

Effective Evangelism, Part 2

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Today we will see the biblical role of the Law in evangelism, and a real life example of leading someone to repentance and faith in Christ.

In Part 1, we introduced how even Jesus used the Law to lead people to salvation through faith in Him alone.

The apostles followed suit, as they went forward by faith obeying the Great Commission.

One thing I want to share with you again:

Genuine Salvation - To be saved, there must be a **transfer of trust from self to Christ alone** in the individual's soul. (This is what it means to "believe" in Christ; it's not just an acknowledgment of His existence, but it's a **personal reliance** on Him as one's Lord and Savior. Even the Greek word for "believe" means "to entrust".)

And unless someone **turns** from trusting in themselves (or their church or religion), then they won't transfer their trust to Christ alone to be saved.

Thus the call to repentance in Holy Scripture, as part of the Gospel presentation.

Again, let's look at what the apostle Paul actively preached while evangelizing people:

Ac 26:19-20 - *"Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, 20 but declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and*

throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.

Some Christians today would be appalled at Paul's statement, saying it's legalistic or even adding to faith alone, but this is where the rubber meets the road. So says the apostle Paul!

And the Bible consistently teaches where there's genuine faith, there will be evidence of such faith.

And Paul not only preached the Gospel, but in effect he also said "don't fool yourselves".

If we're honest towards Holy Scripture, that's part of what the apostle Paul actively preached when sharing the Gospel!

And some Christians don't want to bring up sin when preaching the Gospel, believing it's not the way of grace... and I was one of them, until God showed me otherwise.

But it's NOT gracious to hold back the very reason someone needs to receive the grace of God!

And let's remember; Jesus told the Pharisees that unless they believed in Him, they would die in their sins! He said that to them three times in a row!

"Die In Your Sins" - If someone **refuses** to turn to Christ in humility, they **remain** in their sins, as Christ's forgiveness and righteousness will **not** be credited to their account. This is the very reason why we preach the Gospel to others. **Jn 8:21-24, 2Co 5:20-21.**

John 8:21-24 *Then He said again to them, "I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come." 22 So the Jews were saying, "Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, 'Where I am going, you cannot come'?" 23 And He was saying to them, "You are from*

*below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. 24
"Therefore I said to you that **you will die in your sins**; for unless you believe
that I am He, **you will die in your sins.**"*

So, my friends, if someone can die in their sins, per Jesus' own words, it might be a good idea to bring that up in evangelism, don't you think?

Another stark reminder is that the Bible uses **personal sins** to describe the judgment of the unsaved. **Why??** Because unbelievers end up dying in their sins! They're not forgiven without turning to Christ in humility!
1Co 6:9-10, Rev 21:8

1 Cor 6:9-10 *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*

Rev 21:8 *But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."*

As an evangelist, why NOT bring up sin if that's what ends up putting them in the lake of fire?

People must know they have a problem with sin , so they can seek the solution for sin, namely Christ.

Let's remember, our Lord Jesus was full of grace AND truth,... not only grace! **Jn 1:14,17**

And this is also how Jesus Himself preached the Gospel!

If Jesus preached all grace and limited truth, they probably wouldn't have strung Him up on a cross.

But in His goodness, He preached uncompromising truth as well, out of His tremendous love for His children.

If people aren't fully aware of the serious problem they have before their Creator, then why would they repent at all? And why would they look for a Savior, honestly?!

For example, why are many churches today teaching *forgiveness without repentance*?

Maybe it's because our flesh is scared of rejection? - But that's a horrible excuse for a pastor not teaching the whole truth!

And they sadly end up denying people the opportunity for true freedom by repentance towards God and believing in Christ for eternal life.

For example, in one passage about the Great Commission, Jesus makes it clear how forgiveness comes:

Lk 24:45-48 *Then He (Jesus) opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that **repentance for forgiveness of sins** would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. "You are witnesses of these things.*

Part of the Great Commission that we are to obey is preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

The apostles understood this truth and followed the Lord's statement here, as did Peter in his evangelizing in the book of Acts immediately after the Lord's ascension into heaven (and notice the order given in these verses) :

Acts 2:38 *And Peter said to them, "**Repent** and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ **for the forgiveness of your sins**, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Acts 3:19 *Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.*

Acts 5:31 *God exalted him (Jesus) at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.*

The implication is that if God doesn't first give repentance to someone, then they will not receive forgiveness of sins!

Let's simplify this by looking at **real life forgiveness**; how does one experientially forgive someone else if they refuse to apologize?

