

Chapter 1: What Exactly is the Good News?

Up For Discussion:

1. Would a gospel with just a hint of works be “accursed”? (Page 18) _____
2. Why must we ensure we are not adding or subtracting from the gospel? (Page 18) _____

Crucial Point:

The work of evangelism is not to convince others that we are right. It is not to show others how much of the Bible we know. Rather, its purpose is exclusively to do our part to rescue souls from eternal Hell. Christ already did everything, but He commanded us to give the message. People’s eternal fate is affected by your obedience or disobedience to Christ’s command.

Make It Personal:

1. If every Christian witnessed like you, would you have ever been saved? _____
2. One main reason we wrote *Evangelism Made Simple* is to help Christians have the confidence to witness. In what areas of witnessing do you lack confidence? For example... starting a conversation, not having the right answers, what people think of you, etc.

3. How do you plan on using what you will learn from *Evangelism Made Simple*?

Assignment:

Make a list of people you know who haven’t trusted Christ. Make it a habit to pray for everyone on your list every day. As you continue through this workbook, look for opportunities to witness to these people.

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Up For Discussion:

1. How long should it take to effectively share the gospel? (Page 19) _____
2. What is the gospel in 8 words? (Page 21)

3. Consider the following scenario. A man agrees that Jesus died for his sins and rose again, but he doesn't depend, or trust, in Christ's death and resurrection to save him. He still is hanging on to his backup plan of works, "just in case." Has he received the gift of eternal life? (Pages 22-23) _____

Crucial Point:

A gift implies that there are no strings attached. Once a condition is added to a gift, then it ceases to be a gift. God gave the perfect gift; consequently, it meets the criteria of a gift perfectly. If someone believes that one work is required to go to Heaven, then he doesn't believe that Christ's death is enough. That is the difference between Heaven and Hell! That is why we need to present a clear, simple message of the gospel.

Make It Personal:

1. If you already have some experience with witnessing to people, do you make the gospel more complicated than it is? _____
2. Can you give the gospel simple enough that a child can understand it? _____

3. If you had the opportunity to talk to someone who was about to die, would you be able to effectively give the gospel? _____

Assignment:

Just like what we saw from Dr. Charles Ryrie, try writing a clear presentation of the gospel with an invitation in 60 seconds.

Memorize:

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

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

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Galatians 1:6-9 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: ⁷ Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; ⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 4:4-5 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. ⁵ But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

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:

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