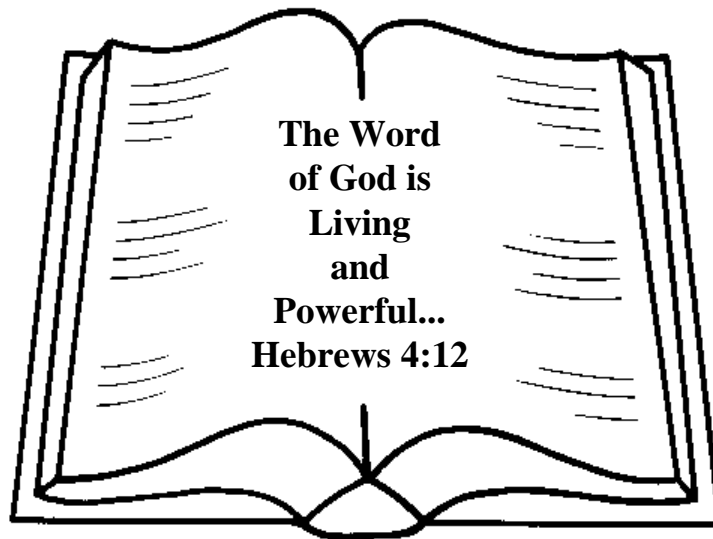


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Introduction

Our Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20 is to **Make Disciples**. In those verses we have one command, **Make Disciples**, and three participles which tell us how to carry out that command. Those three participles are: **going**, **baptizing** and **teaching** them to obey all things. Since the first participle is going, we see that it is while we are going that we have the opportunity to share the Gospel and lead people to Christ. One of the ways that we can do this is by having Evangelistic Bible Studies with people where they live, work or spend their free time. As you can see, such Bible studies can be taught in homes, during lunch hour at work or in any other place where people spend time.

Since the salvation of people who are not yet Christians happens through supernatural means rather than through natural means, every phase of the process of evangelism must be bathed in prayer. Christ told the disciples the night before His crucifixion in John 15:5, “Without me you can do nothing.” If we seek to do God’s work in God’s way we will see God’s results rather than just our own efforts.

In Isaiah 55:8-9 we read, “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Only as we study the Word of God and pray for understanding will we know God’s thoughts and understand God’s ways. That is why it is essential that every part of our preparation for evangelistic Bible studies and every part of our teaching of evangelistic Bible studies must focus on prayer.

In addition, evangelism is just the beginning of the process of **Making Disciples**. When people place their trust in Christ, the event of salvation has happened but the process of **Making Disciples** has just begun. Christ has called us to help each Christian grow to maturity in Christ and become fully equipped to obey the Great Commission to **Make Disciples**. Throughout this entire process, we will only know God’s thoughts and God’s ways as we study the Word of God and pray for understanding to know how to apply what we are learning. We will be effective as we obey the words of I Thessalonians 5:17:

“Pray without Ceasing”

**Building our relationships in our Jerusalem,
Judea, Samaria and to the end of the earth**

Acts 1:8

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.

Understanding our: Meaning of each of these areas for us today

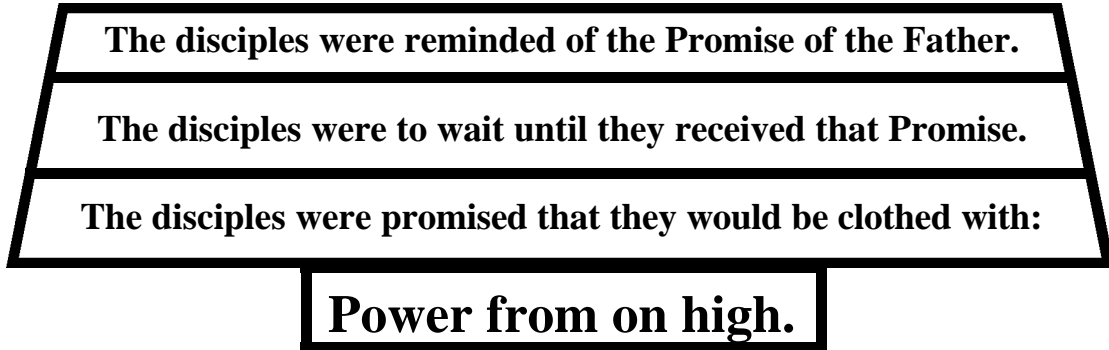
Jerusalem	Jerusalem was the city where Christ spoke these words. Our Jerusalem is our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others that we know or have met.
Judea	Judea was the area surrounding Jerusalem and could be compared to our county or metropolitan area. Our Judea is the people of our culture in our county or metropolitan area that we do not know.
Samaria	Samaria was a nearby area and the people were from a different ethnic group, a different culture and had a different religion. Our Samaria is the people in our surrounding area who are of a different ethnic group, culture or religion.
end of the earth	The end of the earth involves all people who are not in one of the groups previously mentioned.

Barriers which we cross to reach out to the people in each of these areas

Jerusalem	the barrier of our own fear
Judea	the barrier of getting acquainted with strangers
Samaria	the barrier of understanding a different ethnic group, culture or religion
the end of the earth	the barrier of learning another language or going to another part of the world

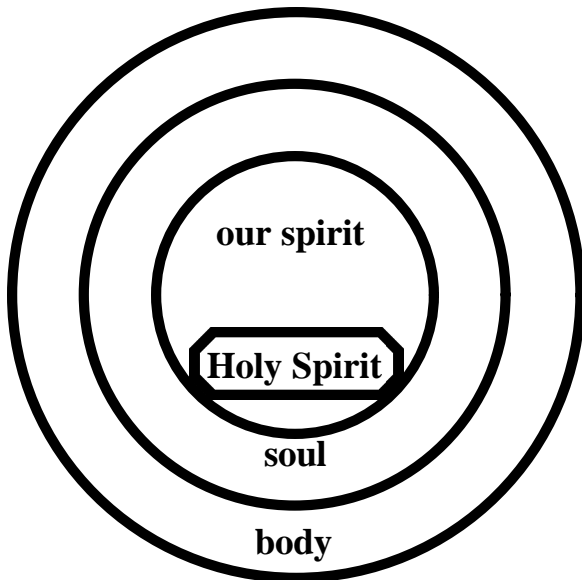
Learning to cross the barrier of our own fear

**Recognize that we have no power to witness on our own
Luke 24:46-49**



**Understand the source of our power is the Holy Spirit
Acts 1:8**

- 1. We were given the Holy Spirit as a gift at the moment of salvation -
Acts 2:38, Romans 8:14-16**
- 2. We will accomplish nothing if we try to witness in our own strength -
John 15:5, I Thessalonians 5:19, Ephesians 4:30-32**
- 3. We will witness with boldness if we witness in the power of the Holy Spirit
II Timothy 1:7, Ephesians 5:18, Acts 4:31**



**When we depend on our own strength,
we quench and grieve the Holy Spirit.**



**When we are filled with the Spirit,
we speak the Word of God boldly.**

Learning to cross the barrier of getting acquainted with strangers

We must be motivated to get acquainted with strangers by the love of Christ
II Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And *that* he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.



We will get acquainted with strangers as we are moved with compassion
Matthew 9:36-38

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto 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.