Think about that. (and hopefully we carry forgiveness in our hearts either way, but what about both parties EXPERIENCING FORGIVENESS?)

What did our Lord say??

Lk 17:3-4 *Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."*

So said Jesus; and again, do you see the proper order of things?

This is how life works, and how salvation works.

Genuine Salvation - Unbelievers won't experience forgiveness in their own lives until they have an attitude of repentance towards God and turn to the Lord Jesus alone to save them, as the "apostle of grace" stated in **Ac 17:30-31, 20:21**.

That's the biblical fact of the matter.

We've also seen this:

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it's a **personal reliance** on Him as one's Lord and Savior. Even the Greek word for "believe" means "to entrust".)

The evangelism example we are about to see is connected with the fact that:

Effective Evangelism - God's Law should be used to help people see their need for the Savior.

We might say God's moral law is seen in the 10 Commandments, and it's called the "Law", after all, not just a list of guidelines!

The "Law" should make us think of God's courtroom and the inevitable Justice to be served one day!

And the 10 commandments can be rightly used to humble people to the point of true repentance.

Again, some of you might be saying to yourself "*is that biblical?... aren't we under grace?*"

Amen, we are under grace... at least WE BELIEVERS are. (think about that)

But what are unbelievers under? - Condemnation and wrath according to the Lord Jesus and John the Baptist in **Jn 3:18,36**, and according to Paul's description of us before we came to Christ, **Eph 2:1-3**.

Eph 2:1-3 *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

Shouldn't unbelievers be told of the situation they're in?!

It's very gracious to tell people the truth and to not beat around the bush to protect your own reputation or comfort, preventing people from seeing the whole truth in the process.

We get caught up in self-preservation, but we can't do that if we want to be a good evangelist for our Lord.

We'll see the biblical nature of this approach in a moment.

Charles Spurgeon agreed with this principle of using the Law in evangelism.

He was a Pastor who was very eager not only to teach the people, but to lead people into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Charles Spurgeon - *"I do not believe that any man can preach the gospel who does not preach the Law. The Law is the needle, and you cannot draw the silken thread of the gospel through a man's heart unless you first send the needle of the Law to make way for it."*

Now, obviously, God is the One who does this type of work within the human heart.

But taking his analogy, shouldn't we "plant" and "water" the best way we know how?

1 Cor 3:5-7 *What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.*

Even though God gives the growth, shouldn't we give the Gospel in the most biblical way we can?

Even the Lord Himself used the 10 Commandments to lead people to repentance; to bring people to a realization of their need for Him as their Savior.

Why is presenting the Law to someone so effective in evangelism?

Because it leads people to have a repentant attitude, without which there is no forgiveness granted... and there's no coming to genuine faith in Christ as one's Lord and Savior.

Again, you'll have to visit Part 1 for some powerful scriptures on this, as today we are moving forward to get to the crux of "Effective Evangelism".

Here's one of our main points in this lesson:

Effective Evangelism - In His evangelism, Jesus often used the Law to lead people to a knowledge of their sin against God. (i.e. **Mt 5:17-30, Lk 18:18-20, Jn 4:16-18**)

This was how the Lord set the stage in their soul, to lead them to saving faith.

In Jn 4, with the woman at the well, Jesus alluded to her living in adultery, which bothered her conscience (besides the fact that He told her all about her many husbands before that).

Do you think maybe Jesus used the Law to grab her attention???

Jn 4:13-19 *Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." 15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."*

16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and **the one you now have is not your husband**. What you have said is true." 19 The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

Jesus always told the truth, in love! He spoke with grace and truth. (**John 1:14c, Eph 4:15**)

With great gentleness and tact, Jesus reaches her conscience through the Law she had broken, humbling her and helping her seek Him as her Lord and Savior.

A healthy fear of God is a very good thing, and that's why people must see they've broken God's Law.

It serves them well, giving them the humble opportunity to turn to Christ to be delivered from sin and death.

This is very important for a person to realize... to come to the knowledge of the truth!

In **Mt 5**, Jesus brings up breaking the commandments against murder and adultery,...

... AND, He makes it even more convicting by letting us know that when we've even **intended** those things in our hearts, we are still guilty in God's eyes, because God looks at the heart!

Mt 5:17-22 *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.

And look at vs. 27-28... *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

If this type of truth doesn't humble people, I don't know what will.

We're basically told here that one must be PERFECT to enter the kingdom of heaven.

In fact, Jesus later tells us to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect!

