

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

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Introduction

I have used the following Bible verses (and more) for the past more than 45 years in dealing with sinners in personal evangelism. These texts were selected and highly recommended as useful (and powerful) to seeing the lost brought to Jesus.

God uses HIS WORD for the conversion of sinners. Different passages help different people with different needs. Some are general in nature and rather complete. Others are specific in subject and helpful for special needs.

There are many more verses which you may find helpful. Perhaps you will eventually build your own list of 20-100 verses. A careful study of the following should help you learn how to open up and explain a passage. These are not sermon outlines, but rather lines of thoughts to help explain what God has said. Each passage has far more areas than mentioned. This is only a place to begin your studies.

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Meditate and pray. God will help you go further. Read your New Testament over carefully, often, comparing Scripture with Scripture. Listen, observe, and tell others what God has said. Watch what God uses in people's lives. Be a learner.

There are also many Old Testament passages which are most useful. These were the only Scriptures for use in evangelism until the New Testament was written. They were sufficient for the early Church as the gospel message worked with such explosive power. Perhaps we may produce a list of such texts at a future date.

May God bless you as you reach lost souls with the Good News of Jesus and salvation. One by one we will see them converted and added to the Kingdom.

Yours for souls,
J. Paul Reno

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MATTHEW 11:28-30 *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

A. INVITATION

1. By Jesus
2. Come – unto ME
3. Take yoke (MY)
4. Learn of ME

B. QUALIFICATIONS

1. Heavy Laden
2. Obedience

C. PROMISES

1. Rest from Jesus
2. He is meek and lowly
3. Rest for your soul
4. MY yoke is easy
5. MY burden is light

(Contrast other yokes and burdens)

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LUKE 9:23, 24 *"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it."*

A. DENY YOURSELF

- 1. Follow Jesus**
- 2. Live for Jesus – not self**
- 3. Give up what you have planned for your life**
- 4. Deny forms of SELF**
 - *Self-centered, confidence, image, respect, control**

B. TAKE UP CROSS DAILY

- 1. Identification with Christ**
- 2. Suffering, reproach, sacrifice, others**
- 3. Path to Victory**
- 4. Personal and Daily**

C. FOLLOW JESUS

- 1. Death produces life**
- 2. Jesus is the focus**
- 3. Sin issue at the cross**
 - Power in obedience**
- 4. Full identification**

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5. Lose self, crucify self and gain a life following Jesus

JOHN 1:12 *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"*

A. RECEIVED HIM

1. Jesus is the issue
 - not an "it" – but HIM
2. Not accept
3. Obtaining Christ

B. BECOME – SONS OF GOD

1. Change
2. Relationship

C. BELIEVE ON HIS NAME

1. Faith
2. Name reveals Person and power

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JOHN 1:29 *"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."*

A. JESUS THE LAMB

1. God's lamb
2. Prophecy of Abraham to Isaac
3. God – deity
4. Sin-bearing lamb

B. SIN OF THE WORLD

1. Removed – take away
2. All kinds, quantities, locations, etc.
3. Their sins can be taken away

C. BEHOLD JESUS

1. Our hope
2. Our deliverer
3. Lord and Saviour
4. Focus on JESUS
 - not: self
 - sin
 - religion
 - others

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JOHN 2:23-25 *"Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man."*

A. BELIEVERS WITHOUT JESUS

1. They believed
2. Based on miracles not cleansing from sin
3. Need for proper foundation for faith
 - Person – Provision – Promises

B. JESUS KNEW ALL MEN

1. You can't fool Jesus
 - (You can fool yourself)
2. Jesus knows us
3. Jesus knows what is in us
 - a. Faith?
 - b. Repentance?
 - c. Motives?
 - d. Goals?
 - e. Secret sin?
 - f. Manipulation?
 - g. Etc.

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4. Jesus commits Himself – or not – based on His full knowledge

JOHN 3:3-7 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I say unto thee, Ye must be born again.”

