your sins and rose again; trust Him with all your heart; repent of your sins; invite Him into your life by faith; and receive Him as Lord and Savior with a commitment to follow Him. God will then forgive you and give you eternal life as an amazing gift.

All other world religions claim that you must strictly follow certain traditions or work to earn eternal life, but eternal life is a precious gift from God, and you can never earn this gift no matter how much you try. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Ep. 2:8-9)

Christians are also different because we worship a living God who rose from the grave! Jesus spent time with His apostles over a period of forty days after He arose, and eleven of them later died as martyrs rather than denying that truth. Jesus also appeared before five hundred people at one time after He arose from the grave. (1 Co. 15:3-8)

When you receive Jesus as Lord, you will be born again spiritually. "Jesus answered and said to him... 'unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'" (Jn. 3:3)

As you are born again, the Holy Spirit will enter your body and make you new inside so that you may have a more abundant life. This abundant life is possible only through God's holy presence in you, and that will become most evident as you maintain an awareness of His presence. "Or do you not know

that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price..." (1 Co. 6:19-20) "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ..." (2 Co. 5:17-18) "...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (Jn. 10:10)

Jesus will then want you to live for Him, which is a great way to show love and appreciation for all He has done and will do for you. "...He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." (2 Co. 5:15)

The best part about Heaven is that you will be with Jesus forever! "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (Jn. 14:2-3)

Jesus is inviting you now to receive Him as Lord and Savior! "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Re. 3:20)

Do you believe that God loves you and created you for a personal relationship?

Do you believe that Jesus is God's son who died on a cross to pay the penalty for your sins, was buried and rose again?

Do you trust Him with your life?

Do you repent of your sins and will you try avoiding them in the future with His help?

Do you want to call on Him and receive Him as Lord with a commitment to follow Him?

Please don't reject Him again by waiting another day, which may never come!

Pray something like this:

Heavenly Father, thank you so much for loving me! I believe that Jesus is God's son who died on a cross to pay the penalty for my sins and rose again. I trust Him as the Son of God. I regret my sins and want to turn from them and turn to You for help. Please forgive me. I want Jesus to come into my life, and I want to follow Him. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

Now you can know for sure that you have eternal life with Jesus! "...This is the testimony; that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life..." (1 Jn. 5:11-13)

- **After you make the decision to trust Jesus Christ as leader of your life and become a born-again believer, get baptized as a public acknowledgement of your faith in Him. Baptism through submersion in water is symbolic of dying to your old life of sin and rising to newness of life as Jesus died, was buried, and rose again in victory over death.**
- **Read the Bible, and pray every day; draw close to God, and seek His direction for life.**

- **Seek God’s strength to help overcome temptations to sin.**
- **Practice being aware of His presence all the time.**
- **Attend a good Bible-teaching church regularly, and take discipleship training.**
- **Seek out a mature Christian mentor.**
- **Develop Christian friendships.**
- **Share your faith with others, and serve God as He directs your life.**
- **Trust God as leader of your life, and trust Him for help with all of the above.**

May God bless you richly as you follow Him each day!

TOOL FIVE

BRIEF GOSPEL PRESENTATION

How is this old world treating you today?

Do you know for sure if you died today you would have eternal life in Heaven, the perfect world?

Why do you think God would let you into Heaven?

God loves you and created you for a personal relationship.

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. (Jn. 15:13)

What do you think about a friend like that?

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God. (Is. 59:2)

Do you know the penalty for sin is death in Hell?

But God loves you so much that He sent His only son, Jesus, to suffer and die on a rugged cross to pay the penalty for your sins. He was then buried and rose again the third day, in victory over death, to bring you back to Him, and He is alive today!

However, you must first believe the truth about Jesus, and trust Him with all your heart. The Greek word for believe in the Bible means to both believe the facts and trust Jesus.

You must repent of all your sins and turn to God for help.

“Unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” (Lk. 13:3) “The Lord...saves such as have a contrite spirit.” (Ps. 34:18)

You must also invite Jesus into your life by faith and receive Him as Lord and Savior, with a sincere commitment to follow Him for the rest of your life. “For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Ro. 10:13) “...they follow Me. And I give them eternal life.” (Jn. 10:27-28)

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” (Jn. 14:6)

Heavenly Father, thank you so much for loving me! I believe that Jesus is God’s son who died on a cross to pay the penalty for my sins and rose again. I trust Him as the Son of God. I regret my sins and want to turn to You for help. Please forgive me. I want Jesus to come into my life, and I want to follow Him. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

TOOL SIX

EXPANDED GOSPEL PRESENTATION

How is the world treating you today?

Do you know for sure if you died today you would have eternal life in Heaven, the perfect world?

Why do you think God would let you into Heaven?

God loves you and created you for a personal relationship.

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” (Jn. 15:13)

What do you think of a friend like that?

But there is a problem that can keep you from having that relationship. That problem is sin, and we are all guilty! “But your iniquities have separated you from your God...” (Is. 59:2)

If you are separated from God when you die, you will be separated from Him forever, and the penalty for sin and for rejecting Jesus is death in Hell! “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Re. 20:15)

That penalty may seem cruel, but to be fair as a holy and just God, He must hold all of us accountable. However, God is also a loving heavenly Father, who provided a way to forgive our sins and give us eternal life. “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” (Jn. 14:6)

Here is how He did it: “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third

day according to the Scriptures...” (1 Co. 15:3-4) “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God...” (1 Pe. 3:18)

However, forgiveness and eternal life won’t happen automatically; you must first believe in Him! “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (Jn.3:16)

But you can’t just believe the facts about Jesus; even Satan believes the facts about Him. “You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble!” (Ja. 2:19)