Mt 5:47 *"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."*

What do we do with that?! How can anyone possibly get to Heaven?!

God looks at the heart, and no man can escape that... and this is what we must let people know!

Any honest person will admit he cannot keep God's righteous commands perfectly, and this will cause him to reach out to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for mercy and forgiveness.

But in **Lk 18**, we see the rich young ruler, who wasn't willing to be honest about his sinfulness.

Jesus spoke to him about keeping the Commandments to hopefully lead him to realize his sins, but he didn't respond in humility.

But in the previous examples, Jesus was leading sinners to repentance by using the Law.

So, if the Lord used the Law to show people their sinfulness and helplessness, then why don't we as believers do the same, to help others see the Truth?

The apostles followed Jesus' example.

The Law Is Our Tutor - The apostle Paul, the "apostle of grace", also wrote about the value of the Law in evangelism. **Ro 3:19-20, Gal 3:21-24**

And our verse in Romans is right after his saying *there is none righteous, not even one.*

Rom 3:10-12 *as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; 11 no one understands; no one seeks for God. 12 All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one."*

No matter how hard we try, NO ONE can reach God's standard of "good", which is perfection!

Ro 3:19-20 *Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.*

Think about it...

If someone doesn't know they've broken a law, even in the secular/worldly realm, then why would they be convicted to turn from it or show remorse?

Satan and the world's system has done an excellent job convincing people they aren't all that bad, even helping them turn a blind eye to what's wrong in their lives.

But, here we see one function of God's Law in **Romans 3** is to "stop the mouth", to stop the "yeah buts", to stop man from justifying himself as in vs. **19-20**.

And through the Law comes a very vital knowledge of one's sin against God.

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Gal 3:21-24 *Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. **But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin**, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.*

*But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. **Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith.***

Understanding God's Law, and that we COULDN'T keep it all, is what acted as OUR tutor to lead us to faith in Christ.

We should call on the Law as a tutor in leading OTHERS to Christ, who are unaware of their dire situation before God.

Effective Evangelism - The Law and the conscience are two of our best friends in witnessing to others about their need for Christ.

Hopefully that makes sense to you all.

Hopefully you see the biblical way to use the Law as a tool to lead people to Christ.

We have NO HOPE without Him and His perfect sacrifice on our behalf.

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At this point I want to share a real life example with you that will illustrate using the Law to help people willingly close their mouths, so they will actually humbly listen to their need for the Savior.

And this should all be done in the Spirit of Christ, telling the truth in love.

That is very important. Remember, it's the KINDNESS of God that leads a man to repentance. **Ro 2:4**

Now back to our real life example...

As you might know, some of us do surveys for the church at the local park or mall.

Let's call this segment: "Just Another Walk in the Park", for two reasons.

One is obvious, this encounter takes place in a public park.

Two is not so obvious, and that is that we shouldn't make evangelizing others into a big project, as though it depends upon us.

It depends upon the Lord, we are simply messengers. Right? Only God can change a person's heart!

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So, evangelism should be our **norm** as believers living in the world.

Just Another Walk in the Park - To witness for Christ is WHO WE ARE and WHAT WE DO. It BECOMES us as we grow in the Word. Very simply, we are His witnesses!

As those saved by His grace, we should have a desire to see people saved and to help them see their need for Christ.

And that will make these experiences more "normal" to us; just another walk in the park!

After asking a person's background and basic beliefs, such as where they are from and what religion they grew up with, the key question we hope to get to is this;

"If you were to die tonight, WHERE are you going, and WHY?"

As you can imagine, many people comment this is a very good question!

By the way, you can arrive at a question like this in all sorts of ways, even though casual conversation at first, just talking about how difficult life can be sometimes.

You might end up simply asking someone *"do you believe there's an afterlife?"*; because it's helpful to see where they stand before going on.

And let the Spirit guide you as you approach people in His grace and truth.

Now please listen in to our real life example; and we'll call this young man we met in the park "Ima Goode", to protect his identity. :)

And please bear with me as I try to walk through this whole conversation, which is a basic pattern I use most of the time... and by the grace of God, it opens people's hearts.

Christian: *If you were to die tonight, WHERE are you going, and WHY?*

Ima Goode: *"I hope I'm going to heaven, because overall I'm a good person. I try to help people and live a good life."*

Christian: *"oh really? I used to think I was a good person too. Let's test this if you don't mind. I'll play the prosecutor and you play the defendant, OK?" :)*

On that note, **you can say almost anything if you say it in love and humility.**

If we let people know that we care about them, and that we ourselves are in the same boat as sinners, there will be very little resistance or defensiveness.

