



Sharing the Gospel With Bible Verses

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God Wants Us to “Go”

A Christian once asked, “Why does God leave believers here on earth after they are saved?” That was a great and important question! The first part of the answer is that if God took every person who believes in Christ immediately to heaven, then who would be left on planet earth to tell others that Jesus died and was resurrected so that a person’s sins could be forgiven? Just imagine what would have happened if the apostles had died and gone to heaven immediately on the Sunday Christ was resurrected. The apostles would not have been able to share the good great news about Christ on the day of Pentecost, the book of Acts would not have been written, and they would not have written the New Testament. The second part of the answer is that no one today would know about Christ or the gospel. So, God has left believers on the earth to share the great news about Christ. Evangelism is God’s method for telling others about Jesus Christ, and we have the wonderful privilege of doing that. God wants every believer to share the great news about Jesus Christ to everyone they can.

This explains why Jesus told the apostles to do four things.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (NASB)

What are the four things Jesus wants us to do. First, Jesus wanted the disciples *to go*. The Greek word for *to go* is *poreuomai*, and it means “to go, to travel, and to journey.” Jesus wanted them to go and He wants us to go and share the gospel about what He has done. That is one aspect of the will of our God. We are to leave home. We are to leave our comfort, and do what? The following questions will help answer the question.

1. Luke 24:45-49 records a message that Jesus gave to His disciples *before* He gave the message that is recorded in Matthew 28:19-20. What did He want the disciples to do?

We are to tell others that the prophets said Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead on the third day, and that people need to repentance and seek forgiveness of their sins in Jesus’ nam. This message is to given to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

2. Then what four things did Jesus tell the disciples to do in Matthew 28:19-20?

We are to go to all nations, make disciples, baptize, and teach them to observe all that Jesus had commanded the disciples to do.

3. Then Jesus told the disciples where they were *to go* in Acts 1:8? Write them the places they were to go.

Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the remotest parts of the earth.

4. So, where did the apostles *go* and share the great news about Jesus Christ after His Ascension (Acts 2:1-6, 14)?

Jerusalem and Judea.

5. Acts 8:4-14 reveals that the deacon Philip proclaimed the good news about Jesus Christ and many people believed in Christ. Then the apostles came. Where did the apostles *go* after Jerusalem and Judea?

Samaria.

6. Acts 9:31-43 and Acts 10:23-24 teaches us that the apostle Peter did *go* and preach the gospel next.

Began traveling to countries father away than Samaria.

7. In the rest of the book of Acts we are told that Paul took three missionary journeys throughout the Mediterranean Sea. It appears that Paul did not go to all of the remote parts of the world as Jesus had commanded, So, what must we do?

We must go all the parts of the world.

8. How does Matthew 28:19-20 reveal that believers today are also commanded to share the gospel throughout the world?

We were told to teach true believers to observe all that Jesus had commanded the disciples to do.

God Wants Us to “Make Disciples”

The second action that Jesus wanted the disciples to perform was *to make disciples*. That is, the disciples were to share the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone. They were to travel from their city to the remote parts of the world sharing gospel, that is, the good news about Jesus. This section contains three parts that explain how you can make disciples, just as the disciples did. First, you will discover the content of the gospel. Second, you will learn how the apostles share the gospel with others. Last you will be given principles to follow in presenting the gospel to unbelievers.

Content of the Gospel

1. A summary of the gospel is given in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. What are the three parts of the gospel?
“Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”
2. Another important part of the gospel is found in 1 John 4:15. When you read the verse remember that the term Son of God was a term that meant “God.” So, what must a person believe about Jesus to become a Christian (a believer)?
A person must believe that Jesus is God.
3. A second important point about Jesus Christ is given in Luke 4:33-34. What did the demons believe about Him?
They believed that Jesus was God and Holy.
4. A third important point is found in Acts 4:12. It reveals that only one person can save or forgive our sins. Who is that person? A second part of this question is can a god from another religion save you?
Only Jesus Christ can save us from our sins. No so-called god from another religion can save us.
5. Now describe the gospel in your own words in the space below.

How the Apostles Shared the Gospel

1. Read Acts 2:22-36. Then, as you answer the following questions think about your answers in the last section “Content of the Gospel.”

- What part of the gospel did Peter mention in verse 23, 36?

Christ died. He died on a cross.

- What part of the gospel did Peter mention in verse 24, 31-32?
Christ was raised or resurrected from the dead.

- What part of the gospel did Peter mention in verse 27?
Christ was and is holy. So, He was called the Holy One.

- What did Peter report about Jesus in verse 34?
Christ ascended to heaven.

