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A Simple Witnessing Method

The items needed are *YOU*, a pen or pencil, two pieces of paper, and a willing listener.

*How to Befriend A Person And Present
The Gospel of Christ (The Plan of Salvation)
At the Same Time*

Use the Evangelism Explosion's Opening and Transitional Questions

A. Talk about their Interest
(Family, Hobbies, Work, etc.)

B. Transition to Investigation
(Ask qualifying questions)

C. Gain Permission to Ask Questions
Do you mind if I ask you a couple questions?

1. Have you come to the point of knowing that when you die, you will have eternal life with God?

Even if they answer yes to this question; you need to ask them the second question. So many people are not basing their answer on the correct fundamentals of faith in the Death of Christ alone.

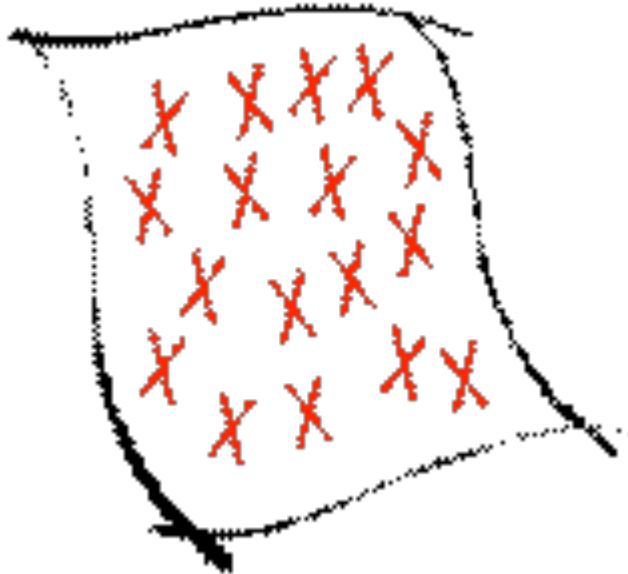
2. If you were to die today and stand before God and He asked you, "Why should I allow you into my heaven?" How would you answer?

In Bible College while going through the Gospel of John, Dr. H.C. Chiles taught us a valuable lesson from John 4 - Jesus asked the woman at the well for a favor! - John 4:7 **“There came a woman of Samaria to draw water; Jesus said unto her, Give me to drink.”**

Ask, **“Would you please get me a couple pieces of plain paper, and I want to explain to you how I know that I will have eternal life.”**

Thank you very much, now please let me explain with these two pieces of paper, how you can be certain that when you die you can have eternal life with God!

Take one piece of paper and say, **“This sheet represents my life.”** Start marking X's on the paper. Say, **“These X's represent my sins, I have sinned.”** The Bible says, **Rom. 3:23- “For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.”** **“We have all sinned a lot.”**



Continue marking the X's and say, **“I have a problem.”** Jesus said, **Matthew 5:48- “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”**

Then say, **“I haven't been perfect, have you?”**

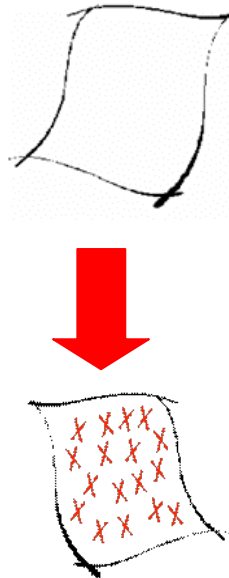
I have a greater and deeper problem. The Bible says, **Isaiah 59:2-** “But your iniquities (sins) have separated between you and your God.”

Since I haven't been perfect and have sinned and my sins are going to separate me from God, How then can I get into heaven? Let me explain it to you!

Now present to the person the piece of white paper. Say, “This piece of paper without any marks represents Christ. He was pure and never sinned. **I Peter 1:19-** says Jesus was the “lamb without blemish and spot.” **Hebrews 4:15b-** “He was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

Now for the good news, “The Bible says **II Corinthians 5:21-** “For He has made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin.”

They hung Jesus on the cross at 9:00 a.m. and at noon He cried out, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" From noon until three p.m. "he became sin for us." God placed His wrath against sin upon His own Son.