A. BORN AGAIN - NEED

1. Required to see the Kingdom of God – verse 3
2. Required to enter the Kingdom of God – verse 5
3. Jesus said it is a **“MUST”** – verse 7

B. TWO BIRTHS

1. “Water” – “Flesh” – 1st - verses 5, 6
 - natural birth

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2. Spirit – spirit
 - of the Holy Spirit
 - gives life to man's spirit

C. HOW?

1. Not of man
2. Act of God the Holy Spirit

JOHN 3:16 *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”*

A. STARTS WITH GOD

1. Who
Marks of Deity
 - Creator
2. What was done – love
 - Gave
 - Purpose – Salvation

B. 2ND – WORLD

1. Who
 - Sinners – rebels – people

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2. What

- Loved
- individual choice and destiny

C. 3RD – THE SON

1. Who

- JESUS
- Deity

2. What

- Came
- Gospel
- Seek and save

D. 4TH – BELIEVETH

1. Who

- By individual
- IN HIM

2. What

- No longer perish
- God's life to live – not ours

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JOHN 3:17, 18 *"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."*

A. CONDEMNED OR SAVED

1. "Condemned already"
 - all without Jesus
 - lack of faith
 - no wait for a judgment – already guilty
2. Jesus didn't come to condemn
 - already done by sin and disbelief
3. Jesus came to SAVE
 - from condemnation
4. Sinners should see themselves condemned and flee to Jesus to be saved (rescued)

B. BELIEVETH OR NOT

1. Difference is based on "believeth"
2. "-eth" – ongoing, continual
3. Not believeth is basis of condemnation

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JOHN 3:19-21 *“And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”*

A. DARKNESS

1. Loved by sinners
2. Absence of light

B. LIGHT

1. Come into the world
2. Repels darkness
3. Evil people hate light
4. Evil people won't come to the light
5. Those who do truth come to the light

C. DEEDS

1. Of evil – hidden and avoid being reprov'd
2. Of truth – shown that God does them through us

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JOHN 3:36 *“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”*

A. LIFE OR WRATH

1. Everlasting Life
2. See life or **Not**
3. Wrath of God

B. SON

1. Jesus is the issue
2. Jesus or wrath

C. BELIEVE

1. Upon Jesus
2. Not believe Son
 - Who He is
 - What He said
 - Make him out to be a liar
 - Wrath already on
3. **“-ETH”**
 - continual action of:
 - a) Believeth
 - b) Believeth not
 - c) Abideth

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JOHN 5:39, 40 *“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.”*

A. SCRIPTURES

- 1. The Bible**
- 2. Search them**
- 3. Great Subject of the Bible – is JESUS**
- 4. People were looking for eternal life and missing Jesus**
- 5. Search the Scriptures to learn of Jesus**

B. COME TO JESUS

- 1. He calls you**
- 2. People looking for life in Bible were not coming to Jesus**
- 3. Must come to Jesus**
 - as identified and testified of in the Bible**
 - only way to life**

C. THINK YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE

- 1. Missed Jesus and life**
- 2. Thought but didn't have**

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JOHN 6:44 *"No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."*

A. COME TO ME

1. Only way to be saved
2. He calls us to come
3. In ourselves, we are unable to come
4. No man can come
5. We need help to come

B. FATHER DRAWS

1. Enabling power
2. Not to be presumed
3. Same Father who sent Jesus – draws sinners
4. God draws through – Scriptures, Conviction, Repentance, Faith, Work of the Holy Spirit, etc.

C. THOSE THAT ARE DRAWN AND COME

1. Get to Jesus
2. Cared for from now through the last day
3. Resurrection assured

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JOHN 8:10, 11 *“When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”*

A. SINFUL WOMAN

1. Taken in adultery
2. Told to sin no more

B. SINFUL ACCUSERS

1. Brought a sinner to Jesus
2. Left (themselves) under conviction

C. GRACIOUS SAVIOUR

1. Did not dodge the sin issue
2. Allowed all to see they were sinners
3. Told woman to “Sin no more”

D. SIN NO MORE

1. Forgiveness comes from Jesus with an end to condemnation
2. Forgiveness leads to stopping sinning

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3. Continual sinners are:
 - still condemned
 - not forgiven
 - wrong in their views of sin

JOHN 14:6 *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

A. JESUS IS SPEAKING

1. He can always be trusted
2. We can rest our soul's future on Him

B. HE IS THREE THINGS

1. The Way – to live, follow, to Heaven, etc.
2. The Truth
 - trustworthy
 - answer to what is truth
 - source of all true knowledge
3. The Life – eternal, way to live, purpose for life, real life

C. ONLY HOPE

1. Only way to God

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2. No other ways, approaches, paths
3. We must deal with Jesus

JOHN 17:3 *“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”*

D. LIFE ETERNAL

1. Contrast with earthly life
 - length – source – quality
2. Real and identifiable
 - not imagination or in doubt
3. Clear marks given