Do we see people as Christ saw people?

We will get acquainted with strangers as we let the Holy Spirit lead us
Acts 8:4

Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

Acts 11:19

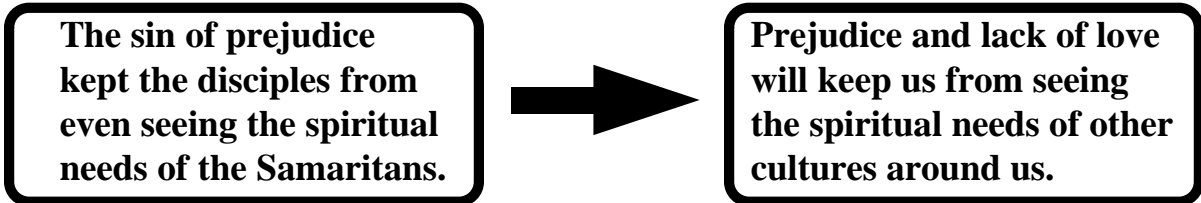
Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

Acts 16:6-9

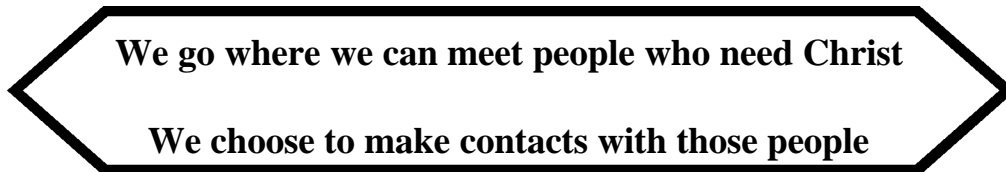
Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

Learning to cross the barrier of understanding a different ethnic group, culture or religion

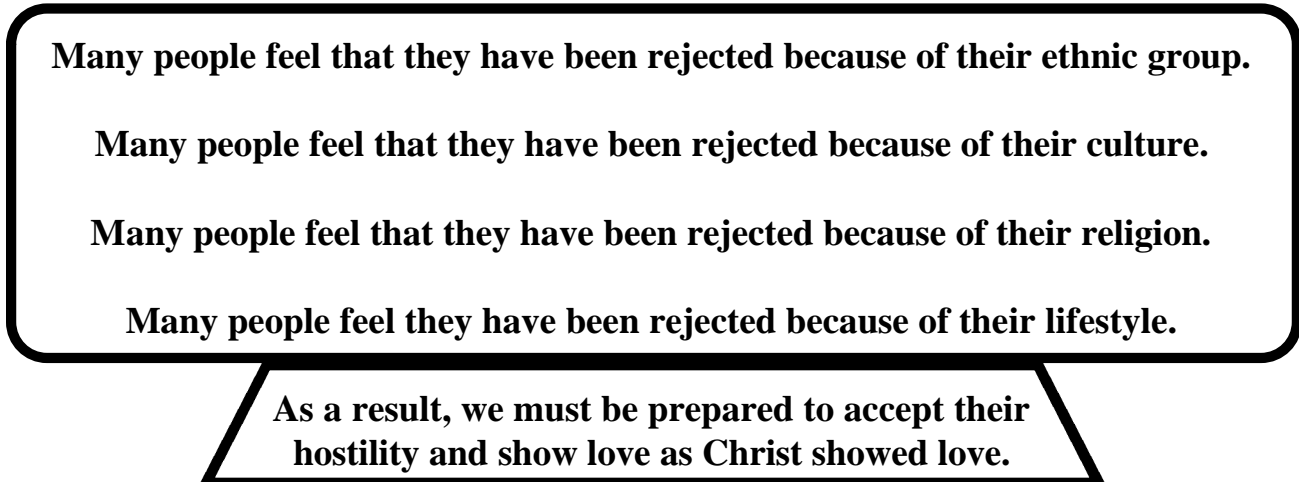
**We must lift up our eyes and see these other groups
John 4:35**



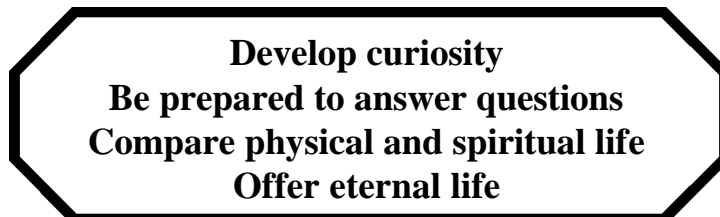
**We must take the initiative to make the first contact
John 4:5-7**



**We must accept their hostility without feeling personally rejected
John 4:9**



**We must be prepared to share the gift of God
John 4:10-14**



**We must be prepared for defensiveness about sin
John 4:15-18**

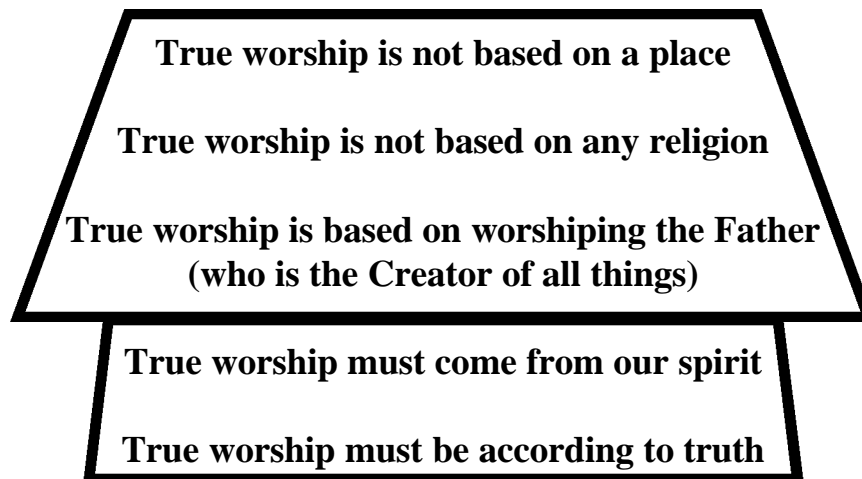
Focus on reaching the family, especially the husband, in evangelism

