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PMN 341: Principles of Evangelism
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Basic Gospel Outline

I) Two Diagnostic Questions

- May I share with you how I came to know for certain that I have eternal life & how you can know also?
- Before I share with you, let me ask you another question

- Repeat and confirm answer

II) Gospel

a) _____:

1. Heaven is a _____

- "Eternal life is God's gift to you"
- You cannot earn your way into heaven
- Scripture reference for truth is **Romans 6:23 (the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ)**

2. It is not _____

- Grace is receiving freely what we don't deserve
- The scripture reference for this truth is **Ephesians 2:8,9 (For by grace are you saved...)**

b) _____:

- Is a sinner – Cannot save himself
- Most people know they are sinners, but they do not know the **seriousness** of that sin
- **Romans 3:23 (For all have sinned and fall short...)**
- Use the sin defined Illustration

- **Illustration: Speeding Tickets (1 a day) Sin (1 a Day)**
- *This illustrates that not only am I a sinner, but also that my sin is a very serious issue.*

c) _____:

- Is Merciful – therefore does not want to punish us
- He loves us in spite of what we are because of who He is
- **1 John 4:8b (he who does not love does not know God, for God is love)**
- **Transition: The same Bible that tells us God is merciful also tells us that:**

d) _____:

- Is also Just – Therefore He must punish sin
- While most people know that God is love, few understand that He is also Just
- **Scripture used – Exodus 34:7b**
- ***“...by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.”***

e) _____:

- **“Who do you understand Jesus Christ to be?”**
- Who He is – The infinite God-Man
- What He did: He died on the cross & rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins & to purchase a place in heaven for us.
- **Transition: This gift is received by faith**

e) _____:

- What it is not – mere head knowledge; temporal faith
- Some people believe in Jesus Christ the same way they believe in George Washington or Napoleon
- The Bible says: the devil believes in God's existence, but simply asserting that fact will not get him to heaven
- What it is: Trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life
- ***“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, & you will be saved, you and your household.” Acts 16:31***
- **Transition: Does this make sense to you?**

III) _____:

- Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life?
- It means that you are going to transfer your trust from what you have been doing to what Jesus Christ has done for you on the cross.
- Are you willing to transfer your trust to Christ alone?
- Would you like to ask Jesus Christ to come into your life as Savior?
- “If this is what you really want, I can lead us in a prayer & we can tell God what you just now told me”

▪ **Three Parts of the Prayer of Commitment**

1. Pray **for** them – that God would give them faith and repentance
2. Pray **with** them – in short phrases of the Gospel outline, allowing them to repeat after you
3. Pray **for** them – that the Holy Spirit will grant them assurance

IV) _____