Christian: *"oh really? let's test this... I used to think I was a good person too."*

And I smiled at him with an "I know where you're coming from" smile.

On another note, there's nothing quite like **being real with people.**

As the Apostle Paul said, don't be afraid to become all things to all men.
(1Co 9)

Whenever you can step back and relate to people, to whatever degree, DO SO. Embrace it and show them your honesty and transparency.

Why would you try to put on some type of a show, anyway? (the answer is the sin of PRIDE, so we need to drop that asap!)

Christian: *"Have you ever lied??"* (You can imagine people's answers :)

Ima Goode: *"oh yeah, who hasn't?!"*

Christian: *"How many times do you think you've lied in your entire life?"*

Ima Goode : *"Oh wow, if I'm honest, hundreds of times, I don't even know."*

Christian: *"So... ummm... what do you call someone that lies??"* :)

Ima Goode: *"A liar?!"*

Christian: *You've just broken one part of God's Law, the 10 Commandments, did you know that?"*

Ima Goode: *"No, not really."*

Christian: *"Have you ever stolen something, even as a child?"*

Ima Goode: *"Ummmm.... yeahhhh."* he said with a sheepish grin on his face.

Christian: *"Hmmm... what do you call someone that steals?"*

Ima Goode: *"A thief!"*

Christian: *"Ok, I really appreciate your honesty. Have you ever used God's name in vain, kind of like a swear word??"*

Ima Goode: *"Uh, yeah, I'm guilty of that one too. I don't mean to, but I have."*

Christian: *"Yeah, I've been guilty of that too, unfortunately. That's another of the 10 Commandments, and it was punishable by death in the Old Testament!"*

Christian: *"Also, Jesus said if we look at a woman with lust, we've committed adultery with her in our hearts. Have you ever looked at someone with lust?"*

Ima Goode: *"Yeahhhh"*

Christian: *"So, my friend, I'm not judging you, I've got plenty of my own failures. But you've just told me **by your own admission** that you've broken 4 of God's 10 commandments, and that's just as an example."*

*"The Bible calls it God's **Law** that you've broken, which means these are actually **crimes** against your God and Creator."*

Christian: *"Let me ask you... if you were face to face with God tonight, do you think you would be innocent or guilty?"*

Ima Goode: *"Guilty"*

Christian: *"Heaven or hell?"*

Ima Goode: *"Gee, I guess Hell."*

Christian: *"You see, my friend, **God is perfect, and He requires perfection to get into heaven, so said the Lord Jesus. And if that's true, then how are ANY of us getting into heaven if we've all broken His commands???"***

Ima Goode: *"We're not!"*

(Do you see where these questions have brought this young man? - To HIS OWN REALIZATION of guilt and his inability to save himself.)

Hopefully you see how valuable this is! He is now humble and willing to listen!

Christian: *"So what hope do we have?!... and I'm in the same boat as you, or at least I was. But there's GOOD NEWS, my friend. If you've heard of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the word "gospel" means the good news. So what's the good news?!"*

Even though we are all guilty before God, the Bible says God so loved the world that He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to save us from the judgment we actually deserve."

Christian: *"Have you heard that Jesus died on the cross from the sins of the world, and then He rose from the grave 3 days later?"*

Ima Goode : *"Yes I have. But I never personally believed it."*

Christian: *"ok, let me ask you, do you understand **the legal implications of the cross?"***

Ima Goode : *"No"*

Christian: *Please allow me to explain the good news to you with an analogy: You are brought before the Court tomorrow in your nearby city, and the Judge finds you guilty of a crime. He says your fine is one million dollars.*

You say " Judge, I don't have a million dollars!"

You might even say "But Judge, I'm overall a good person. Here's a list of good things I've done."

*But, if he's a **GOOD judge**, he's going to have to punish you for your crime, right? **Do you want a judge letting murderers out on the street?***

But now, let's say your best friend walks into the courtroom and says "Your Honor, I want to pay the million dollar fine for my friend here."

*And, by the grace of God, the Judge **AGREES!** He accepts the payment on your behalf!*

*So... even though you're guilty, you are now free to go. Why is this? - because someone else paid your fine. **JESUS PAID THE FINE, for whoever would believe in Him.***

(pause here to see if they "get it")

Ima Goode : "Ohhhhhh", he said with a smile.

