

Lesson 14. S-Complete Gospel Presentation
Fifth Method—Romans Method, Part 2

Introduction

Fill in the blanks with the following words: baptism, God, wickedness, sin, growth.

1. Today we continue to study the second part of the Romans Method of witnessing. In this lesson we will study the Romans Method, Point # 5, _____.
2. All the verses used are found in the book of Romans. We begin by looking at some Bible passages from Romans which explain what it means to grow in Christ.
3. We share in Jesus' death and resurrection when we are baptized (Ro 6:4-5). When we die and rise with Christ through _____, we begin a new life in which we are constantly growing in Christ, that is—dying to our old selves and rising to a new life lived for Him (Ro 6:11-13).
 - 1) Before we were alive to God in Christ Jesus, ___ reigned in our bodies.
 - a. We obeyed sin's passions.
 - b. We yielded the members of our bodies to sin as instruments of _____.
 - c. The result is eternal death (Ro 6:23).
 - 2) But now that we are alive in Christ Jesus, we are set free from sin (Ro 6:7). To be freed from sin means that
 - a. We will not be punished for our sin (Ro 6:22-23).
 - b. We are free from the power of sin to control us, for we have risen to a new life in Christ.
 - a) Now we are alive to God, that is, we live for ____.
 - b) We thus yield the members of our bodies to God. Our members are now instruments of righteousness so that we do the things we should do.
4. This is a constant _____ process. Paul admitted that he had a struggle with sin (Ro 7:19). We also need to continually use the power that Christ gives us to overcome sin again and again and to yield ourselves increasingly to Christ.

1. Areas in which We Grow in Christ

1. Below are verses that tell some of the areas in which we grow in Christ.

After each verse, write the way that we can grow in Christ.

- 1) Ro 1:15 _____
- 2) Ro 8:5 _____
- 3) Ro 8:14 _____
- 4) Ro 8:29a _____
- 5) Ro 12:2 _____
- 6) Ro 12:3 _____
- 7) Ro 12:11 _____
- 8) Ro 13:1a _____
- 9) Ro 13:8 _____
- 10) Ro 14:13a _____
- 11) Ro 14:19 _____
- 12) Ro 15:1a _____
- 13) Ro 15:2 _____

- 14) Ro 15:5 _____
 15) Ro 15:6 _____
 16) Ro 15:7a _____

2. Personal Evaluation

Read the above list of the sixteen areas in which you can grow in Christ.

- 1) Put a circle around the number(s) 1 to 16 to indicate the areas which are easiest for you to accomplish.
- 2) Put an "x" by the number(s) that are the most difficult for you to do.

2. How God Uses His Word to Help Us to Grow in Christ

Fill in the blanks with the following words: judge, standard, Savior, Spirit, forgiveness.

1. In order to help you grow in Christ, there are two categories of Bible verses you might memorize. They are Gospel Bible verses and Law Bible verses.

- 1) The first kinds of verses are Gospel Bible verses.
 - a. In this lesson we are studying two kinds of Gospel Bible verses. They tell us about:
 - a) God's forgiveness—such as Ro 3:24, Ro 5:6, Ro 5:8, Ro 6:4-5, Ro 6:23, Ro 10:13, and
 - b) God's strength which enables us to grow in Him—such as Ro 5:5, Ro 6:18, Ro 8:26, Ro 15:5a, Ro 16:25]
 - b. We need to memorize these Bible verses so that we are assured of God's _____ and know that He will give us strength to grow in Him.
- 2) The second kinds of verses are Law Bible verses which tell us about God's standards.
 - a. We should learn Law verses because
 - a) They keep us mindful of our sinfulness and need of the _____.
 - b) Memorizing them reminds us of God's _____ so that we can see more clearly where we need to improve and become more like Him.
 - b. Below are some examples from the 16 verses that we just studied in this lesson.
 - a) If it is easy for us to think only about things of this earth, it would be good to memorize Ro 8:5 to remind ourselves to set our minds on things of the _____.
 - b) If we often look down on others and judge them in different areas of their lives, it would be good for us to memorize Ro 14:13a to remind ourselves that we are not to _____ others.
 - c. All of the 16 verses we studied would be considered Law verses as they all tell us about God's standard in various different areas of our lives.

Write the following words in the blanks: strengthens, Law, Gospel

2. We should know how to distinguish between Law and Gospel Bible verses.
 - 1) The Bible verses about God's forgiving us and God's strengthening us are Gospel verses.
 - 2) The Bible verses about the things that we are expected to do are _____ verses.
3. We need to memorize both Law and _____ Bible verses.
4. It is important to keep this Point # 5 about growing in Christ from being a legalistic demand that God makes upon us. Rather we need to remind ourselves again and again that God forgives us and _____ us.

Homework Assignments:

1. Fill in the blanks in this lesson.
2. Look again at the verses you marked with an “x” in class. Pray and ask God to show you what practical steps you need to take in order to change in these areas of your weakness. Write down these steps and ask God for strength to change. You do not need to hand in this assignment. If you so desire, however, your teacher will be happy to talk and pray with you about how you want to grow in Christ.

Optional Homework Assignments:

1. Memorize Ro 5:6 about God’s forgiveness and Ro 16:25a about His strength. Be prepared to recite these Gospel verses in class tomorrow.
2. Memorize one of the Law verses above (1 to 16) which you marked with an “x” to help remind you about your need to grow in that area.