

Sharing your Faith

Ask Questions:

- How can I pray for you?
- Would you consider yourself near to God or far from God?
- Would you mind if I showed you from the Bible how you can know for sure you are close to God and will spend eternity in Heaven?

Summary:

The Bible contains both bad news and good news. The bad news is something about YOU and the good news is something about God.

Outline:

1. Bad News- We are all Sinners.

Romans 3:23 says, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

To sin means to miss the mark. We have all missed the mark when it comes to God’s perfect standard. It doesn’t matter how good of a person you are or how many good deeds you perform if you are not perfect you have missed the mark.

Suppose we were to go to a shooting range and I was to miss the target all together and you hit the target but missed the bullseye. You had a better shot than I did but we both still missed the mark. Every individual that has ever lived has missed God’s mark except for Jesus.

2. Penalty- Everyone who sins even once deserves death.

The Bible says in Romans 6:23, “The payment for sin is death.”

Every time you cash in your paycheck you are getting payment for your work. Your employer is giving you what they think you deserve. The Bible is clear that the payment that we deserve for even one sin is death and separation from God forever in Hell.

Since we cannot come to God the Bible says that God has come to us.

3. Good News- Jesus died in your place.

Romans 5:8 says, "But God demonstrates His love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Jesus became our substitute on the cross. He stood in your place and took your penalty. Jesus did not deserve to die and therefore He shouldn't have died. However, He willingly went to the cross to suffer and die as a substitute for all who would believe in Him. Jesus rose from the dead in order to prove that he had the power to overcome sin and the grave for us.

4. Salvation- The Bible says that the ONLY way to be saved is to have faith in Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, so that no one could take credit for it."

To have faith in something means to trust it completely. Every time you take a step you are trusting that your leg is strong enough to hold up your body weight. This is what God asks us to do in order to receive salvation. Salvation comes when we trust that Christ's death on the cross is the only possible way that we could be right with God and get to spend eternity with Him forever in Heaven.

Action:

Would you like to make the decision to trust in Christ's death and resurrection on your behalf? If not what is keeping you from making that decision? If so, all you have to do is trust Christ. A good way to do this is by praying and telling God that you trust Christ's sacrifice and resurrection on your behalf and you believe that the only way for you to be right with Him is through faith in what Jesus did.