

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF GOD

ALTAR WORKERS CLASS

LESSON 3 Part B: Sharing the Gospel

As we saw in Lesson 2 one of the Practical Qualifications of the altar worker is to **“Share the Gospel.”** If you wish to review the presentation, see Lesson 2 Part A Pages 8-10. The following are some highlights from that section mentioned from Lesson 2 Part A . . . page 8:

1. For this to happen (*the context was referring “making altar calls what they ought to be especially as Pentecostals*), **altar workers must know how to share the gospel, and how to do so in a direct way that will lead a soul to Christ.**
2. The altar is both an excellent and a difficult place to share the gospel.
3. There are many excellent methods of presenting the gospel.
4. There are two important “side benefits” to learning how to share the gospel.
 - (a) It forces you to learn the basics of your faith in Christ, both the concepts and Bible verses which set forth. This will make you a stronger Christian.
 - (b) It enables you to witness to people outside the altar setting which will increase the harvest of souls.

This supplementary material will present several methods in sharing the gospel as well as resources that you can refer to if you so desire. I will also present a skeleton outline of walking someone through the gospel presentation as well as one presentation on guiding someone seeking the baptism in the Holy Ghost. This presentation (on the baptism in the Holy Spirit) is more suited for a sit down session or a counselling session before going into prayer. However, if the main pointers are known you can help someone obtaining that which is imperative in their Christian experience. You may also want to review notes on Lesson 3 Part A, pages 12-15 which also gives some very helpful pointers (some **brief comments** were also made in Lesson 2: Part A pages 2-3 and Part C pages 5-6).

Please note that these lessons contain a wealth of information that will practically help you ministering at both the altar and anywhere the need exists. Please pay special attention to Lessons 2, 3 and 4 Part A of each set.

THE GOSPEL

The following is one summarized example of **“What is the Gospel”** as noted in 1 Cor. 15:1-5 which presents to us the essence of the gospel.

A. The Importance of the Gospel 1 Cor. 15:1-2.

1. You have received it v. 1.
2. You stand or You stand firm v. 1.
3. You are saved by it v. 2.

- (a) If you hold fast v. 2.
- (b) If your belief is not vain v. 2.

B. The Ingredients of the Gospel 1 Cor. 15:1-5 (with other references).

In essence, the gospel is ALL about Jesus Christ!!

1. He came Matt. 1:21.
2. He died 1 Cor. 15:3.
3. He was buried 1 Cor. 15:4.
4. He rose from the dead 1 Cor. 15:4.
5. He ascended Acts 1:9.
6. He is coming again Acts 1:10-11.

What separates Christianity from all other religion is our message and that's why it is so important for you to know it and be able to present it. As seen in 1 Cor. 15:1-5 it is the story of what Jesus has done for us: He paid the price for our sins on the cross which heals our broken relationship with God. It is a promise of eternal life for all who repent and believe. **Indeed, it is the marvelous light of God illuming the way out of darkness to the pathway of eternal life.**

Tell it with joy in your heart! tell it with assurance! Tell it with confidence! The ways that you share the gospel message is very important and remember Jesus died for us when we were His enemies (Rom 5:3-11). this is another distinctive feature that is undeniable powerful!!

The light has come (John 1:1-5; etc.), we have a responsibility to help those in the darkness of sin (Matt. 5:13-16); and remember, where there is responsibility there will be accountability (Matt. 25:13-30). Oh! Beloved! Let us *"Occupy till I come" . . . was Christ's charge (Luke 19:13).*

The following pointers popped up in my mind; I hope that you will find them helpful. I may have some other that will be shared in class as time permits.

1. There is no need to use the largest Bible when witnessing (Now that I am revising (Jan. 2023) ... it a time when some of us use electronic devices).
2. When sharing Scripture references if possible have the person that you are sharing with read along with you whether you use a regular Bible or electronic device.
3. **DO NOT ARGUE!!** An argument makes enemies!!
4. Use the Scripture; it is the most effective way to share the "Good News!"
5. Avoid church language, avoid confusion, and keep the message clear and simple. God's Word will not return to Him void!
6. Get the person that you are working with to interact as much as you can and create interest, etc.
7. Remember the names of those that you are working with and always use their Christian name.
8. Not everyone will gladly receive the gospel message but do not be discouraged and do not give up on anyone; some will eventually make a commitment to Jesus Christ.
9. **While we will not be able to take all men to Christ it is imperative for us to take Christ to all men!**

10. Share the message with love, courtesy, compassion, etc. doing the opposite will only result in a disastrous presentation.

GOSPEL PRESENTATION METHODS

(Three methods presented)

A. The Roman Road

This method was so named because of several reasons for example: The Romans introduced road construction, thus linking cities to cities; they also built the best roads. This method helps those who desire to find the pathway to God's gracious gift through Jesus Christ.

The method is very simple and so long as you remember the first verse or write it on the front of your Bible (if you use the regular Bible). **Please note:** You will be shown how to record these verses in order for you to use them at your convenience *(This method or recording these verses will be also be applicable to "Share Jesus Presentation" which follows this method that we are discussing).*

1. **Rom. 3:23:** Man's condition. . . *all have sinned.*
2. **Rom. 6:23:** The wages of sin . . . *Everyone expects to be paid a fair wage... this will be so with the un-repent sin; man will be paid accordingly.*
3. **Rom. 5:8:** God's provision . . . *what God has done for us.*
4. **Rom. 10:9:** Man's response.

