

17. HOW TO LEAD A PERSON TO CHRIST

Four stages to be mastered are:

- I. Starting the conversation
- II. Verses to share and questions to ask
- III. How to challenge a person to receive Christ as their Saviour
- IV. Giving assurance of salvation.

Use these questions by going through the "STOP" tract.

Aim for an appointment where you can go through this "STOP" tract without interruption.

I. STARTING THE CONVERSATION. HOW?

- Question 1:** Excuse me, may I leave this pamphlet with you? Hand it to them and when they take it, say, "This just explains how you can come to know God personally and have eternal life. Have you thought much about God before?"
- Question 2:** May I ask you a question? (Yes)
- Question 3:** If you were to die tonight (or sometime) do you know 100% for sure that you would go to heaven?
- Question 4:** Would you like to be sure?
- Question 5:** This pamphlet shows us how to be sure from the Bible. May we look at it? If you open it up you'll find it makes 4 points.

II. VERSES TO SHARE AND QUESTIONS TO ASK.

1. ALL HAVE SINNED

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the first heading and the verse please?

Question 2: What do you think is the main idea in this verse? (All have sinned).

Question 3: What does sin mean? (Breaking God's laws)

These pictures explain what sin is.

- Sin is running away from God, going our own way, putting ourselves first, breaking the chief and second commandments of not loving God and our neighbour.
- Sin separates us from God, like a fight puts a wall between 2 friends.
- If you can imagine a scale of 0-100% perfection, God is 100% perfect, but we, compared with God, are about 0% perfect. Compared with each other we are "good" but compared with God's perfection we are all big sinners.
- Sin is breaking the Ten Commandments. Number 1 says "No other Gods", yet how often have we all put something or ourselves ahead of God.

[continue this with each commandment up to number ten].

Question 4: Under the pictures it says "We are all great sinners compared with the HOLINESS OF GOD". Do you agree that you, me and everybody in the world is a big sinner compared with God? (Yes).

Question 5: Do you want Jesus Christ, who is the God of the Bible, to be your God?

Question 6: Do you want to finish with sin and come to be friends with God?

2. PUNISHMENT ON SIN IS DEATH.

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the second heading & the verses underneath please?

Question 2: We've just seen that we are all big sinners compared with God. Well, what is the consequence of this? The wages of sin is death. This means that because we have all sinned by breaking God's laws, we are all heading to death.

What is death? (2 deaths: the first death is when our body dies. But there is a second death which is more serious).

Question 3: What is the second death in the last verse? (Lake of Fire). This means that because we have all sinned, the law of God says that we are all heading to the Lake of Fire. This is bad news. I don't want to go to the lake of fire as a punishment for my sins. You don't want to go to the lake of fire and God doesn't want us to go to the lake of fire. Is there a way of not going to the lake of fire? Yes. Notice the good news: God is offering us a free gift of eternal life.

Question 4: What is the normal meaning of "gift?" (a present, just take it or leave it, receive it or reject it).

Question 5: What is "eternal life?" (going to heaven when we die and knowing God now as our close personal friend).

Question 6: Who do we get eternal life through? (Jesus Christ our Lord). Notice, (pointing to Ephesians 2:8, 9) that we don't get it through our good works, or any religion, but only through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Notice what God has done for us.

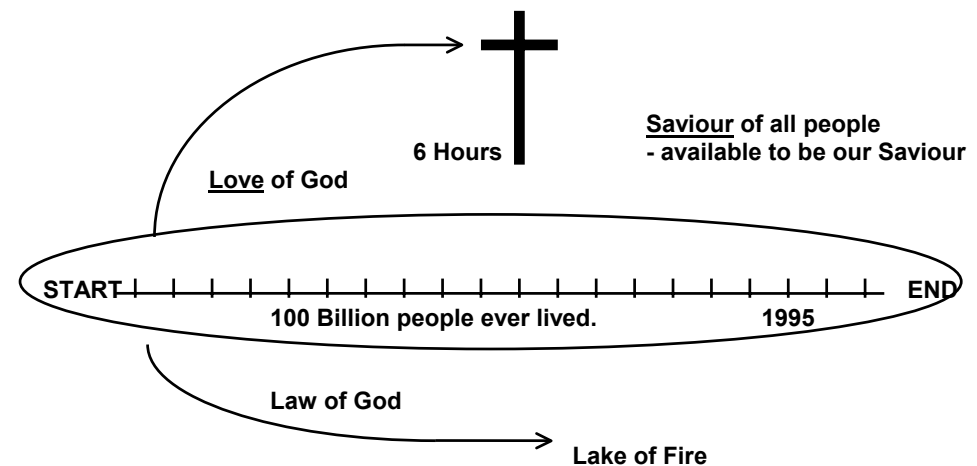
3. JESUS TOOK ALL OUR PUNISHMENT

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the 3rd heading and the verse under it please?