It is very important to understand what “believe in Him” really means. Part of the original Bible was written in Greek. The word believe comes from the Greek word pisteuo, which means to believe the facts about Jesus, and trust in Him with all your heart with an active commitment. That is much different than just believing the facts! “...And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.” (Ps. 34:22). **You must trust in Him and commit your life to Him!**

“Believe in Him” also includes repent, which is a sincere expression of regret for your sins and a strong desire to turn away from sin and turn to God for His help. God hates sin and He wants us to have that same attitude about sin as He does. After all, it was sin that compelled Jesus to suffer and die on the cross. “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out...” (Ac. 3:19 NIV) “...unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” (Lk. 13:3) “The Lord...saves such as have a contrite spirit.” (Ps. 34:18)

Finally, “believe in Him” includes calling on Him by faith and receiving Him as Lord and Savior with a commitment to follow

Him. “For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Ro. 10:13) “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.” (Jn. 1:12). “...they follow Me. And I give them eternal life...” (Jn. 10:27-28)

So you must believe that Jesus is God’s son who died on a cross to pay for your sins and rose again; trust Him with all your heart; repent of your sins; invite Him into your life by faith; and receive Him as Lord and Savior with a commitment to follow Him. God will then forgive you and give you eternal life as an amazing gift.

All other world religions claim that you must strictly follow certain traditions or work to earn eternal life, but eternal life is a precious gift from God, and you can never earn this gift no matter how much you try. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” (Ep. 2:8-9)

Christians are also different because we worship a living God who rose from the grave!

When you receive Jesus as Lord, you will be born again spiritually. “Jesus answered and said to him...’unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’” (Jn. 3:3)

As you are born again, the Holy Spirit will enter your body and make you new inside so that you may have a more abundant life. “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price...” (1 Co. 6:19-20)
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all

things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ..." (2 Co. 5:17-18) "...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (Jn. 10:10)

Jesus will then want you to live for Him, which is a great way to show love and appreciation for all He has done and will do for you. "...He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again." (2 Co. 5:15)

The best part about Heaven is that you will be with Jesus forever! "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (Jn. 14:2-3)

Jesus is inviting you now to receive Him as Lord and Savior! "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Re. 3:20)

Do you believe that God loves you and created you for a personal relationship?

Do you believe that Jesus is God's son who died on a cross to pay the penalty for your sins, was buried and rose again?

Do you trust Him with your life?

Do you repent of your sins and will you try avoiding them in the future with His help?

Do you want to call on Him and receive Him as Lord with a commitment to follow Him?

If all of your answers are yes, you can know for sure that you have eternal life.

Heavenly Father, thank you so much for loving me! I believe that Jesus is God's son who died on a cross to pay the penalty for my sins and rose again. I trust Him as the Son of God. I regret my sins and want to turn to You for help. Please forgive me. I want Jesus to come into my life, and I want to follow Him. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen.

TOOL SEVEN

GOSPEL-RELATED SCRIPTURE

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life...” (1 Jn. 5:13)

“...All things were created through Him and for Him.” (Col. 1:16)

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” (Mt. 1:21)

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” (Jn. 15:13)

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God...” (Is. 59:2)

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Ro. 3:23)

“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Re. 20:15)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Ro. 6:23)

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’” (Jn. 14:6)

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Ro. 5:8)

“Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures...” (1 Co. 15:3-4)

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God...” (1 Pe. 3:18)

“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many...” (He. 9:27-28)

“...without shedding of blood there is no remission.” (He. 9:22)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (Jn.3:16) **(The Greek word for believe, pisteuo, in the Bible means to believe and trust with an active commitment.)**

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.” (Jn. 3:36) **(The Greek word for believe, pisteuo, in the Bible means to believe and trust with an active commitment.)**

“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” (Jn. 3:18) **(The Greek word for believe, pisteuo, in the Bible means to believe and trust with an active commitment.)**

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.’” (Jn. 11:25) **(The Greek word for believe, pisteuo, in the Bible means to believe and trust with an active commitment.)**

“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe - and tremble!” (Ja. 2:19)

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” (Mt. 7:21)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” (Pr. 3:5-6)

“The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.” (Ps. 34:22)

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.” (Ac. 3:19)

“...unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” (Lk. 13:3)

“The Lord...saves such as have a contrite spirit.” (Ps. 34:18)

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 Jn. 1:9)

“For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Ro. 10:13)

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Ro. 10:9)

“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. (Mt. 10:32-33)

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.” (Jn. 1:12)

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish...” (Jn. 10:27-28)

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” (Ep. 2:8-9)

“Jesus answered and said to him...’unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” (Jn. 3:3)

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price...” (1 Co. 6:19-20)

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ...” (2 Co. 5:17-18)

“...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” (Jn. 10:10)

“...He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.” (2 Co. 5:15)

“In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go

and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” (Jn. 14:2-3)

“...This is the testimony; that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.” (1 Jn. 5:11-12)

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.” (Re. 3:20)

“Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.” (Is. 55:6)

CONCLUSION

God loves the whole world and wants no one to perish. He, therefore, commands all Christians to be “ambassadors for Christ” to maximize opportunities for non-believers to receive Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Bible tells us that all of the early Christians in Jerusalem “preached the word wherever they went,” and Christianity spread rapidly. Unfortunately, according to Christian research, ninety-five percent of Christians living today have never led a non-believer to Christ. If you are one of those Christians, I hope you now understand that it doesn’t have to be that way for you. I encourage you to use the tools most appropriate for you to help you prepare for one of the most exciting and enjoyable seasons of your life. You will experience great personal satisfaction in knowing that you are following God’s command to witness, which will help expand His kingdom. Also, you will experience great joy in helping non-believers receive eternal life, a more abundant life here and now, and rewards in Heaven. May God bless you richly in this exciting new journey!