*Christian: Those are the legal implications of the Cross! That's the good news of the Gospel! - The perfect Judge in heaven, God the Father, accepted the payment Jesus made on our behalf, for whomever is willing to believe in Him. And by the way, He paid our price **NOT** with money, but with His own innocent blood.*

That's the good reaction I sometimes get from people... it seems to click for them and they actually "get it", even though they've often heard about Jesus before.

Then we might go on like this:

*And before Jesus gave up His Spirit on the Cross, He said three peculiar words: - **"It is finished"!** - **Jn 19:30***

Jesus, who was actually God in the flesh, paid the full price for sin, so those who turn to Him don't have to be judged.

What we're commanded to do, if we want to be saved, is to repent and place our trust in Christ alone! (don't trust in your own goodness, that's a deception; trust in Christ alone to save you)

Jesus said unless you turn and become like a little child, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven! - Mt 18:3 - What did He mean?

Jesus also said unless you are born again, you cannot see the kingdom of God! - Jn 3:3 - What did He mean?

(For starters; change your mind, turn around in your heart! Look to God for mercy! You've sinned against God and you cannot save your "self"; only the Savior can save you.)

And when you honestly turn to Jesus from the heart as your Lord and Savior, GOD SAVES YOU. By His grace, He gives you a new heart. He gives you the Spirit of Jesus Christ! (Eze 36:26-27, Rom 10:9-11, Eph 4:24)

Notice we're clearly stating the Truth, planting a seed in their soul that the Spirit can use later on when they're alone with God.

Christian: Does that make sense?? Will you at least think about this? (give them a salvation tract or a Bible to take home)

Do you own a Bible? If so, go home and check out the gospel of John.

Would you like to talk about this again sometime? Can I email you a video?

(At least give them the opportunity to be followed up with, whether on the phone or in person. You should offer to guide them; disciple them if they're willing. We are told to make disciples! Mat 28:18-20)

This is what we went through with that young man at the park, and others like him.

We simply need to relate to people and gently and lovingly tell them the whole truth.

We might go on like this:

Christian : *"You and I are guilty before God, so we must stop trusting in our own goodness to get to heaven (as religion often teaches us to do), and instead place our trust in Christ alone as our Lord and Savior.*

Jesus is the only truly good One, and He's the only One that made a satisfactory payment for our sins, according to the Bible.

*As the Lord Jesus said; "repent and believe in the gospel" **Mark 1:15c***

And the word "gospel" means GOOD NEWS!

ALL OF THIS by God's grace and mercy alone.

That's why people say His love is beyond what we can even imagine.

Does that make sense?

If you have more time with someone, you might follow up with something like this, but honestly it can be any scripture the Spirit leads you to share with them...

The only way we could possibly relate at all is to ask ourselves the following:

Would you be willing to sacrifice the life of your own child to save the lives of others?

*How about this? - **Would you be willing to sacrifice the life of your own child to save the lives of ... your enemies?***

*The Bible says God the Father gave up His only Son FOR US, and Christ died for us while we were His ENEMIES! **Rom 5:8,10***

THAT'S the tremendous, overwhelming love of God... and the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

*Embrace the Truth in your heart, by grace through faith, and the Truth will set you free, my friend! **Rom 10:9-11, Joh 3:16-18***

You might also go on like this; if they don't want to leave you :)

Christian : *Salvation is between you and the Lord. And God looks at the heart.*

*The time is short, as is life. Go to Him and **surrender** in repentance and faith. He is a good, good God who is "rich in mercy", and He loves to give "grace to the humble". **Eph 2:1-10, Jam 4:6***

And you might tell them the story of the Pharisee and the tax collector, as a prime example of what genuine salvation looks like! - **Luk 18:9-14**

The man beating his breast and unable to lift his head to heaven is a good picture of a repentant attitude towards God, leading to faith in Christ alone for salvation.

Christian : *Find a Bible and start by reading the gospel of John.*

*Jesus now calls you to follow Him, and that begins by following His Word. **Jn 1:14, 10:27-28** "Would you like to chat again sometime??"*

Again, be willing to obey the Lord's command and make disciples! (**Mt 28:18-20**)

Evangelism should be intimate and personal.

We should appeal to them as to a brother and lay down our lives for them... doing whatever to help them follow Christ.

A few things to review regarding the intimacy that Jesus sought with people...

Effective Evangelism -

- One on one witnessing can avoid social discomfort.
- Think about the boastful pride of life vs. the humility of salvation.
- Think about doing evangelism in two's, as Jesus taught. (Team up with someone!)
- Present the information, including the reality of breaking God's Law, and let God convict the heart.