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INTRODUCTION

In a compelling passage of Scripture in the book of Matthew, Jesus told His disciples:

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

(*Matthew 9:37–38*)

When Christians answer the call to labor in God's field of harvest, they may be sent across the street to witness to a neighbor or across the ocean to a different culture. These workers must be prepared to answer a variety of questions and arguments when they confront people with the truth about heaven, hell, and eternity.

Through His Word, God has revealed Himself and given the answer to every doubt and every need in the heart of man. *How to Witness to Anyone* conveniently groups Scriptures according to topics, providing the Christian laborer with a valuable tool for ministry. The subjects and Scriptures correspond to R. A. Torrey's larger and more detailed work, *How to Bring Men to Christ*.

Study these Scriptures and prepare your heart to testify about the Lord Jesus Christ. Then, when someone with whom you are sharing the gospel says, "I can't give up my evil ways," or, "I will lose my friends if I come to Christ," you

can reply using God's own Word. Therefore, prepare yourself, and then allow God to use you in the glorious ministry of reconciliation.

YOU CAN BE A SOULWINNER

Certain requirements must be fulfilled for real success in leading lost souls to Christ. Fortunately, these are few and simple, and anyone can meet them.

First, be a born-again believer. If you desire to bring others to Christ, you must turn away from all sin, worldliness, and selfishness, allowing Jesus to be Lord over your thoughts, purposes, and actions.

Second, truly love others and long for their salvation. If you have no love for other souls, your efforts will be mechanical and powerless. But if you, like Paul, have great heaviness and continual pain in your heart for the unsaved (see Romans 9:2), the earnestness in your tone and manner will impress even the most uninterested person. Furthermore, you will be watching for opportunities to tell people about Jesus.

Third, have a working knowledge of the Bible. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit (see Ephesians 6:17), which God uses to convict people of sin, to reveal Christ, and to regenerate the lost. You must use the Bible to bring people to Christ.

Fourth, pray frequently. Pray about whom you should speak to and what you should say. Pray that you will speak powerfully.

Fifth, be baptized in the Holy Spirit. After Jesus gave His disciples the Great Commission, He told them:

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

The next two chapters contain promises from God's Word that explain His plan of salvation. Several chapters that follow give specific verses to answer the many objections that unbelievers have to God's plan. Then, there are chapters containing verses to help the new believer to become stronger and to weather difficult times. The final chapter gives valuable hints for you, the soulwinner.

THE PROMISE OF SALVATION

1. All Have Sinned

There is no difference: for all have sinned,
and come short of the glory of God.

(Romans 3:22–23)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us....If we say that we have
not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not
in us.

(1 John 1:8, 10)

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy
heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
This is the first and great commandment.

(Matthew 22:37–38)

If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord,
who shall stand?

(Psalm 130:3)

2. The Consequences of Sin and Unbelief

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it
cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.
(*Isaiah 57:20–21*)

Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.
(*John 8:34*)

For as many as are of the works of the law are
under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every
one that continueth not in all things which are
written in the book of the law to do them.
(*Galatians 3:10*)

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life:
and he that believeth not the Son shall not see
life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
(*John 3:36*)

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he
that believeth not is condemned already, because
he hath not believed in the name of the only begot-
ten Son of God.
(*John 3:18*)

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is
eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(*Romans 6:23*)

The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his
mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on
them that know not God, and that obey not the gos-
pel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished

with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.

(*2 Thessalonians 1:7–9*)

Ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. (*John 8:24*)

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

(*Revelation 21:8*)

He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

(*Hebrews 10:28–29*)

3. God's Love for Man

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*)