E. KNOW FATHER AND SON

1. Difference in knowing someone and knowing about them
2. Father to be known
 - personally
 - only TRUE GOD
3. Jesus Christ to be known
 - personally
 - better and better sent by Father

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ACTS 4:12 *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”*

A. MUST BE SAVED

1. God considers salvation a **MUST**
2. Peter considers salvation a **MUST**
3. Do you consider it a **MUST**?

B. SALVATION IS IN ONE PERSON

1. In a person – not a plan, promise of prayer
2. Jesus is the only Saviour

C. JESUS' NAME

1. Only name that helps sinners
2. This name given by God (to Joseph)
 - from Heaven to us on earth
 - to mankind
 - defines and explains the work of Christ

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ACTS 8:36, 37 *"And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."*

A. BAPTISM

1. Requirements before this act
2. Must be a believer

B. BELIEVING

1. God's requirement
2. Full belief
3. Heart belief vs. head belief
4. No reservations in belief
5. Belief in a person (not ideas, doctrine, plans, etc.)
6. Jesus is the One Who must be trusted
7. He is Christ – Eunuch had been worshipping as a Jew
8. He is God the Son

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ACTS 16:31 *“And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”*

A. BELIEVE

1. Faith, Trust, Depend, Commit, Yield, Rest
2. Opposite of earn, work, deserve, buy, assume, ignore, do

B. LORD JESUS CHRIST

1. Lord – must act on such
2. JESUS – Saviour (from & to)
3. CHRIST – Promised Messiah

C. SAVED

1. Need
2. Certainty – “shalt”
3. Change from lost to saved
4. Not only for men – also for family

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ACTS 26:18 *"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."*

A. BIG CHANGES

1. Eyes opened spiritually
2. Turn: from darkness
to light
3. Turn: from power of Satan
unto God

B. FORGIVENESS OF SINS

C. INHERITANCE WITH SAINTS

D. SANCTIFIED BY FAITH

1. Cleansed
2. Dedicated to God
3. Prepared to Serve
4. Delivered from sin's power
5. Set apart
6. All by faith
7. Faith in Jesus

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ROMANS 1:16 *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*

A. GOSPEL OF CHRIST

1. Gospel = Good News
2. Christ is the heart of the Gospel (I Cor. 15:1-5)
3. Never be ashamed of Jesus and/or His Gospel
4. God's power works through Gospel to convert/change sinners

B. ONE THAT BELIEVETH

1. Works in those that believe
2. Works in any and everyone – Jew and Greek
3. True faith will continue – "believeth"

C. SALVATION

1. Takes God's power
2. Gospel brings God's power
3. Only for believers

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ROMANS 3:23 *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”*

A. SIN ISSUE

- 1. All are guilty**
- 2. All are sinners**
- 3. All have sinned**
 - **actually committed the act**
 - **not only nature but action**

B. GOD’S GLORY

- 1. Important issue to God**
- 2. Purpose of man’s creation and existence**
- 3. Our failure – “come short”**

C. SALVATION

- 1. Changes sinners into saints**
- 2. Gives potential to bring God glory**

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ROMANS 3:24 *“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:”*

A. JUSTIFIED

1. Made “just” or pure in the eyes of God
2. God offers this “freely”
3. We can’t work enough, pray enough, give enough, or be good enough

B. GRACE

1. God does for us what we can’t do for ourselves
2. God gives us grace at Christ’s expense

C. REDEMPTION

1. God created us
2. We sinned and left God
3. He redeems or buys us back
4. Redemption is only in Christ Jesus – not church, doctrine, religion, baptism, works, merit, money, etc.

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ROMANS 3:25 *“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;”*

A. PROPIATION

1. God hates sin
2. Anger and Judgment put Jesus at Calvary
3. Jesus satisfied the judgment of God

B. FAITH IN CHRIST'S BLOOD

1. Our only hope is in the blood of Jesus
2. We must trust the blood of Jesus to satisfy God and cleanse us

C. REMISSION OF SINS

1. Only Jesus and His blood removes sin
2. Because of Jesus' sacrifice – God is righteous in cleansing us and saving us
3. God takes our punishment for sin and lays it on Jesus.

