

Personal Evangelism

John 16:7-11

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The Message: God's Plan of Salvation, John 16:7-11

6. DOCTRINE—All man must do to be saved is to BELIEVE Jesus was the Lord who paid for all his sin—RECEIVE Christ as his Savior. God gives eternal life only to those who will accept it by faith alone.

John 3:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Notice it is not to those who try to work and earn their eternal life but to those who *believe*.

John 6:47 (NASB)

⁴⁷ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

Christ who never told one lie, emphasized by saying, *Truthfully, truthfully*, he that *believes* on Me *possesses now* everlasting life.

John 1:12 (NASB)

¹² 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,

Salvation is always RECEIVING. We do nothing We *accept* what Christ has done for us. We RECEIVE Him as our Savior.

John 6:28-29 (NASB)

²⁸ Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?"

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."

GOD did the work. God only asks of us that we *believe* on Christ.

Philippians 3:9 (NASB)

⁹ and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith,

Notice, found in *Christ*—not in the Pope, your church, your denomination, or your own philosophy. You are found "**in Christ**" not by trying to get to heaven by your *own* righteousness, but by receiving *Christ's* righteousness by faith. God counts you righteous because of your faith not because of your works (Romans 4:5).

Romans 4:5 (NASB)

⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

We quoted [Ephesians 2:8-9](#) earlier in this teaching, and now we shall examine it phrase by phrase.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NASB)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is the gift of God;*
⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For by grace: By mercy from God that we do not deserve.

You have been saved: Not helped, instructed but “**saved.**”

Through faith: Not through your church, through yourself, or anything else. Just through your faith.

And that not of yourselves: Not by what you do-regardless.

It is the gift of God: It is a gift. It is not sold for any price. The price would be too high. God could never lower the wages of sin. You cannot buy your way ([1 Peter 1:18-19](#)).

You accept salvation as God’s gift or you cannot have salvation.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NASB)

¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,
¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood of Christ.*

Not as a result of works: Doesn’t mean Jesus did a lot and you will help Him some. “**Not as a result of works**” means NOT of works!

So that no one may boast: God doesn’t want any braggarts in heaven, and there won’t be any braggarts there ([1 Corinthians 1:29](#)).

1 Corinthians 1:29 (NASB)

²⁹ so that no man may boast before God.

All praise will be to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:22-26 (NASB)

²² But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.

²⁴ Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us to Christ*, so that we may be justified by faith.

²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Everyone is a sinner, and God promises to save those who have faith and believe in Jesus.

Verse 23, “But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed.”

Before you trusted Christ, you thought salvation was through keeping the law.

Verse 24, “Therefore the Law has become our tutor *to lead us to Christ*, so that we may be justified by faith.”

The law showed how short you came of perfection, so you saw your need of Christ as Saviour.

Verse 25, “But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”

When you trusted Christ by faith, the law had served its purpose. It is done away with as far as you are now concerned (**2 Corinthians 3:6-11**).

2 Corinthians 3:6-11 (NASB)

⁶ who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷ But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading *as* it was,

⁸ how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory?

⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory.

¹⁰ For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses *it*.

¹¹ For if that which fades away *was* with glory, much more that which remains *is* in glory.

Verse 26, “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.”

You become a child of God through your faith in Christ, and He will take care of you.

Romans 5:1 (NASB)

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Since I trusted Christ, God sees me *justified*—“just as if I'd never sinned.” God sees Christ's righteousness instead of my sin. Therefore I have peace with God. Jesus reconciled God and me (**Romans 5:8-11**).

Romans 5:8-11 (NASB)

⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

¹¹ And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Acts 13:38-39 (NASB)

³⁸ "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,
³⁹ and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

Through Christ you are *justified* from *all* things—past, present, and future. This is very important. “Jesus paid it *ALL!*” You *could not* be justified through keeping the law.

Romans 3:20 (NASB)

²⁰ because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin.

Do not despise God’s grace. Do not reject God’s grace. If you could have been saved through your own efforts, Christ’s death would have been useless. Calvary would have been a mistake.

Galatians 2:21 (NASB)

²¹ "I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness *comes* through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."

Going back to [Acts 13:39](#), notice that those who are justified from all things are those who BELIEVE.

PRESENTATION—Since the greatest majority of those you meet are trying to somehow “**work their way**” to heaven, it will follow that they are not trusting Christ alone for their salvation. It is important to remember as you deal with them that they probably have never REALLY understood the gospel. Most churches that are “**Christian**” in name do not make the plan of salvation clear; some do not even know what the plan of salvation is to begin with.

Praise God for the godly pastors who stand for the Word of God!

Millions of people are so fed up with this counterfeit type of Christianity they have heard all their life from Sunday School days on up, that they do not even want to discuss “religion.” Sympathize with them.

Explain that what you want to talk about is *not* a religion. Explain the gospel to them. But do not insinuate that they are “**stupid**,” etc. Remember, they do not know the truth. (Sometimes it will be easier to lead to the Lord those who have rejected “**religion**,” because at least they have recognized something was not “**right**” about what they had been taught. **Compliment** them on their insight. Agree with people wherever you can.) Again the issue is between “**grace and works**.” Until they see that Christ’s death completely paid for their sin, they will not be ready to rely on that payment alone naturally. Keep showing them the verses, and get them to see that this is what God has to say about the matter.

Sometimes a person will question your authority to speak on theological issues. Explain to him that it is not a question of his opinion versus yours. You are showing him what GOD has said. HE is the authority. At the same time, if you are dealing with a true intellectual, comment on his obvious intelligence, and use this as a means to his salvation: Mention that with such brains and reasoning power as he has, he ought to see right away that the only way sinners could be saved would be the way God has explained in the Bible.

When the person trusts Christ as his Savior, it is always important to explain to him then that he can know he has eternal life from that moment on, which is the last point we will cover in this section.