2. Please explain how Peter shared the gospel in his second sermon (Acts 3:11-26)? Notice verses 14-16, 18, 19, and 26.

Christ is holy — verse 14.

Prophets prophesied of Christ — verse 18.

Christ died — verse 15.

Christ died for the forgiveness of our sins — verse 19.

Christ was resurrected — verse 16, 26.

3. Explain in your own words the gospel message as given by the apostle Paul in Acts 26:19-29.

4. Now consider the gospel of Luke as you answer these questions.

- Why was the gospel of Luke written (Luke 1:1-14)?

So that a man named Theophilus could know the exact truth about Christ.

- The gospel of Luke was written by a medical doctor named Luke. What method did he use to share the gospel?

Luke used a letter to share the gospel.

5. The gospel of John was written by the apostle John. What method did he use to share the gospel?

(John 20:30-31; 24:24-25)?

John used a letter to share the gospel.

Gospel In A Nutshell

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

How You Can Share the Gospel

1. Explaining the Gospel — When we present the gospel to someone we should try to include the same points that Peter, Paul, Luke, and John did. Since Peter presented the gospel in Acts 2:22-24, 32 and Acts 3:14-15, compare them to the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15:2-4. Then explain what points of the gospel did Peter include in his presentations.

Peter included Jesus died or our sins, was buried, and resurrected.

2. Share Prophecies About Christ — In both Acts 2:25-34 and Acts 3:18, Peter included prophecies also about Jesus when he presented the gospel. That helps us understand that we could include prophecies also. Describe one prophecy that Peter gave.

Possible answers — 1) David prophesied that Christ would be resurrected (Acts 2:25). 2) David prophesied that Christ would ascend back to heaven (Psalm 110:1). 3) Moses prophesied of the Messiah. 4) God prophesied of the Messiah (Genesis 12:3).

3. Everyone Has Sinned — Romans 3:23 is a very important verse that we must share with others. What does the verse reveal? Why is this verse important in light of the gospel?

Everyone has sinned. Everyone is guilty.

4. Wages of Sin Is Hell — Romans 6:23 is another very important to share. What is the consequence of committing sin? What is God offering to sinners?

The consequence of sin is spiritual death of hell. So, God offers the free gift of eternal life, but is only available in Christ Jesus our Lord.

5. Good Works Cannot Save — For those who think that God will let them into heaven because of their good works, we could share Luke 18:18-19 and Romans 3:12? Why are those two verses important for these individuals?

Luke 18:18-19 reveals that only God is good. We are not good because Romans 3:12 says that no one does anything that is good.

6. Need For Forgiveness — In Acts 2:23, 36, 38 and Acts 3:19, Peter told the crowds that they had sinned and needed to repent. So, we must urge others to repent also of their sins. How did Peter do that?

He referred to a sin they had committed in Acts 2:23, 38. In Acts 3:19 he made a general statement and called them to repent.

Verses For Sharing the Gospel

Explaining the Gospel	1 Corinthians 15:3-5
Everyone Has Sinned	Romans 3:23
Wages of Sin Is Hell	Romans 6:23
Good Works Cannot Save	Ephesians 2:8-9
Need For Forgiveness	Acts 3:19
Only Faith In Jesus Saves	Luke 5:20
Two Promises	John 3:16
A Warning	Acts 4:12
Assurance of Salvation	Acts 10:8-13

7. Saved From Our Sins — How can someone be saved from their sins (John 3:36; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 6:23)?

Faith in Christ saves us from our sins.

8. Only Faith In Jesus Saves — You can also quote or read one or more of the following verses when you share the gospel. So, summarize each verse in a just a few words.

John 3:16 — **Whoever believes in Jesus will be saved**

John 3:36 — **Whoever believes in Jesus will be saved**

John 8:24 — **We must believe that Jesus is God. The statement “I am He” is actually “I AM.”**

Acts 10:43 — **Those who believe in Jesus receive forgiveness of sins.**

9. Two Promises — When someone truly believes in Christ, how can a person know they are saved from hell (John 3:16)?

We have been given two promises. First, those who believe in Jesus will never perish, that is, go to hell. Second, they will be given eternal life.

10. A Warning — For those who hesitate to seek God’s forgiveness we should include Acts 4:12 when we share the gospel.

What is the warning?

Salvation from the wages of our sins is only possible in Jesus Christ.

11. Assurance of Salvation — For those who believe that Jesus is God, died on the cross, was buried, three days later was resurrected, and wants God to forgive their sins, we should share Romans 10:8-13. Why are these verses important?

They teach a true believer will confess Jesus as their master, believe that Jesus was resurrected. We are given a promise that those who believe in Christ will be saved and not be disappointed.