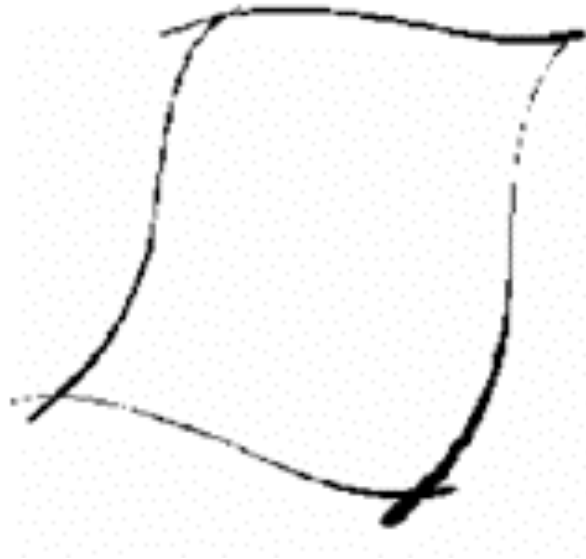


At this point place the paper with the X's on top of the clean one and say, “My sins and your sins were deposited on Christ when he died on

the cross.” He took the punishment (hell – separation from God for three hours, which was the first time He was ever separated from the Father in all eternity.) It is a banker’s term. Deposit.

The rest of that verse says, **II Corinthians 5:21**- “That we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

You may say something like, “Though we are full of sin, Christ was without sin. His righteousness is deposited to our account!” As you say this, cover the paper with the X’s with the white sheet. “When we die, we can have a pure, perfect standing before the Lord. We are washed clean of sin and can stand before Him like we have never sinned!”



Reiterate with paper: My sins were deposited on Christ. When I am willing to repent and receive Him as Lord and Savior of my life and commit myself to live for Him, then His righteousness is deposited to my account.

Ask them: Does this make sense?

If they say, “Yes.” Then ask, “Is there any reason why you can’t receive Christ?” If they say, “No.” then ask, “Are you willing to commit your life to Him at this point.”

Assure them of: **Rom. 10:13**- “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Do not force a decision. It must be by their free will that they decide to follow Jesus.

Lead them in the Sinner's Prayer. It can be worded in different ways, but should include asking for forgiveness, expressing a trust in the fact that Jesus died for them on the cross, and acknowledging a surrender of their life to God. An example:

Dear Lord Jesus
I have sinned against you.
I have said no to you before.
I ask that you forgive me.
I believe you died for my sin.
I believe you were buried and that
you rose the third day.
I say yes to you today.
I invite you into my heart to live in me.
I give my life to you to live for you
from this day forward.
Thank you for forgiving me.
Thank you for giving me eternal life.
Help me to tell others about you.
Amen

Ask searching questions at this time.

“Where is Jesus at?”

If they say, “In my heart;” then respond by asking, “When did He come into your heart?” If they say, “Just now;” it is a good indication that they have fully understood and have just become a child of God.

Note: If they answer, “In Heaven, or everywhere;” then it is very possible that they did not fully understand the commitment and may need further counseling.

“If you were to die, would you go to Heaven or Hell?”

If they say, “Heaven;” then ask them why. If they say, “Because, I just trusted Jesus as my Savior,” you need to go to the next step of affirmation with them.

Affirmation

Assure them that they are now a child of God and are forgiven.

(John 1:12, 5:24)

Offer a prayer of thanksgiving for what God has just performed in their life.

Encourage them in several areas:

1. Publicly confess Christ as their Savior and Lord. (Rom. 10:11)
2. Follow the Lord in Believer's Baptism. (Mt. 28:19-20, 3:13-17)
3. Observe the Lord's Supper with other believers. (I Cor. 11:23-26)
4. Be faithful and committed to church attendance. (Heb. 10:25)
5. Develop a devotional time. (II Tim. 2:15, Acts 17:11, Ps. 119:11)
6. Pray daily and continually. (Lu. 11:1-4, I Th. 5:17)
7. Tell others about what God has done for them and challenge others to make the same decision. (II Co. 5:18-20)