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

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# A Way to Teach the Gospel

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I am persuaded that many Christians want to teach others but lack the confidence to do so. Often this stems from their unfamiliarity with the Bible and the fear that they will be unable to find the Scriptures they want to use.



To help those who may feel that way, I am sharing a method I have used to teach others. It is especially designed to be used when you suspect

you will have only one opportunity to teach the person. It is a summary of one's need for salvation. Based on the Bible, it is actually a chain of Scripture references tied together by a series of short comments. The teacher is to make further application of each passage.

This method of personal evangelism when properly employed:

- Supplies you with all the Scriptures you will need to teach someone what they need to do to be saved.
- Allows you to do all your teaching from your Bible. That will show your student that your teaching is directly from Scripture not from some creed or doctrine of man.

To begin, go to one of the front pages of your Bible such as the fly leaf. In a spot that will be easy for you to remember, write:

- **“Salvation Lesson—Go to Genesis 1:27.”**

That passage is the first one of the chain.

In the margin, alongside Genesis 1:27, write,

- **“1. God created man in His own image. But all sought to sin. Go to Ecclesiastes 7:29.”**

In the margin next to Ecclesiastes 7:29, write,

- **“2. Man sought to sin so all stand as sinners before God. Go to Romans 3:9-10, 23.”**

Next to Romans 3:23, write:

- **“3. If one says he has no sin he is not truthful. Go to 1 John 1:8.”**

At 1 John 1:8, write,

- **“4. What is sin? Sin is unrighteousness. Go to 1 John 5:17.”**

You get the pattern by now. Simply follow the chart from Scripture to Scripture noting the appropriate comments by each passage. The passages listed are ones I use. You may want to delete some, add or substitute others. Remember, as you become more comfortable with both your material and your method, you will do a better job.

Examine the chart. Familiarize yourself with it. Think of additional comments you will make at each passage. Practice teaching a lesson to yourself, a family member or friend. Time yourself to see how long it takes you. (Note: It should take you no longer than 30 to 45 minutes)

Whatever you do, **DO IT!**

Whether it is this method or another—**DO IT!** The responsibility to be a light in the world (Matt. 5:16) and to spread the gospel to the whole world (Matt. 28:18-19) falls upon **every** Christian not just a few.



May each one of us feel compelled to have a greater part in the saving of lost souls.

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# A Summary of Salvation

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| <b>No.</b> | <b>Scripture</b>      | <b>Comments</b>  |
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| 1.         | Genesis 1:27          | God created man in His own image.  |
| 2.         | Ecclesiastes 7:29     | Man sought to sin  |
| 3.         | Romans 3:9, 10, 23    | All stand as sinners before God.   |
| 4.         | 1 John 1:8            | If one says he has no sin he is not truthful. What is sin?                 |
| 5.         | 1 John 5:17           | Sin is unrighteousness.  |
| 6.         | Romans 1:16           | Righteousness is revealed in the Bible.                                    |
| 7.         | 1 John 3:4            | Sin is lawlessness (acting without law). What law?                         |
| 8.         | James 1:25            | Authority is found in the perfect law of liberty, the gospel of Christ.    |
| 9.         | Romans 14:23          | Whatever is not of faith is sin. How does one get faith?                   |
| 10.        | Romans 10:17          | Faith comes by hearing the word of God.                                    |
| 11.        | James 4:17            | Not doing good is sin. How does one know what is good?                     |
| 12.        | Micah 6:8             | What is good is shown by God to man in the Bible.                          |
| 13.        | Isaiah 59:1-2         | Sin is tragic. It separates man from God.                                  |
| 14.        | Romans 6:23           | Without God's help, sin will separate man from God eternally.              |
| 15.        | John 3:16             | God's love made it possible for man not to die because of his sin.         |
| 16.        | Matthew 1:21          | Jesus came to save man from sin.   |
| 17.        | Jeremiah 10:23        | God knew man needed help to deal with sin.                                 |
| 18.        | Proverbs 14:12        | The end of the ways of man is death.                                       |
| 19.        | 2 Peter 1:3           | God, in His word, has given man what he needs for life and godliness.      |
| 20.        | Romans 1:16           | The gospel, God's word, is His power unto salvation given through Jesus.   |
| 21.        | Matthew 7:24-27       | People must hear the words of Christ.                                      |
| 22.        | John 12:48            | We will be judged by the words of Christ, therefore, we must live by them. |
| 23.        | John 6:68             | We must hear Christ's words because they are the words of eternal life.    |
| 24.        | Romans 10:17          | We must hear Christ's words in order to believe (have faith).              |
| 25.        | Hebrews 11:6          | We must believe in order to come to God and be pleasing to Him.            |
| 26.        | John 8:24             | We must believe in Jesus to keep from dying in sin.                        |
| 27.        | Matthew 7:21          | We must act on our belief (faith) with obedience.                          |
| 28.        | Hebrews 5:8-9         | Jesus will only save those who obey Him.                                   |
| 29.        | John 14:15            | If you love Jesus, you will keep His commandments. What are they?          |
| 30.        | Luke 13:3             | Jesus commands all to repent.  |
| 31.        | Acts 17:30            | All people are required to repent.   |
| 32.        | Matthew 10:32         | All are required to confess Jesus as Lord.                                 |
| 33.        | Romans 10:10          | Confession is essential to salvation.                                      |
| 34.        | Mark 16:16            | Jesus commands baptism.  |
| 35.        | 1 Peter 3:21          | Baptism now saves us.  |
| 36.        | Acts 22:16            | Baptism washes away sin.   |
| 37.        | Galatians 3:27        | In baptism one is put into Christ.   |
| 38.        | Ephesians 1:3         | All spiritual blessings are in Christ.                                     |
| 39.        | 1 Corinthians 12:13   | Baptism puts one in the body of the saved.                                 |
| 40.        | Colossians 1:18       | That body is Christ's church.  |
| 41.        | Acts 2:47             | God adds the saved to His church.  |
| 42.        | Ephesians 5:23        | Christ is the Savior of the body, the church.                              |
| 43.        | 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 | Those who do not know God and those who do not obey Him will perish.       |
| 44.        | 2 Corinthians 6:2     | Now is the time to obey.   |
| 45.        | James 4:13-14         | There is no guarantee of a tomorrow.                                       |

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