Be prepared to accept the fact that the person may have a sinful past

Complement the person for telling the truth

**We must distinguish between where we worship and who we worship
John 4:19-24**

**Many people will question what religion is right
We must carefully show that:**

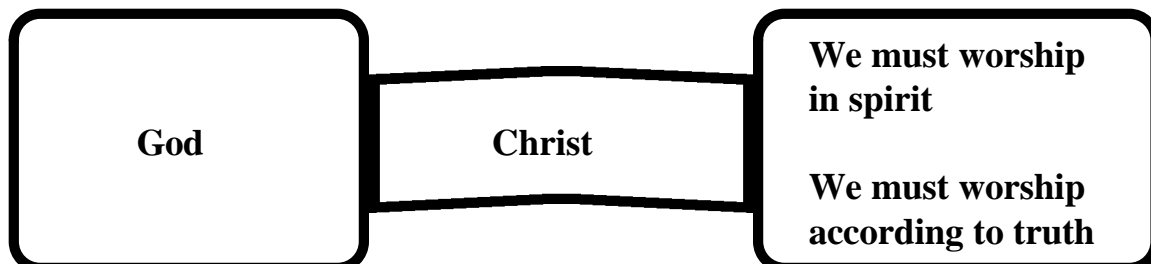


**We must remember that our purpose is to introduce people to Christ
John 4:24-26**

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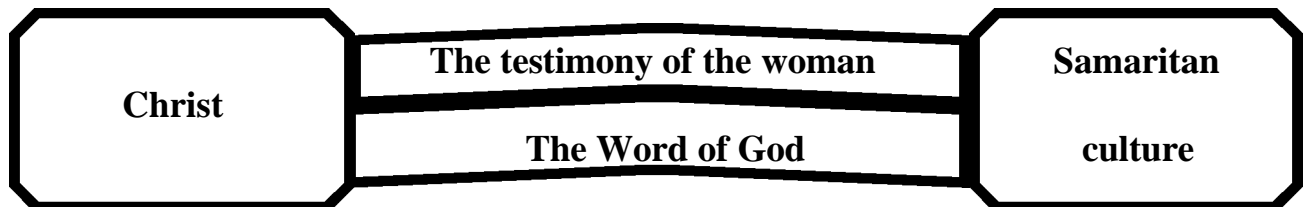
Bridge to God

Mankind



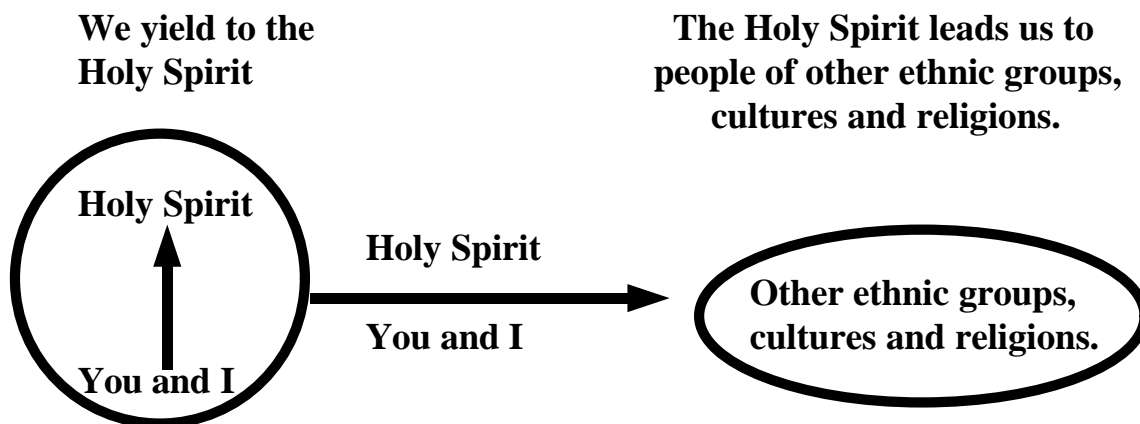
**We must allow time for the person of another culture time to discuss Christ
with their family, friends and community
John 4:28-30, John 4:39-42**

The bridges to bring Christ to another culture

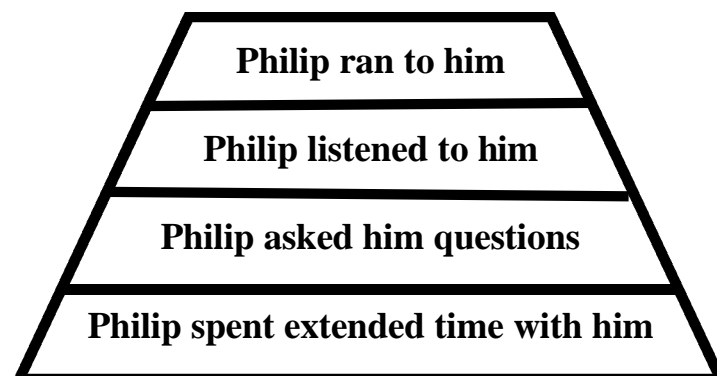


**We must depend on the leading of the Holy Spirit to minister effectively
to a different ethnic group, culture or religion**

**Philip was led by the Spirit as he went to the Samaritans and the Ethiopian
Acts 8:4-5, Acts 8:29**

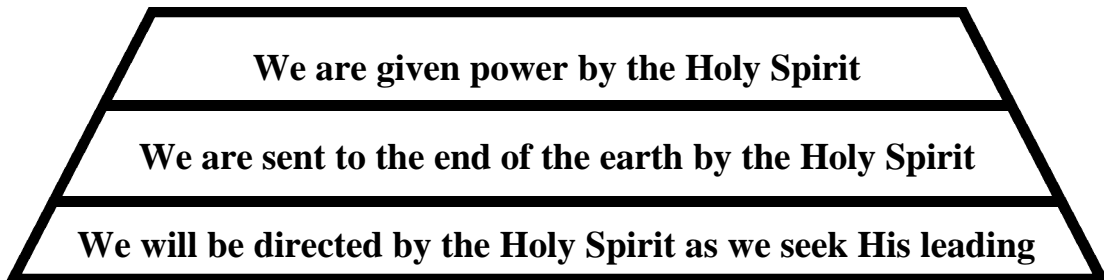


**We let the Holy Spirit guide our contacts and lead in building bridges
Acts 8:30-34**



The barrier of another language or going to another part of the world

**We must remember that we are sent and given power by the Holy Spirit
Acts 1:8, Acts 13:1-3**



**We may meet three different groups of people in another part of the world
Acts 17:16-17**

The three groups	Their beliefs	Where we meet them
Jews	Believe in the Old Testament	In the synagogue
Gentile worshipers	Believe in the true God	In a place of worship
Everyone else who happens to be there	Believe in their own gods and philisophies	In the marketplace, their homes or any other place

**We need to understand the backgrounds of the people in the marketplace
Acts 17:18**

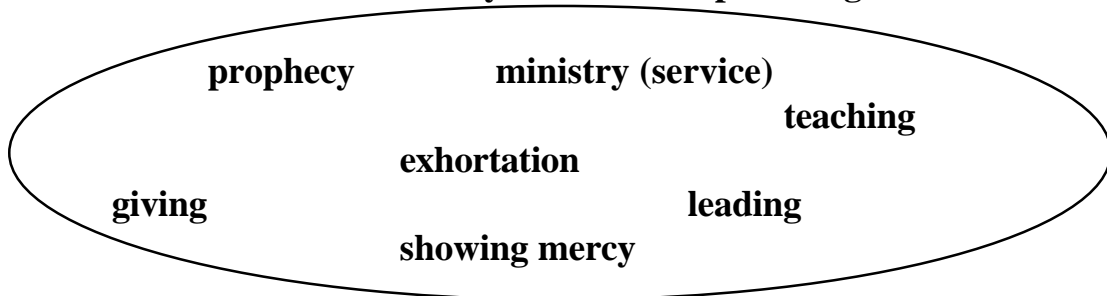
The various people	The various ideas of these people
The Epicureans	This group had given up on finding truth and were just living for pleasure.
The Stoics	This group said that they could be self-sufficient and lived a very disciplined life.
Those who called Paul a babbler	The group that called Paul a babbler were those who mocked and made fun.
Those who called Paul a proclaimer of foreign gods.	This group was those who had a fear of evil spirits or were involved in various forms of idol worship. (foreign gods is demons in all other uses)

Building our relationships for evangelism through our spiritual gifts

Every Christian has one or more of these spiritual gifts but no one has them all
Romans 12:3-8

For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, *let us wait on our* ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

**One body is made up of many different members (people)
who have a variety of different spiritual gifts**



Two ways we use our spiritual gifts
I Peter 4:10-11

As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Spiritual gifts are primarily to serve other Christians

However, we can also use them effectively in evangelism

The two ways we exercise our spiritual gifts

Speaking

Serving

Understanding how each spiritual gift can be used for evangelism

The most effective use of our spiritual gifts for evangelism will involve working as a team so that we develop relationships and share in a variety of ways

I Corinthians 3:5-8

Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

We are all to build relationships with those who are not yet Christians

Some build relationships by what they say.	Some build relationships by what they do.
How do you most effectively build relationships with non-Christians?	