You can briefly explain each reference but stay Scriptural, start in context, and keep in mind **this is a brief presentation unless God leads otherwise.**

B. Share Jesus Presentation *(Source: "Share Jesus Without Fear" by William Fay).*

1. **How to Share the Scriptures.**
 - (a) You read it aloud.
 - (b) The person to whom you are witnessing read aloud.
 - (c) You ask: "What does this say to you?"
 - (d) The person answers.
 - (e) You will next turn to the next Scripture ... read it aloud.
2. **Share Jesus Questions.**
 - (a) Do you have any kind of spiritual beliefs?
 - (b) To you, who is Jesus Christ?
 - (c) Do you think there is a heaven or a hell?
 - (d) If you died, where would you go? If heaven, why?
 - (e) If what you are believing is not true, would you want to know?

You ask: "May I share some Scriptures with you?"

3. **Share Scriptures.**

- (a) Rom. 3:23
- (b) Rom. 6:23
- (c) John 3:3
- (d) John 14:16
- (e) Rom. 10:9-11
- (f) 2 Cor. 5:15
- (g) Rev. 3:20

4. **Commitment Questions**

- (a) Are you a sinner?
- (b) Do you want forgiveness of sins?
- (c) Do you believe Jesus died on the cross for you and rose again?
- (d) Are you willing to surrender your life to Jesus Christ?
- (e) Are you ready to invite Jesus into your life and into your heart?

5. **Questions and Directions for a New Believer.**

- (a) How many sins has Christ paid for?
- (b) How many of your sins does Christ remember?
- (c) Where does Christ now lives?
- (d) **Let's pray** (*The new believer say what's on his heart*).
- (e) Who has been praying for you?
- (f) Do you know where your friend goes to church?
- (g) Do you know your friend's friend phone number? Let's call him now.
- (h) May I take you to church with me?
- (i) Read the gospel of John.
- (j) I will call you tomorrow to find out if you see the Word differently.

Please note that one of the most neglected areas in ministering to others is to have an effective Follow-up program. Follow-up should be done within twenty four hours and then consistently.

C. **How to Lead a Person to Christ.** (Source: "Spirit-Led Evangelism" by Che Ahn)

This book was part of a package presented at an Evangelism Workshop held here at New Hope, as a result some of you may have the book. I will at this time present only the outline. You may refer to your personal copy of the book if you had purchased one.

1. **Initiate**

Initiate the conversation. The Samaritan woman came to the well, and Jesus spoke to her: "Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (John 4:7)

2. **Interest**

Draw the person's interest. This request for a drink was unusual, because Jews did not associate with Samaritans (John 4:9).

3. **Intrigue** (*Intrigue: associate interest or curiosity*).

Add intrigue. Jesus introduced a novel idea (new concept) (John 4:10).

4. Inquire

Make inquiries about the person. When the woman at the well expressed interest in obtaining this unusual water, Jesus asked her to go and call her husband (John 4:16).

5. Introduce

Introduce the person to Jesus after the woman and Jesus had talked for a while, after He had shown interest in her well-being, after He had made personal observations about her life, and after He had turned the conversation to the coming Messiah, Jesus revealed who He was: *"I who speak to you am He."* (John 4:26).

6. Invite

Invite the person to accept Jesus. The woman at the well was overwhelmed by her encounter with Jesus so much that she went and invited others to Him (John 4:29); the result (John 4:39-42).

7. Incorporate

Remember to help the person become incorporated into the body of Christ. True reaping is not only leading people to Christ but helping them become incorporated into the life of the church.

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

The reality is, as long as we meet God's conditions and exercise our faith in Him for the baptism, that need will be met (Luke 11:9-13). This is taking in consideration that the person has been "born again" and "sanctified"; he or she definitely need to exercise faith and receive the blessing of being baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The following is not meant to distract from the facts presented above; please consider it as another method of guiding someone to receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This requires a counselling session in comparison with the other brief methods of presentation.

A. Introduction

1. Facing the Facts.
 - (a) Lack of knowledge destroys (Hosea 4:6).
 - (b) God's desire is for all to know.
2. The question must be answered.
 - (a) Since you believe, have you received?
 - (b) Acts 19:1-7 (NB v. 2).

B. A Conscious Sense of Need

1. Earnest desire (panting) (Psa. 42:11).
2. Thirsting (Psa. 63:1).
3. Longing (Psa. 84:2).
4. Hunger and Thirst (Matt. 5:6).

C. A Frank Confession of That Need.

1. We make other request to God.

- (a) To be saved.
 - (b) For other needs physical and spiritual.
2. Isaiah saw the need and confessed (Isa. 6:1-8).

D. Remove Every Known Hindrance and Utter renunciation of Every Evil Thing.

1. God cannot fill a heart in which sin dwells.
 - (a) That's why we need to be sure that we are sanctified.
 - (1) Cleansed and set apart for God.
 - (2) Remember:
 - Holiness is a state of being.
 - Holiness is not determined solely on what we do or do not do, **but it is what we are and what we are determines what we do!**
 - (b) **We MUST be holy!**
 - (c) No one should pretend! God knows the facts (Acts 5:3).
2. Lay aside.
 - (a) 1 Peter 2:1
 - (b) Col. 3:8
3. Get Washed
 - (a) Rev. 1:5
 - (b) 1 John 1:7
 - (c) Heb. 12:1

E. A Complete Consecration of the Whole Being to God.

1. Rom. 6:13
2. Rom. 12:1-2
3. 1 Cor. 6:19-20
 - (a) *"Take my Life and Let it Be Consecrated Lord to Thee."*
 - (b) *"I Surrender."*

F. A Confident Claim Upon the Resources and Faithfulness of God.

1. Mark 11:24
2. Luke 11:13
3. **The Promise Is Yours!**
 - (a) Acts 1:8
 - (b) Acts 2:38
 - (c) Joel 2:38

Eph. 6:7 NKJV

“. . . with goodwill doing service as to the Lord and not to men, . . .”

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