

Personal Evangelism

John 16:7-11

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

7. DOCTRINE—Man can know he has eternal life now because eternal life IS eternal.

Romans 6:23 (NASB)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Notice, the gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE—not, “life until you sin again,” nor “life until you backslide.”

Notice what John 3:16 is saying,

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.

How long is ETERNAL? Is it six months? Ten years? Does it start and stop? No! Everlasting life is FOR EVER AND EVER!

God's gift is SALvation... not PRObation. God's gift is eternal life... not temporary life.

John 6:47 has been quoted before showing you only need to believe. But what does this believing do for you?

John 6:47 (NASB)

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

“Has eternal life” is present tense. If you have ETERNAL LIFE right now, you are safe forever. You do not *wait* until you die to receive everlasting life. You receive it the instant you trust Christ as your Savior.

1 John 5:13 (NASB)

¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is written to a certain class of people—not to the rich or poor, American or African, Jew or Gentile, Buddhist or Baptist-but to those who believe on the Name of the Son of God. His name is Jesus. “Jesus” comes from the Greek translation of the Hebrew words “*Jehovah Yasha*” and means “the eternal, self-existent God who saves and keeps.”

Those who believe Jesus is the Lord and trust Him to save them and keep them saved can KNOW they have ETERNAL LIFE. You do not need to hope, think, guess, or pray for it. You can KNOW you have it.

AND WHEN GOD PROMISES YOU CAN KNOW YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, YOU CAN COUNT ON IT, BECAUSE GOD CANNOT LIE ([Titus 1:2](#)).

Titus 1:2 (NASB)

²in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,

PRESENTATION—After you have gone over what the name “Jesus” means, ask the person, “Is this written to you? Do you believe on the Name of the Son of God?” Once the person actually receives Christ as his Savior, there should be no difficulty for him to realize he now has eternal life. Heaven is the tremendous inheritance of the children of God, and for a Christian to lack the full assurance of knowing he will go to heaven when he dies would be a great tragedy.

Those who do not know they will be saved forever are usually not saved to start with.

On the next page we have listed salvation verses which would be of great benefit to you to have memorized. You should memorize most of them so well that you could quote them readily. Know the address of where they are in the Bible so that you can turn to them quickly. The reasons for memorizing these verses are many:

(1) You can have the person read the verse, and you will be free to watch his eyes and expressions as he reads. For you to know his reaction as he reads will help you witness to him further.

(2) You might not have your Bible with you when you have the opportunity to witness, so you will need to quote the verses.

(3) Knowing the Scriptures this well will give you confidence as you witness. It is the Word of God that the Holy Spirit blesses. When you know the Scriptures, you will be amazed at how the Lord will bring just the right ones to your mind that will fit the need of the person.

Memory Verses

* Romans 3:23	1 Peter 2:24
Isaiah 64:6	Titus 2:14
* Romans 6:23	Hebrews 10:10,14
Ephesians 2:1	Mark 10:45
2 Peter 3:13	* John 3:16
Revelation 21:27	* John 6:47
1 John 3:2	John 1:12
* Ephesians 2:8,9	John 6:28,29
* Romans 4:5	* Philippians 3:9
* Galatians 2:16	Galatians 3:22-26