The way we build healthy relationships is often related to our spiritual gifts

I Corinthians 12:4-7

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

God has given us different ways of doing what we do

God	What God gives us
The Holy Spirit	Gives us <u>different gifts</u> to serve one another effectively.
Christ	Gives us <u>different ways</u> to minister and serve one another effectively.
The Father	Gives us <u>supernatural energy and power</u> to serve effectively.

Understanding how our spiritual gifts affect the way we build relationships

Depending on our spiritual gifts, we will often build relationships both with Christians and with non-Christians in different ways.

The gift of prophecy

I Corinthians 14:3, I Peter 1:10, Jude 14-15

The gift of prophecy: To quote the Word of God to edify, to exhort and to comfort, to announce the grace which is provided in salvation and to warn of judgment for ungodly deeds. Since the prophets gave us the completed written Word of God, the gift of prophecy does not speak about giving new revelation since that is clearly forbidden in Revelation 22:18-19. Instead the one with the gift of prophecy is to prophesy what has already been written down in the Word of God. The person with this gift will often quote the Scripture without explaining it as Peter did in his sermon in Acts 2. The person with this gift must show great love and compassion when building relationships with a non-Christian.

Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Seeking them where they are	Luke 19:1-10
Spending time with them	Luke 5:27-32
Showing compassion	Matthew 9:36-37
Sharing about repentance	Luke 5:31-32
Sharing about forgiveness	John 8:1-11
Sharing the answer to fear	Jude 20-23, Hebrews 2:14-15

The gift of serving (ministering)

Romans 16:1-2, I Corinthians 16:15, II Corinthians 8:1-4

The gift of serving: To serve the saints by helping, by serving, by sharing and by devoting out time to the ministry of the saints. This gift will often involve manual projects and short term goals. The Christian who has the gift of serving will usually emphasize practical ways to help others. This will involve many different kinds of ministry but the purpose will be to serve others.

The gift of serving (ministering)
Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Helping others	I Corinthians 16:1-2
Providing meals	Acts 6:1-6
Meeting needs	Acts 9:36-39
Being a helper	Acts 13:5, II Timothy 4:11
Working as a team to bring people to Christ	Mark 2:4-5
Providing hospitality	I Peter 4:7-9

The gift of teaching (doctrine)
I Timothy 4:16, Titus 2:7-8, Titus 1:9

The gift of teaching: To spend much time in study so that there will be purity of doctrine in all teaching. This teaching will include both teaching those who want to learn and refuting those who contradict. The Christian with the gift of doctrine will tend to emphasize purity of doctrine and will emphasize the importance of much study in order to make certain that there is purity of doctrine. The concern of one who has this gift is for sound doctrine in all teaching and the application of that teaching so that it produces obedience and godly living. With this gift we must make certain that we do not substitute study for building relationships with people.

Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Being an example	I Timothy 4:12-16
Discussing people's questions	John 3:1-21
Spending time working together	Acts 18:1-3
Teaching the truth	Titus 2:7-8
Explaining the truth	Acts 18:26, 19:18, Titus 1:9
Showing and teaching Publicly and house to house	Acts 20:20-21

The gift of exhorting
I Thessalonians 4:9-10, I Timothy 6:1-2, Titus 2:15, Titus 2:4-5

The gift of exhorting: To encourage the saints to love, to good works and to godly living by giving specific steps so that the Word of God will not be blasphemed. The Christian who has the gift of exhorting will tend to emphasize growth toward spiritual maturity so that the Word of God will not be blasphemed. He will urge others to pursue a course of conduct which is always perspective, looking toward the future. The person with this gift will often encourage individuals to take small specific steps which will help them work toward spiritual development and spiritual goals.

Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Showing brotherly love	I Thessalonians 4:9-10
Showing your good works	I Timothy 6:1-2
Speaking and encouraging	Titus 2:15
Giving wise counsel	Titus 2:4-5
Being a good listener	James 1:19-20
Providing an example	I Corinthians 4:16
Comforting the troubled	II Corinthians 1:3-4
Urging reconciliation to God	II Corinthians 5:20

The gift of giving (sharing)
Romans 12:8, Romans 1:11-12, Ephesians 4:28, I Thessalonians 2:8

The gift of giving: To give generously so that faith may be strengthened, needs may be met and others may be able to minister because we have given of our own souls. The Christian who has the gift of giving tends to emphasize giving to needs which are often not recognized by others. There will also often be an emphasis on giving to missions so that the Word of God can be carried worldwide. The person with the gift of giving will often encourage other Christians to share in the ministry of giving so that his or her giving is multiplied.

The gift of giving (sharing)
Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Sharing generously	Romans 12:8
Sharing encouragement	Romans 1:11-12
Sharing with genuine needs	Ephesians 4:28
Sharing your life	I Thessalonians 2:8
Sharing for basic needs	Luke 3:11
Sharing reconciliation with God	II Corinthians 5:18
Sharing with the poor	II Corinthians 9:6-9

The gift of leading
I Thessalonians 5:12, Titus 3:8, Titus 3:14

The gift of leading: To lead under the leadership of the Lord so that the good works of all will be profitable and fruitful. The word translated lead actually means to stand before or lead. In order to lead effectively, God has given the person with this gift the ability to see what a church or other ministry needs to do to accomplish the work of God in the future. The Christian who has the gift of leading (ruling) tends to take a long range view and to make long range plans so that the work of God can be completed smoothly and efficiently. The person with this gift will often be given insight by the Lord which helps that person to see what a group needs to do to move forward and make progress in their ministry.

Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Being quick to make contacts	Romans 12:8
Using your leadership to build bridges	I Thessalonians 5:12
Maintaining good works	Titus 3:8

The gift of leading (continued)

Organizing good works	Titus 3:14
Leading your own home so that others will seek help	I Timothy 3:4-5, 12
Leading others in outreach and evangelism	Acts 10:23-24 Acts 11:12

The gift of showing mercy

Matthew 20:30-34, II Corinthians 1:3-4, Romans 12:8

The gift of showing mercy: To feel such sympathy with the misery of another that it produces comfort and thankfulness for the opportunity to show mercy. The Christian who has the gift of showing mercy tends to be more sensitive to the inner feelings of others and demonstrates loving concern to those who are in inner distress. The person with this gift is usually effective at offering comfort to those experiencing inner distress.

