

The Gospel Presentation

People Need the Lord

Question: If Jesus came today would you have the assurance that you would be saved and go to heaven?

There are only three possible answers, but only one answer is correct: 1) Yes, Jesus is my Savior; 2) Yes, I have lived a good life; 3) No, I would not.

1. Romans 3:10 - No one is perfect, or righteous.
2. Romans 3:23 - All have sinned and fall short.
3. Isaiah 64:6 - Our best deeds are tainted with selfishness. There is no one who is "good enough".
4. Jeremiah 13:23 - We are powerless to change. All of our promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand.

We Receive Eternal Life When We Accept Jesus

1. Revelation 3:20 - Jesus is speaking to us everyday asking us to let Him be our Savior and Lord. When we open the door of our heart Jesus will come in.
2. John 1:12 - Everyone who receives Jesus receives the right, the power, to become children of God.
3. Galatians 5:22-23 - When we accept Jesus we receive love, joy, peace, goodness and many other positive and powerful traits of character.
4. John 5:24 - When we believe in and accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord our sins are forgiven and we will never be condemned.
5. 1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all our sinful behaviors.

The Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven:

Thank you for your love for me. I know I am a sinner, but You have said You love me, and that You want to forgive my sins. Please forgive me for all my sins, and I thank You that you have forgiven me because You have promised that you would. I choose to accept You, Jesus, as my Lord and Savior. Please give me the gift of eternal life, and I thank you that now I have eternal life because of Your death and resurrection.

In Jesus' name,
Amen

The Gift of God is Eternal Life

1. Romans 6:23 - The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. The reason things like peace of mind, relationships, and purpose for living are lacking in our lives is because of sin.
2. Ephesians 2:8-9 - Real living, and eternal life is not something that can be earned by any attempt at good behavior, but is a gift from God when we accept Jesus as our Savior.
3. John 3:16 - God offers to give us eternal life because He loves us.
4. John 10:10 - God wants us to have an abundant life full of love, joy and lasting peace.

The Decision

Question: Is there any reason why you wouldn't want to receive Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

If they do not want to receive the Lord as their Savior at that moment, then do not push or insist. Simply say something like: "I understand. It is a big decision. I would never want to pressure you, but I will pray for you regarding this decision, and I hope we can talk about it again soon."

If they indicate they would like to receive Jesus as their Savior then say: "Wonderful! Let's pray right now." Then ask: "**Are you comfortable praying out loud?**" They will probably say "no". Then ask, "**Would you be willing to repeat a prayer after me?**" With relief they will say "yes".

The Confirmation

Now shake their hand, or hug them if appropriate, and say something like: "Welcome to the family of God! Today your sins are forgiven and you have eternal life because of what Jesus has done for you. You are now a Christian, a follower of Jesus, and He has a great plan for your life.

Continue by saying: "Now that You have received Jesus as your Lord and Savior determine to nurture your relationship with Him by prayer, Bible study and regular attendance at church. You will find a great deal of encouragement and help from other people who love Jesus."

Finally: "I would like to come by at least once each week to study and pray with you. Would that be okay?" Then establish a weekly appointment with your friend.