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ROMANS 3:26 *"To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."*

A. GOD IS JUST

1. Must always do right
2. Must punish sin

B. GOD JUSTIFIES

1. Makes sinners as if they never sinned
2. Makes us like Him

C. GOD IS RIGHTEOUS

1. God is right in being both Just and a Justifier
2. Jesus took our sin and gave us His righteousness
3. If we truly believe, we can be justified
4. If we don't believe, God won't/can't justify us

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ROMANS 5:6 *“For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”*

A. CHRIST DIED

- 1. Climatic event of the Bible**
- 2. Reason He came**
- 3. Only way to settle sin issue and save us**

B. UNGODLY

- 1. All fall short by sin (Rom. 3:23)**
- 2. We are far less than being like God**
- 3. This is the only group for whom Jesus died**

C. WE HAD/HAVE NO STRENGTH

- 1. To please God**
- 2. To rescue ourselves**
- 3. To save ourselves**
- 4. To change ourselves**
- 5. To cease being ungodly**

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ROMANS 5:8, 9 *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."*

A. GOD'S LOVE

1. Toward us
2. Even when we were sinners

B. CHRIST DIED

1. For us
2. Not angels, animals, etc.
3. For sinners

C. JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD

1. Blood paid for our sin
2. Blood cleanses us from sin and stain
4. Blood makes us appear "Just" before a holy God

D. SAVED FROM WRATH

1. Sin earned wrath
2. All were headed for God's wrath in Hell
3. Some are saved from this judgment
4. Only hope is Jesus

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ROMANS 5:12 *“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”*

A. SIN

1. Entered into world by one man – Adam
2. All have followed in his footsteps
3. He started it and continued it

B. DEATH

1. Result of sin (Romans 6:23a)
2. Came into the world with sin
3. We all face death because of sin (Adam’s and ours)
4. We can’t ...
 - blame Adam
 - escape his bringing of a curse
 - dodge curse
5. We show by action that we do the same

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ROMANS 6:23 *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

A. WAGES AND GIFT

1. Earned – wages
2. Unearned – God’s grace - Gift

B. SIN – death

1. Spiritual
2. Eternal (2nd)
3. Separation = Death
4. Earned and Chosen

C. ETERNAL LIFE

1. Gift
2. From God
3. Through Jesus (a Person)
4. “Our” received Saviour
5. “Lord” – position for those saved
*no Lord – no eternal life

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ROMANS 8:32 *“He that spared not His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”*

A. GOD SPARED NOT

1. Jesus – His own Son
2. His love
 - *magnitude
 - *for us
3. Length God went to for our salvation

B. GOD DELIVERED JESUS UP

1. Into wicked men’s hands
2. To the cross of Calvary
3. For us (the sinners)

C. FREELY GIVE

1. Without cost
2. Gives us Jesus
3. With Jesus He gives “things” – “all”
 - a. As promised in the Bible
 - b. Blessings
 - c. Opportunities to serve
 - d. Answers to prayer
 - e. Deliverance from sin
 - f. Change lives
 - g. Victory and more

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ROMANS 10:9, 10 *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

A. SAVED

1. Rescued from sin
2. Preserved for usefulness

B. CONFESS

1. Statement verbally
2. Heart and life changed
3. Give Jesus credit
4. Lordship

C. BELIEVE

1. Heart
 - beyond mind, intellect, logic, education
 - seat of emotions, etc.
2. Goal of righteousness (Holy living)
3. Necessity of full confidence in Christ's resurrection (Key to Holy living)

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ROMANS 10:13, 14 *“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”*

A. SAVED

1. From self, sin, Satan
2. To serve, worship, stand

B. WHOSOEVER

1. Open door
2. None ineligible
3. We must act

C. CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

1. Based on Jesus – not us
2. We must call on Jesus
3. He is LORD
4. Name reveals person, character, provision, relationship, promises

D. BELIEVE, HEAR, PREACHER

1. Preachers are for our good
2. Preachers are to be heard

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3. Preachers are to tell us of HIM – Jesus
4. We must believe in Jesus to call on Him

ROMANS 14:9 *“For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.”*

A. CHRIST’S ACTIONS

1. Died – for our sins
2. Rose – for justification
3. Revived
 - back to normal
 - back to Heaven
 - ministers to/for us
4. Jesus did all this for us

B. CHRIST’S PURPOSE

1. To have a people
2. To rule over a people
3. To be LORD of people
4. Dead and Living in His plan

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ROMANS 14:11, 12 *"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."*

A. JUDGMENT IS COMING

1. Event is in the written record
2. Event is a certainty
3. All shall have to appear

B. GOD IS THE JUDGE

1. Confess to the Father
2. Bow before Jesus
3. There will be no:
 - lawyers to defend lies told
 - issues covered up rebellion permitted
4. All must bow and confess

C. MAN MUST ANSWER

1. Not accuse others
2. Give account of self
3. Everyone must answer
4. Either settle the account with the Judge now or explain and pay later.