Build relationships and show love to non-Christians by:

Showing compassion	Matthew 20:30-34, Jude 22
Giving comfort to the troubled	II Corinthians 1:3-4
Responding quickly to needs	Romans 12:8
Showing mercy and offering life	Romans 11:29-32
Telling about Christ's mercy	Mark 5:19
Showing mercy to the oppressed	Matthew 15:22, Matthew 17:15
Sharing the mercy of God	Romans 11:30-32

Discerning the basic type of Bible study needed

A. Some individuals needs confrontation

(these are church attendees who depend on their own efforts)

- 1. Nicodemus (depended on religious involvement) - John 3:1-21**
- 2. The rich young ruler (depended on his own works) - Mark 10:17-22, Matthew 19:16-26, Luke 18:18-27**

Characteristics of individuals who need confrontation

usually know the Bible - John 3:1, Mark 10:19

have a high respect for God - John 3:2

have a high respect for Christ - John 3:2, Mark 10:17

have a desire for eternal life - John 3:3-5, Mark 10:17

have tried to live a good life - John 3:1-2, Mark 10:19-20

are depending on their own efforts - John 3:3-5, Mark 10:17-20

Christ's approach

He made an immediate confrontation - John 3:3, Mark 10:18

He focused on asking and answering questions - John 3:4, 9, 10-13, Mark 10:18

He used illustrations from the Bible - John 3:14-15, Mark 10:19

He demonstrated love even in confrontation - John 3:16, Mark 10:21

He offered two choices

 salvation and eternal life - John 3:16-17, Mark 10:21

 eternal judgment for sin - John 3:18-20, Mark 10:21

He explained the results of salvation - John 3:21, Mark 10:21

Using confrontation in evangelism

confront with Scripture - John 3:14-15, Mark 10:19

confront with love - John 3:16-17, Mark 10:21

confront by pointing out choices and consequences - John 3:16-21, Mark 10:21

Effective books for confrontational evangelistic Bible studies

John, Mark, Luke, Matthew

B. Some individuals need clarification

(these are often interested church attendees who have never understood the meaning of repentance and faith) - Acts 20:21, I Thessalonians 1:9-10

- 1. the Ethiopian (needed the Gospel clearly explained) - Acts 8:26-40**
- 2. the Bereans (needed small group Bible study) - Acts 17:11-12**
- 3. Apollos (needed one-to-one clarification) - Acts 18:24-26**

Characteristics of individuals who need clarification

they accept the Word of God - Acts 8:28-35, Acts 17:11, Acts 18:24-26

they are trying to understand the Word of God - Acts 8:28, 17:11, 18:24-26

they are interested in having the Word of God explained - Acts 8:30-31

they are willing to do outside study - Acts 17:11, Acts 18:24-26

Philip, Paul, Aquila and Priscilla's approach

they looked for people who were open and searching - Acts 8:28-31, 17:11

they asked questions - Acts 8:30, Acts 17:11

they answered questions - Acts 8:34-35, Acts 17:11

they encouraged them to study of the Word of God - Acts 8:35, Acts 17:11

they spent time individually and in small groups - Acts 8:26-40, 17:11, 18:24-26

Using clarification in evangelism

listen to find out what is understood - Acts 8:30-31, Acts 18:24-26

be available to explain the things that are not clear - Acts 8:31, Acts 18:24-26

use the Scripture - Acts 8:32-35, Acts 17:11, Acts 18:24-26

listen to find out what is not understood - Acts 8:34, Acts 18:24-26

focus on Christ and what He has done - Acts 8:35, Acts 17:11-12

make certain the person clearly understands - Acts 8:35

Effective books for clarification Bible studies

Genesis - if they need sin clarified or need more Biblical background

Matthew - person with Jewish or Old Testament background

Mark - person who wants just the facts

Luke - person who thinks visually or wants to understand the humanity of Christ

John - person who thinks verbally or is trying to understand the Deity of Christ

C. Some individuals need compassion

(these individuals feel I am “too bad” to be accepted by God)

- 1. Matthew (had rejected to acceptable standards of culture and religion) - Matthew 9:9-13**
- 2. the prodigal son (had lived a wild life) - Luke 15:11-24**
- 3. the Samaritan woman (had grown up in a different religion and culture and had lived a sinful life) - John 4:1-42**
- 4. the woman taken in adultery (was caught in “sin”) - John 8:1-11**

Characteristics of individuals who need compassion

they may have been rebellious - Matthew 9:9, Luke 15:12-13, John 8:4

they may want to deny their past - John 4:17-19

they usually feel rejected by others - Matthew 9:11, Luke 15:25-32, John 4:9

they respond to acceptance - Matthew 9:9-10, John 4:28-30, John 8:11

they want mercy and forgiveness - Matthew 9:12-13, Luke 15:19, John 8:11

they will become willing to deal with their past - Luke 15:17-19, John 4:39

Christ’s approach

Christ showed acceptance - Matthew 9:9-10, Luke 15:20-22, John 4:7, 8:10

Christ accepted religious criticism - Matthew 9:11, John 4:31-38, 8:3-6

Christ chose to forgive - Matthew 9:12, Luke 15:21-22. John John 4:10, 8:11

Christ focused on reaching family and friends - Matthew 9:9-10, John 4:39-42

Using compassion in evangelism

go where people live, work and spend their free time - Matthew 9:9-10,

John 4:5-7, John 8:1-3, Luke 19:1-10

accept people as they are - Matthew 9:9-10, Luke 15:20, John 4:7-10, 8:10-11

don’t get sidetracked by questions of religion - John 4:19-21

focus on introducing people to Christ - Matthew 9:9-10, John 4:25-26, 8:10-11

Effective books for compassion Bible studies

John, Luke, Mark, Matthew

D. Some individuals need to begin at creation

(these individuals have no background of the Bible)

The people of Athens (these people had no knowledge of the Bible)- Acts 17:16-34

Characteristics of the people at Athens

the people were given to idol worship - Acts 17:16
the people gathered daily at the marketplace - Acts 17:17
the people had no understanding of Paul's message - Acts 17:18
the people wanted to learn about Paul's message - Acts 17:19-20
the people enjoyed empty talk - Acts 17:21
the people were very religious - Acts 17:22
the people did not know what they worshiped - Acts 17:23
the people either mocked or questioned - Acts 17:32

Paul's approach

Paul met them where they spent time - Acts 17:17
Paul took time to listen to them - Acts 17:18-21
Paul observed and tried to understand their worship - Acts 17:22-23
Paul focused on the following order:

Creation → Creator → Repentance → Resurrection

Must now make a choice

Paul gave them time to think, then followed up those who responded - 17:32-34

Using creation in evangelism

meet people where they live, work and spend their free time - Acts 17:17
take time to observe and listen to their ideas and beliefs - Acts 17:16-23
begin with creation and the Creator - Acts 17:24-27
use illustrations from their background - Acts 17:28
focus on the resurrection, repentance and faith and the choices - Acts 17:29-33
follow-up those who respond - Acts 17:34

Effective books for beginning with creation

Genesis 1:1-12:3 followed by one of the Gospels
choose the Gospel that is most appropriate to their background
(see effective books for clarification Bible studies - page 17)

Teaching an Evangelistic Bible Study
(Luke 24:13-48 gives us a pattern Christ used for effective Bible study)

Encourage people to share what is going on in their lives
Luke 24:13-24

Christ took the initiative to make the initial contact
Luke 24:13-16

And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed *together* and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.

