



Sharing Your Faith

Matthew 10: 32-33: “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

1. Be ready always to give a defence of the hope that is in you
2. Be Jesus's witnesses
3. Preach the gospel
4. Be the light of the world

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Be Ready always to give a defence

“but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defence to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect; NASB 1 Pet 3:15

Many people believe that faith is believing in something despite the evidence, but a valid faith is believing in something because of the evidence.”

Heb 11:1 states Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for, a proof of things not seen.

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What Heavenly Father wants us to have

- He wants us to live life abundantly
- He wants to give us inexpressible joy
- He wants to have peace that passes all understanding
- He wants to give us the desires of our heart
- He has a purpose and plan for all of us
- He has a place in His kingdom where we will receive a creative flow of ideas because we are His children, and He wants us to succeed.
- He wants us to be secure in our relationship with Him as His child and be free from an orphan heart.
- He wants us to have an open, honest relationship with Him based on daily communication.
- He wants us to live with Him forever.

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Evidence

Direct Evidence

- It started with 12 people, and there are now 2.38 billion Christians

Statistical evidence

- Christianity is growing at 1.25% per year, which is about 33 million people per year.
- The number of Chinese Protestants has grown by an average of 10 per cent annually since 1979. By some estimates, China is on track to become the world's largest Christian nation by 2030. “
- In 1900, there were only nine million Christians in Africa; there are 734 million now. In spite of severe persecution

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Circumstantial Evidence

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| • Strength | • Spiritual Healing and Deliverance |
| • Counsel | • Peace |
| • Wisdom | • Love |
| • He heals sicknesses and injuries (and prevents them from happening). | • Provision |
| • Physical Healing | • Joy |
| • Heart Healing | • Perspective |

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Circumstantial Evidence

- Renews our youth and gives us supernatural energy and strength.
- Love us despite our nature.
- Forgive us, despite our actions
- Forgives our sins so we no longer need to be bound by guilt
- Hope
- Certainty of life after death in His presence
- Hears us, despite our words.
- Understands us despite our thoughts.
- Calls us, despite our works.
- Sustains us, despite our condition
- Shows us mercy, despite our behaviour
- Guides us despite our steps.
- Walks with us, despite our location
- Gives us grace, despite our sinful nature
- Helps us, despite our problems.

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

Rev 19:10 At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.”

The testimony of Jesus Christ refers to bearing witness to the transformative power of his teachings and redemptive message

Luke 12:11-12 do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense or what you are to say for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that hour what you ought to say”

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Preach the Gospel

Mark 16:15 He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the message of the good news of salvation offered to humanity by grace through faith in the finished works of Christ on the cross. It is our Heavenly Father’s plan for the happiness and salvation of His children, with the Atonement of Jesus Christ being central to this plan.

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:9-10

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Our Commission: The Ministry of Reconciliation

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are, therefore, Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. II Corinthians 5:18-20

Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. John 20:21

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Be the Light of the world

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Matthew 22:37-39

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. I John 4:11

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How do you facilitate to the Ministry of reconciliation?

1. Sin: The Problem: We have all sinned,
 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, Romans 3:23
2. God is just and must punish sin
 - if this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment. II Peter 2:9
3. Sin's penalty is death.
 - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23
4. Humanity cannot save itself.
 - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9
5. Christ: The Solution
 - 1 John 4:9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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Christ: The Solution

Who Jesus is: Jesus is God

- Jesus and the Father are one, and Jesus said this:
 - *John 10:38 30 "I and the Father are one."*
 - *John 14:9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time?" Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father?"*
- Jesus came as a man
 - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 8:1,14*

What Jesus Did:

- He took the penalty of your sin, which was death, upon Himself
 - *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man, someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6-8*

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Christ: The Solution

What Jesus Did:

- He purchased eternal life for us, which He offers as a gift to be received by faith
 - *12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. 13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.. 1 John 5:12-13*

What we need to do:

- We receive our salvation by faith, not by works
 - *We are saved by grace lest any man should boast. Eph 2:8-9*
- We choose to receive Christ and take up our cross.
 - *They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Acts 16:31*
 - *"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. Matthew 16:24-25*

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How to receive Christ?

1. Ask for forgiveness for your sins
2. Repent, choose to turn away from sin in your life.
3. Receive Jesus Christ by trusting in Him alone for forgiveness not your good works
4. Invite Him into your life, into your heart
5. Ask Him to be Lord of your life

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Asking Jesus to be your Lord

1. Father, I ask you, be Lord of my life
2. I ask you to help me do what your Word says
3. I ask you to help me make your Word a priority in my life
4. I ask you to enable me to value your principles, your values your commandments in my life
5. I ask you to discipline me, to convict me when I sin and give me the grace to ask forgiveness and to repent for my sins and turn to righteousness
6. I ask you to help me to be a doer of your Word and not just a hearer.

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Prayer for receiving Christ

1. Dear God in heaven, I come to you in the name of Jesus. I acknowledge to You that I am a sinner, and I am sorry for my sins and the life that I have lived; I need your forgiveness.
2. I believe that your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, shed His precious blood on the cross at Calvary and died for my sins, and I am now willing to turn from my sin.
3. You said in the bible that if we confess the Lord our God and believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, we shall be saved.
4. Right now I confess Jesus as my Lord. With my heart, I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead. This very moment, I accept Jesus Christ as my own personal Savior, and according to His Word, right now, I am saved .
5. I ask you to be my Lord and help me to make good decisions and guide me in righteousness. Amen

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The Cost of Discipleship

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus and turning to them. He said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters-- yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Hate 3404 /misēō, 'love less' than the Lord 3404 (misēō) which centers in moral choice, elevating one value over another.]

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:25-33

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The Cost of Discipleship



And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27

We love because He first loved us. 1 John 4:19

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. John 14:15

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Kingdom Child Care



The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts, and though all its parts are many, they form one body. We need to help new believers to know their role in the Kingdom

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:41-42

God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-16

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Personal Application: Journaling Exercise



Father, what would you like to say to me about sharing my faith?

Please write out your testimony and email it to me

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