Question 2: What do you think is the main idea in this verse? (Christ died for us).

Question 3: What does this mean?

Explain this and draw this sketch:



If you can cast your imagination back 2000 years ago to when Christ was dying on the cross (draw cross). God knew about everybody who ever lived from the start to the end of the human race (draw a time line from start to end). God knew about you and me living now in 1995 (draw 2 lines). God knew about every sin that I did from the day I was born till the day I will die. God knew about every sin that you would do from the day you were born to the day you will die.

God knew about everybody's sins who ever lived in the past and God knew about everybody's sins who would ever live in the future (draw many lines before and after 1995).

When Jesus was dying on the cross, God took all the sins off you, me and everybody who ever lived past, present and future, transferring all those sins off us, and placing them on to Jesus Christ. God regarded Jesus as the sinner and God the Father made Jesus Christ Take the full punishment on the cross in about 6 hours for all our sins, instead of punishing us forever in the lake of fire. (draw a circle around the timeline and draw an arrow on to Christ and an arrow into the lake of fire). "The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all". Isaiah 53:6

Jesus became the **SAVIOUR** (or sin-bearer or substitute) of all people, taking the full punishment for all our sins on the cross instead of us being punished forever for our sins in the lake of fire. (write: "**SAVIOUR of all people**" next to the cross, and underneath it write "**AVAILABLE to be our SAVIOUR**".)

Jesus is now the Saviour of all people and He is ready and available to be your Saviour, if you want Him to be. So right now, all your, mine and everybody's past, present and future sins have been paid for by Jesus on the cross.

Note: People have estimated that 100 billion people have lived in recorded history (write 100 billion). Can you imagine how you would feel being punished forever for your sins in the lake of fire? Can you multiply that punishment that you would have gone through by 100 billion people's punishment? Can you imagine all that punishment being squeezed onto one man, Jesus Christ, in about 6 hours? That's what Jesus Christ went through on the cross for you and me.

So, right now, every sin that you, me and everybody ever did, Jesus Christ has been punished for them in full on the Cross.

The door into heaven is now open for all people to enter. But how may we enter heaven? **Point 4** tells us how:

4. a) **BELIEVE that Jesus Christ**

- **is GOD the SON**
- **DIED IN OUR PLACE**
- **ROSE AGAIN BODILY from the DEAD, then**

b) **RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST as their SAVIOUR**

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read Point 4 please?

Explanation: Have you heard that we must believe in Christ to enter Heaven?
What does "believe in Christ" mean?

Answer: Believe has 2 parts. We must believe 3 things in our mind, then act on them by doing pt 4b

Question 2: Do you believe that Jesus Christ is 100% God come to earth as a man? (Yes)

Question 3: Do you believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross in our place being punished for all our past, present and future sins to become our Saviour? (Yes).

Question 4: Do you believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead bodily after 3 days and is alive today? (If yes) That means you are halfway there. All you need to do now is to tell God that you now receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour. This means that you now accept Christ's Blood-sacrifice on the cross as the full payment for your sins, trusting Christ alone to save you, not your good works or any religion.
Then we are given free forgiveness and eternal life right now.

Explanation of 3 Pictures: It's like God offering us all a pardon, which is Jesus Christ as our Saviour. When we receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour (now point to the second picture), all our sins and guilt fall off us, and (point to the third picture) Jesus Christ has taken the full punishment for our sins on our behalf.

We can be sure of this because of promises God has given us to claim in the Bible.

Back page: These 3 verses each have a condition that we must claim and a promise that God will give to us.

• **John 1:12**

Question 1: Would you read the top verse please?

Question 2: What must we do in the first part of the verse?(we must receive Christ as our Savior

Question 3: What will we then become in the second part of the verse? (sons of God)

Explanation: This means that we get born into God's family. God becomes our Heavenly Father and we become His sons. We may then call God "Dear Heavenly Father" and we are "Born Again." Have you heard that before? You know how you were born many years ago into your parent's family? (yes) That was your first birthday. When you receive Christ as your Saviour you get born again into God's family and you get a second birthday.

• **Romans 10:13**

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the middle verse please?

Question 2: What must we do in the first part of the verse?
(We must call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to save us).