People often have their minds controlled by what is happening in their lives

They think about those things

They talk about those things

They are looking for answers to those things

They will even open up strangers about those things

Christ asked them a question about their concerns
Luke 24:17-18

And he said unto them, What manner of communications *are* these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad? And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

Christ asked them both about their thoughts and their feelings

What are you talking about?

Why are you sad?

True communication involves both the thoughts and the feelings of others

Christ listened to learn both their thoughts and feelings

Luke 24:19-24

And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre; And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

The two reported the facts

Christ had been a mighty prophet

Christ had been condemned to death

Christ had been crucified

Christ was reported to have risen from the dead

The two reported their thoughts and feelings

Their trust had been shattered

They were astonished at what they were told

They thought the women had seen a vision

They had heard the same things from others

They did not believe since no one had seen Christ

**Many people are not able to study the Word of God
until they share their thoughts and feelings**

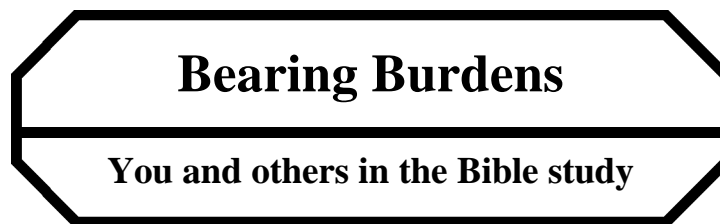
**Bring the things they share to God
(the two had shared their concerns with Christ)**

**We bring their concerns to God through prayer
Exodus 18:19**

Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:

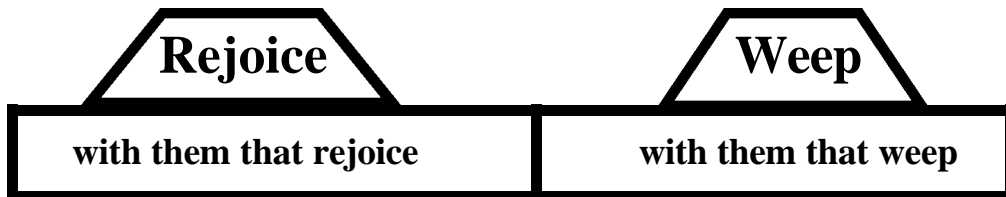
**Share their burdens
Galatians 6:2**

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.



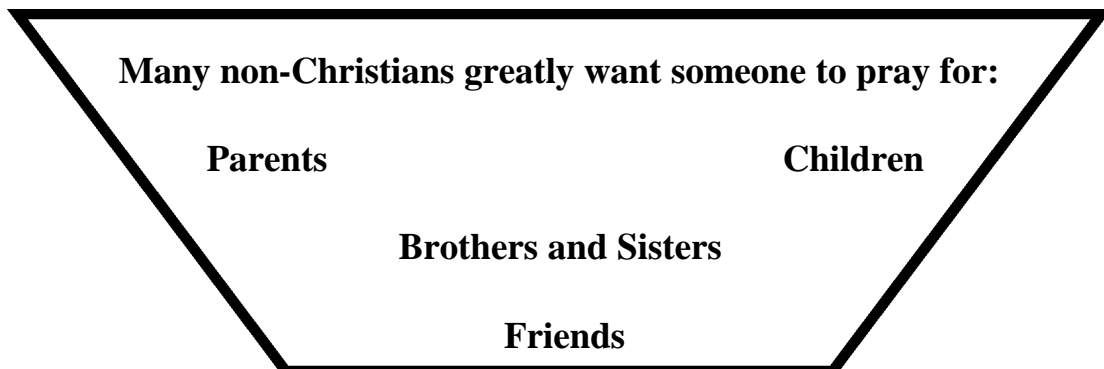
**Share their joys and their sorrows
Romans 12:15**

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.



**Share their concerns for their families
Luke 15:13**

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.



**Leading the Bible study
Luke 24:25-27**

**Christ focused on the reliability of the Word of God
Luke 24:25**

Then he said unto them,
O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

People may question the existence of God
People may question the Word of God

**Christ focused on His death and resurrection
Luke 24:26**

Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures
Christ was buried
Christ rose again the third day according to the Scriptures
Christ was seen by more than 500 witnesses
I Corinthians 15:3-6**

**Christ focused on what the Scriptures taught about Him
Luke 24:27**

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Christ explained the teachings of Moses about Himself
Christ explained the teaching of the prophets about Himself
We may need to teach what Moses says about Christ
We may need to teach what the prophets say about Christ
We may need to teach what one of the Gospels says about Christ

Discussing how what they are learning applies to their lives
Luke 24:28-48

Christ took time for fellowship after Bible study
Luke 24:28-32

And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

Christ went to their home
Christ spent time talking in their home
Christ enjoyed their food with them
Christ gave them a visual illustration while eating
Christ saw people whose hearts were changed

Christ gave time for the two to report to others
Luke 24:33-35

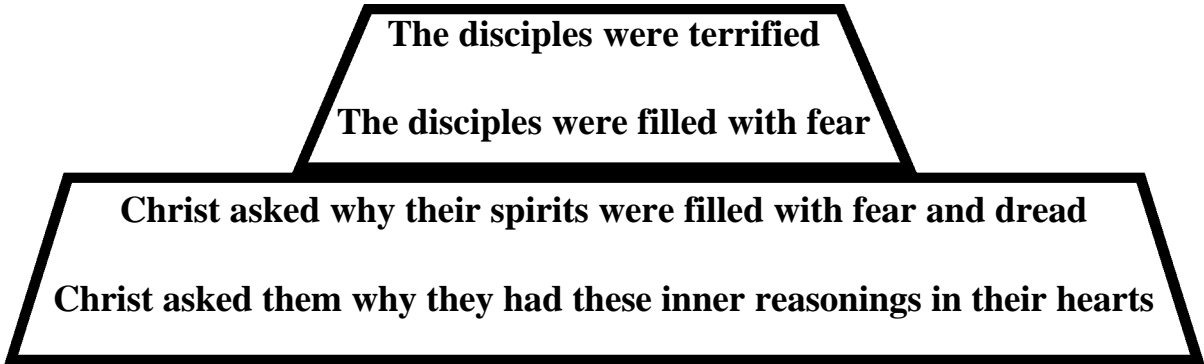
And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things *were done* in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

The two were changed
The two wanted to tell others immediately
They told what they heard on the way
They told what they had seen
They told how they knew Christ

Christ took time to deal with their fears

Luke 24:36-38

And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?



