

# Sample Gospel Presentation

- Question #1- If you were to die today, do you know you would go to Heaven or is that something you are still working on?
  - If YES- That's wonderful...
  - If NO- It seems like a pretty daunting task doesn't it?
- Question #2- This wouldn't happen, but let's just say you were standing at the gates of Heaven, and God said, "Why should I let you into my Heaven?" What would you say?
  - If they answer, "Because Jesus died for my sins, I've accepted Him as Savior, I called upon Him to forgive me of my sins, He's my Savior, etc." this is a pretty good indication that they are saved and you can stop here and encourage them to attend church if they don't.
  - If they answer, "I've been a good person, I'm trying my hardest, or I go to church and pray, etc." then they most likely are not saved, or they are in need of assurance. Either way, continue...
  - If they answer, "I don't know, I am not sure that I would ever deserve to go to Heaven, I'm a pretty bad person" then proceed to God loves you.
- That's wonderful. That's truly a noble thing. I too try to be a good person/go to church/etc.
- But would you mind if I showed you what the Bible has to say about that?
  - If YES- continue below
  - If NO- Leave them with a tract and ask them to read it if they have time. (Leave a good taste in their mouth.)
- First, you need to know that God loves you, and everything we talk about is motivated by God's love for you.
  - **John 3:16** says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
  - Do you know who *the world* is? It's everybody, including you. God loved you so much, that He sent Jesus, His only Son, to the world. And He sent Him so that you could have eternal life.
- You see, there was only one thing standing in the way of you and eternal life though – your sin.
  - Do you believe that you are a sinner?
    - If YES- That's right, we are all sinners. (Proceed to Romans 3:23)
    - If NO- Do you know what a sin is? (When you break the law of God).
      - Have you ever lied? Have you ever stolen? Have you even coveted? (One of the 10 Commandments)
      - The Bible says that if you have broken one part of the law, you are guilty of the whole thing. (**James 2:10**) That's why the Bible says... (Proceed to Romans 3:23.)
  - **Romans 3:23** says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"
  - **Romans 3:10** says, "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one."
  - So, there is not one person that can say they are righteous, or perfect, because we have all fallen short. That's actually what the word *sin* means – to fall short.
- And because of that sin, the Bible says that there's a penalty.
  - **Romans 6:23** says, "For the wages (payment or consequence) of sin is death..."
  - You see, someone has to pay the penalty for sin, and the penalty is death – an eternal separation from God.
  - This is in a place called Hell. Are you familiar with Hell? An eternal place of torment, pain, and gnashing of teeth the Bible says.

- This is why Jesus came—to pay the penalty for you.
  - **Romans 5:8** says, “*But God commendeth (that means he proved) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*”
  - So, even though God knew we were sinners, and we had broken His law, He sent Jesus to die for us, for you!
- And because He died in your place, for your sins, the Bible says that you can have eternal life.
  - The rest of **Romans 6:23** says, “*...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*”
  - So, eternal life is a gift.
    - Do you know what a gift is?
    - What do you need to do to have a gift? (Take it.)
    - **Illustration:** If this pen was a gift for you, would it still be a gift if I said you could have it but you had to wash my car first? No, because then it’s not a gift any more. All you have to do to make it yours is *take it*.
    - That’s what eternal life is—a gift that can be yours if you just accept it.
  - And, if it isn’t a gift, remember you and I aren’t good enough to earn it (**Romans 10:3**)
  - (If there are still more questions about “earning” your way to heaven...)
    - **Ephesians 2:8-9** says, <sup>8)</sup>*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: <sup>9)</sup>Not of works, lest any man should boast.*”

**NOTE:** This is a good place to stop and ask if they have any questions.

- So then, how do you accept this gift of eternal life then?
  - **Romans 10:9 and 10** says, “<sup>9)</sup>*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. <sup>10)</sup>For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*”
  - All that is needed to accept this gift, is to believe that Jesus died for you and to tell (confess) to Him that you need Him.
  - Do you believe that Jesus died for you? Well, Jesus died and God raise Him from the dead three days later to prove He could give you eternal life. That is called the Gospel. Do you believe that?
    - If YES- Then, confess to Him that you need Him to save you and rescue you from your sin and Hell. The Bible says, “*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*” (**Romans 10:13**). Would you like to do that now? Would you like to bow your head and ask Him to save you? (If YES, see Call Upon Jesus. If NO, see below.)
    - If NO- Why don’t we set up a time to talk a little more about it. Read these verses if you would, and then let’s follow-up soon. (Possibly leave your info with them so they can contact you.)
- Call upon Jesus to save you.
  - Maybe consider saying something like this as you pray, “Jesus, I know I’m a sinner, but I also know that you came and died so that I can have eternal life in Heaven. I believe that I need you, would you give me eternal life? The best I know how, I am trusting you to save me as the Bible says you will. Amen.”

## GOOD RESOURCES

- Take it Personally (Paul Chappell)
- To Seek and to Save (Paul Chappell)
- Done (Paul Chappell) \*good resource to give them if they are not quite ready
- Paid in Full (Paul Chappell) \*good resource to give them if they are not quite ready
- Evangelism Explosion (Kennedy James)