Question 3: When we call on Christ to save us, what will happen to us? (we shall be saved)

Question 4: Saved from what? (Lake of Fire)

Question 5: If this person dies 50 years later, where would they go to? (heaven)

Question 6: Why? (Because they called on Christ to save them and He saved them.)

• **I John 5: 12,13**

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the third verse, please?

Question 2: If a person has the Son by receiving Christ as Saviour, what do they also have? (eternal life).

Question 3: If a person has not got the Son as Saviour, what is true?(They don't have eternal life

Question 4: Is it possible to know for sure that one has eternal life? (yes).

III. HOW TO CHALLENGE A PERSON TO RECEIVE CHRIST AS SAVIOUR.

Do you see the 2-ways picture? This shows that there are 2 ways in life: the way of death leading to hell and the way of life leading to heaven. We are all born on the way of death leading to hell, but when we receive Christ as our Saviour, we pass from death to life and from hell to heaven.

Question 1: You may ask: "How may we receive Christ as our Saviour?"

Answer: We need to claim the promises in the top three verses. If we receive Christ as Saviour, we become sons of God. If we call on Christ to save us, we shall be saved. If we receive the Son as our Saviour, we become sons of God.

Question 2: These promises have been summarised in the prayer at the bottom of the page. Would you be so kind as to read it quietly to yourself to see if it makes sense?

Question 3: Does it make sense? (yes)

Question 4: Does this prayer express what you honestly want God to do? (yes)

Question 5: God is in this room now and hears everything we say and think. If you tell this to God and mean it, then God will hear you, Jesus Christ will save you, give you eternal life and you'll become a son of God.

Would you like to tell this to God right now? Maybe, to make it easier, I could say a few words at a time and if you say it after me speaking it to God, then God would hear you and give you eternal life right away. Would that be all right? (yes).

(He prays the prayer at the bottom of the page, a phrase at a time, after you).

IV. HOW TO GIVE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

• Romans 10:13

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the second top verse please.

Question 2: Just then, did you call on Christ to save you from your sins and the lake of fire, take you to heaven when you die, and give you the gift of eternal life? (yes)

Question 3: Were you honest? (yes)

Question 4: Then, what does God say that you are now? (saved)

Question 5: Saved from what? (sins and the lake of fire)

Question 6: If you died now, where would you go? (Heaven)

Question 7: Why? (because I called on Christ to save me and God says I'm saved).

Question 8: Is God's Word true? (Yes, then we can be sure of heaven. Right?)

• John 1:12

Question 1: Would you read the top verse please?

Question 2: Just then, did you receive Christ as your Saviour? (yes)

Question 3: What does God say that you are now? (A son of God).
You are now in God's Family. God is now your Heavenly Father and you are His son. You may now call God, "Dear Heavenly Father." This is called being "BORN AGAIN." Today is your second birthday.

Question 4: Would you like to write today's date at the bottom of the page? (sign and date tract, which they may keep).

• 1 John 5: 12,13

Question 1: Would you be so kind as to read the third verse please?

Question 2: Did you receive Jesus Christ the Son as your Saviour? (yes)

Question 3: Since you now have the Son, what do you also have? (eternal life)

Question 4: If you died tonight, where would you go? (Heaven)

Question 5: Why? (because you have Christ as your Saviour)

Question 6: Can you know for sure that you have eternal life? (yes)

Question 7: Why? (Because God says, "that ye may know that ye have eternal life)

• John 5:24

Question 1: Would you please read the verse next to the diagram?

Question 2: What 3 things do you now have? (eternal life, won't be condemned to the lake of fire, but is passed from death to life).

• John 10:28

Question 1: Is it possible to lose eternal life?

Question 2: Would you read **John 10:28** please?

Question 3: What does "never perish" mean? (never lose eternal life. We can, however lose rewards)

Question 1: **Romans 10:9** is a test to prove you are really saved.

Two conditions will be true if you are saved.

Firstly, you have already told me that you believe God raised Christ from the dead. True? (yes)

Secondly, you have not yet had a chance to confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus. This means that if you can tell just one person, "I have received the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour," it means that you were honest when you called on Christ to save you. Would you like to tell me or a friend that you have received Christ as your Saviour? (yes). Then get him to tell you or someone else now.

Question 2: God knows all about you and me, but we don't know all about God. How can we learn more about God?

Answer: By reading the Bible daily, starting at the books of either John or Matthew, by coming to church, by praying and by having a Bible study together.

Question 3: Would you like to get together some time this week to answer some questions that you may have? (when and where)

Question 4: Who do you know that you would like to see saved? When can we see them to tell them how to have eternal life?