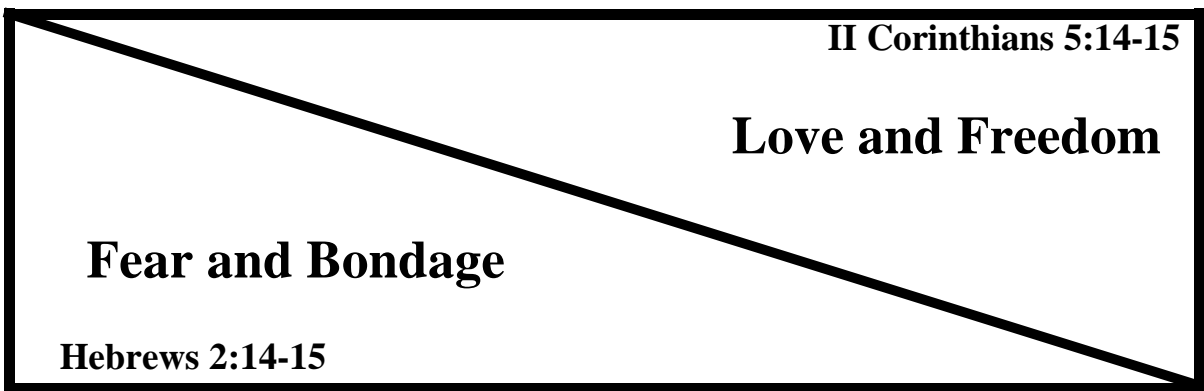
All people are motivated by either fear or love

I John 4:18

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Fear

Love



This fear and bondage goes clear back to Adam and Eve.

When they sinned, they experienced five things.

Genesis 3:7-13



Christ took time to give evidence of His resurrection

Luke 24:39-43

Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them *his* hands and *his* feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And he took *it*, and did eat before them.

He showed them His hands and His feet

He ate some food in front of them

Christ took time to re-explain things He had taught before

Luke 24:45-46

And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

People often need the Word of God re-explained

People often need time to think through the Word of God

People often need time to put salvation all together

**Christ took time to re-explain about His death and resurrection
and the need for repentance and the forgiveness of sin**

Luke 24:46-48

And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things.

People often need to review the death and resurrection

People often need the meaning of repentance explained

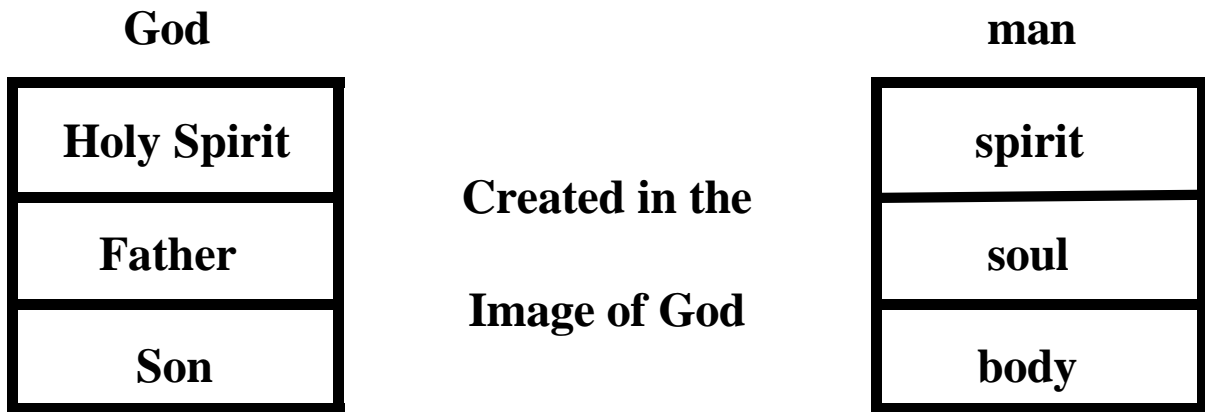
People often need to understand the forgiveness of sins

A Basic Presentation of the Gospel

God created us in His image

Genesis 1:26-27

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

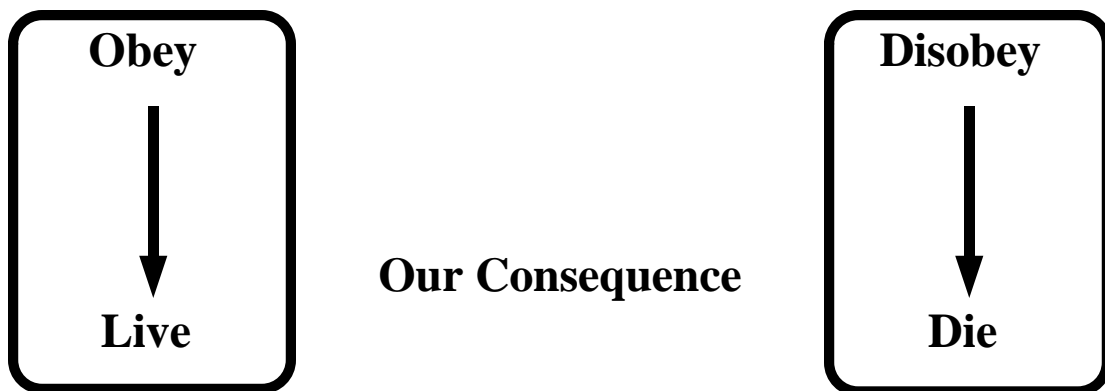


God gave us choices and consequences

Genesis 2:16-17

And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

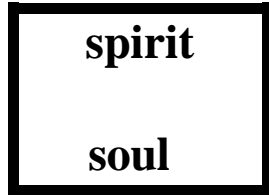
Our Choice



The Choice we make determines the Consequence we receive.

Understanding the two types of death

Physical death
separation of the body from
soul and spirit



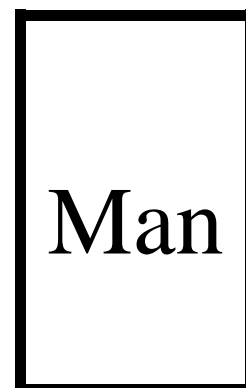
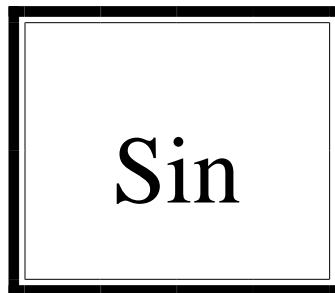
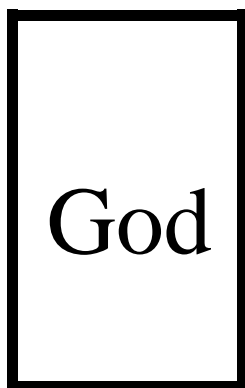
Spiritual death
separation of man from God



**Man chose to sin and experienced
immediate separation from God**

Genesis 3:6-8

And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.



Are we separated from God by sin?

