

How to Lead a Person to Faith in Christ

I. You Need To Be Saved...

...because you have sinned. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)

...because your sin has a penalty. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23a).

...because you cannot save yourself. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done" (Titus 3:5).

...because a day of wrath and judgment is coming. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." (Revelation 20:12)

(May be a good point to share your personal testimony and what led you to Christ.)

II. You Can Be Saved...

...because God loves you. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

...because Jesus died for you. "While you were yet sinners Christ died for you" (Romans 5:8).

...because God raised Jesus from the dead. "God. . . raised up Jesus. . . so he could grant repentance and bestow forgiveness and release from sins" (Acts 5:30-31).

III. Here's What You Must Do To Be Saved:

1. Repent (turn from sin). "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

2. Place your faith in Jesus. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8).

3. Make Jesus Lord. "That if you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved" (Romans 10:9).

(May be a good place to share how your life has changed since taking a step of faith)

IV. You Can Make This Commitment Right Now...

...by asking God to forgive you and save you, and by committing your life to Christ.

"He saved us and called us to be his own people, not because of what we have done, but because of his own purpose and grace...it has been revealed to us through the coming of our Savior, Christ Jesus. He has ended the power of death and through the gospel has revealed immortal life" (2 Timothy 1:9-10).

"Listen! This is the hour to receive God's favor; today is the day to be saved" (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Receiving Jesus

1. The reason why we need to be saved.

Romans 3:23 & Romans 6:23a

Romans 5:12-21 – Sin has entered into all mankind. We are born with a sinful nature and given the chance we will willingly sin. God will judge our sin. Whether it is one little lie or murder, God looks at all sin the same way. We may not like it and we may not fully understand it, but there must be a penalty for sin; and that penalty is utter separation from God and from anything holy, that place is hell.

2. The promise.

Romans 6:23b

1 Peter 1:1-5 – God welcomes us in His family and guarantees us to be resurrected to life eternal. God's willingness to save is shown on the cross – Romans 5:8, John 15:13, Colossians 2:13-14

3. The price paid for salvation.

John 3:16

II Corinthians 5:21 – Jesus substituted His life for ours, and since He was the only person to be sinless, God accepted His sacrifice for our sins; but we must accept Jesus as our Lord before it takes effect in our lives. John 14:6 – Understand that there is only one way to life eternal in heaven with God, and that is through faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has personally invited you to come to Him – Matthew 11:28-30

4. How do respond

Romans 10:9-11

Acts 2:38 – When you understand you are not in control and you must answer to someone higher, then you must understand the need to follow and do all that they command. You cannot expect to be saved if you are not sincere in the fact that your sins are sending you to hell. God is holy, and He expects His children to be holy.

We must by faith be willing to turn the control of our lives over to Jesus – Revelation 3:20, 1John 5:3

5. Guaranteed Acceptance for all who come by faith and believe

John 6:37 & John 1:12

Romans 10:12-13 & I John 5:1-4 - We are confident that Jesus will save us and that we are heaven bound when we come to Him by faith and are willing to sin out of our lives.

(Prayer for new believer)

Dear Heavenly Father, I have sinned and I have come short of your glory. Please forgive me of my sins and cleans me from all unrighteousness and make my spirit to be born again so I can have Jesus in my life as my Savior and Lord. I have realized that my own sins have condemned me and that the penalty for my sins is death in everlasting punishment in hell. I want to be saved from the day of wrath and to experience your love in my life.

Father I come to you with a broken heart and ask to be born-again through the atoning sacrifice of your Son Jesus Christ. Father I thank you for your love and your faithfulness and in the name of Jesus I thank you for my salvation; Amen.

(Prayer for someone who is out of fellowship with God – backslidden) *1 John 1:9*

Dear heavenly Father, In the name of Jesus Christ I confess I have been pulled away from you by my own desires and I confess I have sinned against you and that I have been disobedient to your word. Father I ask to be restored back into right fellowship with you today and ask that you forgive my transgressions and cleanse me from my unholy attitude toward you and your ways. I recognize that I have been in rebellion toward your love and I pray for added strength, commitment, and faith as I give my full attention to your calling. Father I am sorry for turning my face from you, and I confess today that I am fully committed to your service. I affirm and pray these things, in the name of Jesus; Amen.