If someone has prayed and told God that they believe in Christ, has repented of their sins, and asked Him to forgive their sins, we should pray with them. Then encourage them to attend your church. If they cannot attend your church, help them find a church that teaches the Bible verse-by-verse and believes the truth.

God Wants Us to “Baptize”

Then Jesus told the disciples to baptize those who become true believers. Baptism cannot and does not save anyone. Baptism plus faith does not save. Only faith in Christ saves. We discovered in the last study that baptism is an act of obedience, and it shows others that a person believes in Christ. So, we should encourage new Christians to get baptized. Acts 2:41 and Acts 8:37-40 help new believers in Christ understand. What do these verses teach? Matthew 28:19 tells us that when a new believer is baptized they are to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

God Wants Us to “Teach”

The last instruction in Matthew 28:19-20 is that new believers are to be taught what Jesus had commanded the disciples. The verse says, “teaching them to observe all that I commanded you.” John 14:26 tells us that Jesus promised the apostles that the Holy Spirit would remind them of all that He had taught. In addition, John 16:13 says the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth. That is what the apostles did. When they wrote the four gospels, the book of Acts, and the rest of the New Testament they wrote what Christ wanted them to teach. So, Paul warned believers in 1 Timothy 6:3-5 about anyone who did not agree with what Christ had taught. In Jude 3 and 17 we are warned to remember the words of the apostles and those of Christ and not depart from them. 1 Timothy, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John also warns us to avoid false teachers. The book of Revelation warns men to not change the words in the book (Revelation 22:19).

Why are the instructions so strong? Because the Word of God is how believers grow spiritually (1 Peter 2:2). The are the key to becoming like Christ (Ephesians 4:11-14). They help us grow into spiritual maturity (Hebrews 4:11-14). The passage also warns that if we fail to continually read and study the Bible we will slip backward spiritually. 1 John 2:12-14 reveals that the Word helps us become spiritual fathers in the faith. So, regular reading and study of the Bible is essential to be spiritual fathers in the faith. We are instructed to teach new believers. We and they must routinely study the Bible themselves just as the Bereans (Acts 17:11).

Conclusion

The most effective way to share the gospel about Jesus Christ is by praying and using Bible verses. For Hebrews 4:12 says,

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)

In addition, tell others how you became a believer in Jesus Christ. For Bible verses are the words that the Holy Spirit has used to teach the gospel. So, we should use His words. We should avoid discussing issues like evolution, marriage, various doctrines. The goal must not be to change their moral behavior. Let the Holy Spirit do that. Our focus must be to share the gospel about Jesus Christ so that they have new life. Then the Holy Spirit help them with their questions. Pray for them and love them.

Things To Ponder

1. Please explain the gospel and include Bible verses for each point.

Note — answers will vary but they should agree with is given in this study.

2. What is the most effective approach to sharing the gospel?

The most effective approach is to read or quote Scripture. Hebrews 4:12 says, “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

3. If you asked someone where they would go if they died today, and they said they were a good person. How would you reply?

Note — answers will vary. Watch for an unbiblical answer.

4. If someone said that they had heard baptism was essential to be saved, how would you reply?

Baptism not required for salvation. Only faith in Jesus is necessary to be forgiven of our sins. If the person that faith in Jesus is not enough and baptism is required that will send them to hell.

5. Name a verse that would help an unbeliever understand God sees them as a sinner?

Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23.

6. What verse would you have an unbeliever read so they can know they are not going to heaven? Would John 3:18 help?

Yes.

7. Write out a prayer that an unbeliever could pray that believes the gospel and wants to ask God the Father to save, forgive, and take them to heaven when they die?

Note — answers will vary. Watch for an unbiblical answer.

8. What prayer would you offer to God on their behalf the new believer in question 7 after he or she finished praying?

Note — answers will vary. Watch for an unbiblical answer.

9. What guidance or instruction would you give this new believer after you finished praying for him or her?

Note — answers will vary. Watch for an unbiblical answer.

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Answer true (T) or false (F) to each of the following statements:

1. God has instructed us to share the gospel with others. T
2. Jesus instructed the apostles to go, make disciples, baptize, and teach new believers. T
3. The gospel refers a special kind of music. F
4. The best approach to sharing about Jesus with unbelievers is to use Bible verses. T
5. The best approach to sharing about Jesus with unbelievers is to join them in various sins. F
6. The gospel only refers to Jesus' death on the cross. F
7. When we share the gospel we should avoid discussing sin and make it appealing. F
8. We should encourage unbelievers to do good works in order to go to heaven. F
9. We should never offend anyone by saying they are sinners. F
10. People who truly believe Jesus died to forgive their sins, understand they are sinners destined for hell will be repentant, and submit to Him by seeking His forgiveness. T