**God gave hope to Adam by promising to defeat Satan and sin
Genesis 3:15**

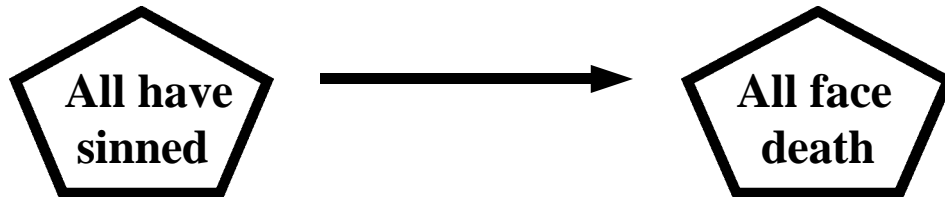
And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Christ  **Satan**

Christ would bruise the head of Satan

**God said that the consequences of Adam's sin passed to all people
Romans 5:12**

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:



**God kept His promise to Adam by sending Christ to take away sin
John 1:29**

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

II Corinthians 5:21

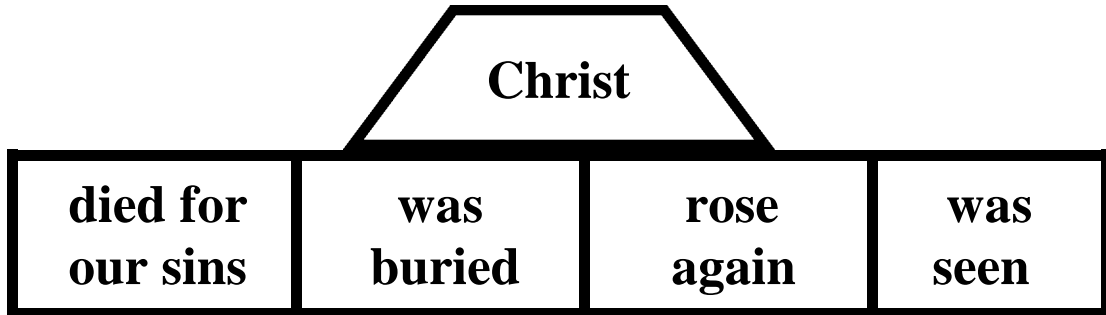
For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Christ who had no sin

Became sin for us

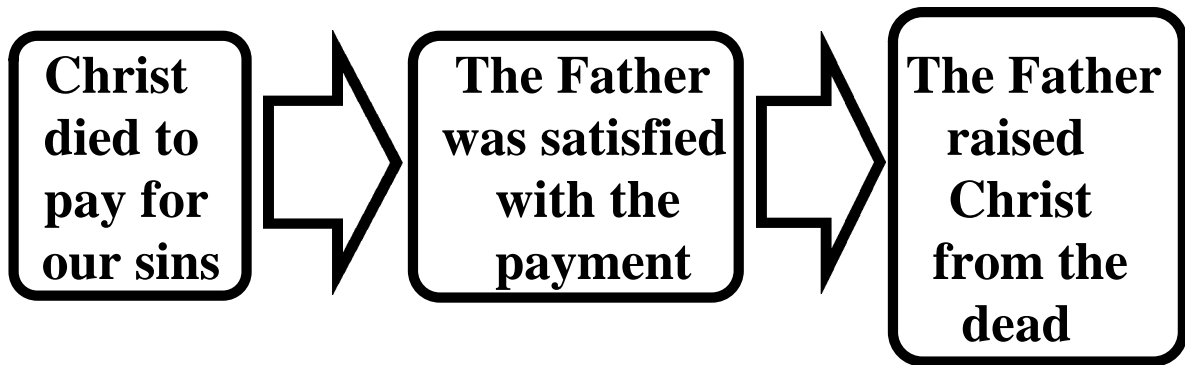
**God (the Father) sent Christ (the Son) to
pay the penalty for sin on the cross
I Corinthians 15:3-6**

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.



**God showed He was satisfied with the
payment by raising Christ from the dead
Acts 2:23-24**

Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.



Matthew 28:5-7

And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

**God now calls all people to repent
(to repent means to change your mind
and to turn from sin and turn to God)**

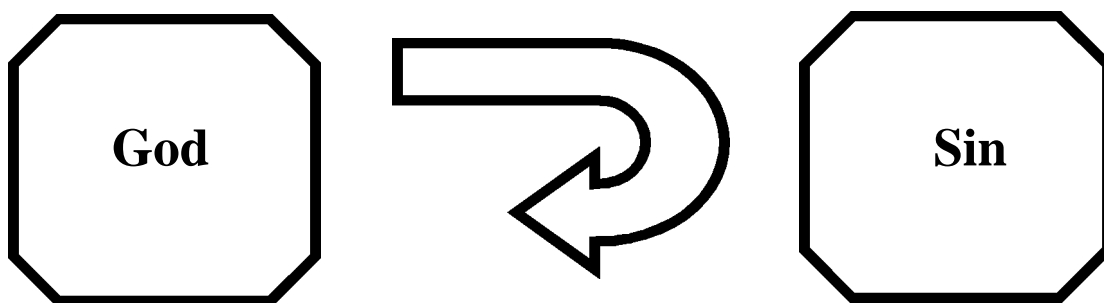
Acts 17:30-31

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

I Thessalonians 1:9

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

Repentance



God calls us to confess and believe

Romans 10:9-10

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

God calls us to confess and believe

**We confess with our mouth
that Jesus is Lord**

**We believe with our heart that
God raised Christ from the dead**

Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**God promises eternal life
to all who hear and believe in Him
John 5:24**

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

he who hears but does not believe	has:	he who hears and believes
no life		life
faces judgment		no judgment
faces death		passed from death to life

**God makes all who believe new creations
II Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

God makes all who believe new creations

Outside of Christ

a
sinner

In Christ

a new
creation

Becoming both an evangelistic and a follow-up Bible study

Focus on the spirituals needs of their friends and relatives

Matthew 9:9-10

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him. And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

New Christians have friends and relatives that are not Christians

New Christians are concerned about these friends and relatives

New Christians will invite their friends to their homes

New Christians know the questions their friends are asking

New Christians will ask those questions for their friends

Focus on what the Gospel will do for their friends

Acts 26:18

To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Open their eyes

Turn them from darkness to light

Turn them from the power of Satan to God

Cause them to receive forgiveness of sins

Cause them to receive eternal life

Becoming a spiritual parent to the new Christians

Spiritual parents are needed to help the new Christian grow

I Corinthians 4:14-17

I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

A spiritual parent gives warnings

**A spiritual parent is concerned for a child's total development
(an instructor was a slave who only took a child to school)**

A spiritual parent provides an example to follow

A spiritual parent enlists others to help new Christians grow

Spiritual parents have a goal to bring new Christians to maturity

I Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Ephesians 4:14

That we *henceforth* be no more children (toddlers), tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

I John 2:12-14

I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. ¹³I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. ¹⁴I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

Newborn Babes	Toddlers	Children	Young Men	Fathers
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Spiritual parents have the concern of a nursing mother

I Thessalonians 2:7-9

But we were gentle among you, even as a nursing mother cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

Spiritual parents show tender love (cherish) their spiritual children

Spiritual parents have a strong longing for their spiritual children

Spiritual parents are willing to share their lives

Spiritual parents consider their children very dear

Spiritual parents are willing to sacrifice for their children

Spiritual parents have the caring concerns of a father

I Thessalonians 2:10-12

Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *doth* his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

Spiritual parents provide an example to follow

**this example is a godly example
this example shows what is right
this example is a blameless example**

Spiritual parents encourage their spiritual children

Spiritual parents comfort and console their spiritual children

Spiritual parents urge their spiritual children to a worthy walk

Five things you do to help new Christians grow

Exodus 18:19-21

Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God: And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

Pray for the people
bring their causes to God

Teach them the Word of God
teach them ordinances and laws

Show them the way to walk
shew them the way wherein they must walk

Show them the work they must do
and the work that they must do

Share the work
as you do the first four things, many will become:

able men
men who fear God
men of truth
men who hate covetousness