

Lesson 2. S-Basic Gospel Points

Point # 1—Love

1. The First Basic Gospel Point—Love

Fill in the blanks below with the following two words: love, God.

1. There are five basic Gospel points. They are love, sin, substitution, belief/baptism, and growth.
2. The first point (of the five points) is love.
3. When we begin witnessing, we should start by telling the person about God's _____. (1Jn 4:8b-10)
4. We begin with love, because we want the listener to know first of all that the true ___ is full of love.
5. If a person does not know that the true God is full of love, he might have wrong concepts of God such as the following:
 - 1) He may think that the most important thing about ___ is that He has a set of rules He commands such as, "Don't drink. Don't smoke. Don't gamble."
 - 2) He may think that God is a higher being whom one must please before He will love him or give him anything.]
6. We want to begin by helping the listener know that God is full of unconditional _____.

2. Two Major Ways God Shows His Love for Us

Through Jesus Christ, God provides for our needs on earth as well as an eternity with Him in heaven after we die.

In the passage below, underline the following things:

- (1) Four specific things God provides for us on this earth
- (2) Three things that are included in the abundant life
- (3) How one experiences an abundant life

1. God provides our needs on earth.
 - 1) These include necessities of life such as food, drink, clothing and shelter. God does not want our lives to be full of anxiety. He provides for all our needs on this earth. (Mt 6:25-30)
 - 2) He also provides us with an abundant life on this earth. (Jn 10:10)
 - a. From Jn 15:9, 15:11, and 14:27, we learn that an abundant life includes love, joy and peace.
 - b. This abundant life comes through being a Christian with a close relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - c. It is *not* correct to paint a horrible picture of life on this earth because through Christ can experience an abundant life on earth. Without Him, no matter how much we possess on earth, we are not truly satisfied.

In the passage below, underline the following things:

- (4) Eleven things that are in heaven
 - (5) Nine things that are not in heaven
 - (6) Three reasons why we belong to God
2. Besides our earthly needs and an abundant life of love, joy, and peace, God also provides us with salvation so that through Jesus Christ we can go to heaven after we die. (Jn 14:2-6)

- 1) In heaven, there are living creatures, a throne, elders and many, many angels. (Rev 5:11) There are also twelve gates made of pearl and the city street of gold. (Rev 21:21) There is a river and the tree of life with twelve kinds of fruit. (Rev 22:2) Best of all, in heaven, there is God and the Lamb, Jesus. (Rev 22:3-4) The Lord Jesus is preparing mansions for us. (Jn 14:2) We cannot even imagine how great heaven is, as it is beyond our imagination. (1Co 2:9).
- 2) Some things are not in heaven. In heaven, there is no physical temple, because God, Himself, is the Temple in Whom we will live. (Rev 21:22) Night, lamps, and the sun also do not exist in heaven because the Lord God will be our light. (Rev 22:5) There will be no tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain in heaven. (Rev 21:4)
- 3) Of course, we cannot kill ourselves to get to heaven more quickly, because we belong to the Triune God and He tells us not to kill anyone, including ourselves. (Dt 5:17)
 - a. We belong to the Father, because He made us. (Ps 100:3)
 - b. We belong to the Son, because He bought us with His precious blood. (1Pe 1:18-19)
 - c. We belong to the Holy Spirit because our bodies are His temple. (1Co 6:19)

3. The John 3:16 Witnessing Method

1. Put your name in the space provided in the verse below. Read the verse aloud with your name in it.

For God so loved (your name) that He gave (your name) His only begotten Son that (your name) believes in Him, (your name) will not perish, but (your name) will have everlasting life. (Jn 3:16)

2. Put the name of the person to the right of you in the space provided.
For God so loved (his name) that He gave (his name) His only begotten Son that (his name) believes in Him (his name) will not perish, but (his name) will have everlasting life. (Jn 3:16)

Homework Assignments:

1. Read all of Lesson 2.
 - 1) Look at **1. The First Basic Gospel Point—Love**. Fill in the blanks as directed.
 - 2) Look at **2. Two Major Ways God Shows His Love for Us**. Underline the words as directed.
2. Look at **3. The John 3:16 Witnessing Method**. Before class tomorrow, find a person (preferably a non-Christian) and share with him Jn 3:16, putting his name in the text as you did in class.

Optional Homework Assignment:

Practice the WHOM DOES GOD LOVE? Method of Witnessing

1. Write in large letters on a sheet of paper the following two lines:

WHOM DOES GOD LOVE?
(Look on the other side to see the answer.)

On the other side of the paper write one large word as follows:

ME

(As a better alternative, put a mirror on the other side of the paper.)

2. Before class tomorrow, find one person (preferably a non-believer) and have him read this paper WHOM DOES GOD LOVE? without looking at the other side. If that person does not know how to read, tell him what it says. Ask him to guess the answer. Then show him the other side of the paper (where it says ME) and tell him that God loves him very much.