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I CORINTHIANS 3:11 *“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”*

A. JESUS CHRIST

1. A person – not philosophy, finances, family, fun, etc.
2. He came from Heaven
3. He lived perfectly
4. He was tempted without sinning
5. He died and shed His blood for us
6. He rose for us
7. He is in Heaven ministering for us
8. He is coming back for His own

B. FOUNDATION

1. Basis for all else
2. Determines: safety, shape, height, etc.
3. Jesus must be our foundation, not option
4. Already in place
5. We need to:
 - move to Him
 - identify with Him
 - build on Him

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I CORINTHIANS 6:9-11 *"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."*

A. LOST

1. Not in Kingdom
2. Don't be deceived
3. Sins that evidence the lost (some lost must examine – different from these flagrant sinners)
 - a) Fornicators – illicit sex (heterosexual and homosexual), pornography, etc.
 - b) Idolaters – image used in worship, anything above God
 - c) Adulterers – sex in violation of marriage vows
 - d) Effeminate – men with feminine nature and/or behavior, soft, weakness, lack of force
 - e) Abusers of themselves with mankind – homosexuals, lesbians, pedophiles, sodomites
 - f) Thieves

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- g) Covetous – materialistic, discontent, greedy
- h) Drunkards – liquor and/or drugs
- i) Revilers – sharp tongue, critical, scorners put down others, vicious gossip
- j) Extortioners – squeeze others, pressure, blackmail, overcharge

B. DELIVERANCE

1. Such WERE some of you
2. No longer same when saved
3. Jesus SAVES from sin to deliverance
4. New creatures by Gospel – Power of God

C. WAY OF DELIVERANCE

1. Gospel change
2. Washed
3. Sanctified
4. Justified
5. Name of Jesus
6. Holy Spirit

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I CORINTHIANS 10:13 *"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."*

A. TEMPTATION

1. Common to all men
2. No unique temptations
3. We choose whether to sin or not

B. GOD IS FAITHFUL

1. Limits the level of temptation
2. Provides escapes
3. Helps us bear the load of temptation

C. TEMPTATION AND DELIVERANCE

1. Temptation is not sin
2. Yielding to temptation is sin
3. God helps His children not to yield
4. God doesn't deliver the saved from temptation, but rather from the need to sin.

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A. THE GOSPEL

- 1. Declared**
- 2. Preached**
- 3. Received**
- 4. Stand in it**
- 5. Means of being saved**

B. SALVATION

- 1. By Gospel**
- 2. By believing**
- 3. Evidenced by continuing**

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2. Died – for our sins
– according to the Scriptures
3. Buried
4. Rose again – according to the Scriptures

II CORINTHIANS 5:17 *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*

A. IN CHRIST

1. Jesus is the issue
2. Relationship to Jesus is essential
3. Must be “in” Him – not near, at, without, outside

B. CHANGE

1. New Creature
2. Act of Creation
 - work of God
3. Contrast with “old”
 - ways, man, goals

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C. RESULTS

1. Old things
 - *passed away
2. All things
 - *become new

II CORINTHIANS 5:21 *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*

A. SIN AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

1. These are opposites
2. Jesus had/knew no sin
3. We were/are sinners
4. Jesus was righteous
5. We had no real righteousness

B. THE GREAT SWITCH

1. Jesus the Righteous took our sins
2. Our sins are taken away and we are given Christ's righteousness
3. God judged Jesus for our sin
4. God blesses us for Jesus' righteousness
5. Those who come believing can get in on this

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II CORINTHIANS 7:9-11 *"Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: But the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter."*

A. THREE STEPS – verse 10

- 1. Sorrow**
- 2. Repentance**
- 3. Salvation – new birth or deliverance**

B. SORROW

- 1. Godly – verses 9, 10**
- 2. Worldly – verse 10**
- 3. Should lead to repentance – verse 9**

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C. REPENTANCE

1. Product of proper sorrow – verses 9, 10
2. Not an end but leads to salvation – verse 10
3. Produces 7 fruits – verse 11

D. SALVATION

1. True salvation requires preparation
2. True salvation won't be repented of
3. False salvation – obtained wrong is eventually left

EPHESIANS 2:8, 9 *“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

A. ISSUE OF SALVATION

1. Possible
2. For individuals
3. Some already saved – “are”

B. HOW SAVED

1. By Grace
2. Through Faith
3. Not of self
4. Not of works

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C. GOD'S PART

1. Grace to us – verses 5, 7
2. Faith given
3. Change made – verse 10

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 *“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:”*

A. CONFIDENT

1. God wants to make us confident about our future
2. God is consistent in His actions
3. Our confidence must be in God – not self

B. HE WHICH HATH BEGUN

1. Man often starts but cannot finish
2. What God starts He will complete
3. If we start in our power we will fail
4. If God starts working, He will perform the work
5. Let God work – He will perform all that is needed

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PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11 *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

A. JESUS - DEITY

1. Form of God (Spirit) – verse 5
2. Equal with God
3. Name above every Name – verse 9
4. To be worshiped – verse 10
5. Lordship – verse 11

B. HUMBLING HIMSELF

1. Made Himself of no reputation – verse 7
2. Took form of a Servant
3. Made in likeness of Man

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4. Found in fashion as a man – verse 8
5. Humbled Himself
6. Obedient unto death
7. Death of the cross

C. EXALTATION

1. By God – verse 9
2. Every knee to bow
3. Every tongue to confess

COLOSSIANS 1:13, 14 *“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”*

A. TWO KINGDOMS

1. Power of darkness
 - a) Under the power
 - b) Or delivered from
2. Kingdom of Jesus
 - a) God’s Son
 - b) Translated into
 - *changed to fit and function

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B. REDEMPTION – BOUGHT BACK

1. In Jesus
2. Through HIS BLOOD

C. FORGIVENESS OF SINS

1. For delivered and translated
2. For Redeemed
3. Through Jesus and His Blood
4. Sins forgiven

1 TIMOTHY 1:15, 16 *“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.”*

A. FAITHFUL SAYING

1. Worthy
2. Accept saying
3. Christ Jesus
4. “Came” from Heaven
5. Into the world
 - Virgin birth

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6. Came TO SAVE
7. Only sinners get saved

B. I AM CHIEF

1. Of sinners
2. Individual conviction vs. defense

C. A PATTERN

1. For us and all others
2. Only one kind or level of salvation
*no lower/lesser/easier

TITUS 3:4-7. "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

A. SAVED US

1. From sin to serve
2. Appearance of God's love and kindness

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3. Mercy not works
4. Washing of regeneration
5. Renewing of the Holy Ghost

B. THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

- Our Saviour

C. JUSTIFIED

1. By HIS GRACE
2. Heirs
3. Hope of eternal life

1 JOHN 5:1, 4, 5. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

A. BELIEVETH

1. Faith – not works – verse 1
2. Faith – produces victory – verse 4
3. Faith – in a Person – verse 5

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B. FOCUS OF FAITH

1. Person of Jesus
2. Jesus – is the Christ – verse 1
 - a) Messiah – Promised One
 - b) Sent One – by God
 - c) Fulfiller of O.T prophecies
3. Jesus – Son of God – verse 5

C. RESULT OF FAITH

1. Born of God – verse 1
2. Loveth God
3. Loveth believers
4. Overcometh world – verses 4, 5

I JOHN 5:12 *“He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life*

A. LIFE

1. God's life
 - for them
 - in them
 - new life
 - eternal life
2. Real life – not just existence

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3. Changed life – by God

B. SON OF GOD

1. Focus and Issue
2. Jesus – a person
3. Jesus is God

C. HATH

1. Hath the Son = Hath Life
2. Hath not the Son = Hath not Life
3. Possession of and by Jesus is the issue
4. Not works, merit, experience, knowledge, etc.

I JOHN 5:13 *“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”*

A. BELIEVETH

1. Our responsibility
2. Basis of “knowing” that we have life
3. Belief is Scripture based – not doctrine, story, emotion, thoughts, etc.

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B. THINGS WRITTEN

- 1. Belief of Bible**
- 2. I John and Gospel of John written for belief (John 20:31)**
 - read and study these two books especially to believe

C. FOCUS

Son of God

- Person – who He is and what He did
- Name that defines and explains Him – Lord Jesus Christ, etc.

REVELATION 22:17 *“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”*

A. INVITATION

- 1. Come (3 times)**
- 2. Take – Freely**

B. INVITERS

- 1. Holy Spirit**

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2. **Bride – Church/Believers**
3. **Hearers (of Bible)**

C. INVITED

1. **Those athirst (soul need)**
2. **Whosoever will**

D. OFFER

1. **Water for thirsty**
2. **Life from God (eternal)**
3. **Freely available to those who come**