

Explaining Christianity

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Part 5: Explaining Salvation



A. CHALLENGE QUESTION

If salvation is the greatest gift God offers, why do so many people show little to no interest in receiving it?

B. WHY CHRISTIANS ARE TO EXPLAIN THE GOSPEL

- Jesus commanded it (Mark 16:15).
- The gospel is God's power to save (Romans 1:16).
- People cannot believe unless someone tells them (Romans 10:14).
- We are ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20).
- The love of Christ compels us to share (2 Corinthians 5:14).

C. COMMON ATTITUDES OF UNBELIEVERS TOWARD SALVATION

- 54% believe they will go to heaven because they are "a good person." (Barna, 2023)
- 62% believe all religions teach basically the same thing. (Pew, 2022)
- 34% believe sin is a real problem that must be addressed. (Lifeway, 2022)
- 58% believe there is no absolute truth. (Barna, 2020)
- Nearly 70% have never had the gospel personally explained to them. (Wheaton, 2019)

D. WHY UNSAVED PEOPLE MAY NOT BE INTERESTED IN SALVATION

- They do not see themselves as _____ (Romans 3:23).
- They believe _____ earn acceptance by God (Ephesians 2:8–9).
- They are preoccupied with the _____ and earthly _____.
- They misunderstand Christianity as _____ instead of a _____.

- They fear giving up _____ or changing their _____.
- Spiritual _____ influences them (2 Corinthians 4:4).

E. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some ways believers can find opportunities to share the gospel?
2. How can we avoid sounding judgmental when discussing sin and repentance?
3. Why is personal testimony so powerful in evangelism?

F. USE THE FOUR SPIRITUAL LAWS TO EXPLAIN THE GOSPEL EFFECTIVELY

- **Law #1:** God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life (John 3:16).
- **Law #2:** Man is sinful and separated from God; therefore, we cannot know God personally or experience His love and purpose (Romans 3:23; 6:23).
- **Law #3:** Jesus Christ is the only way to God. Through Him alone we can know God personally and experience His love and plan (John 14:6; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4)
- **Law #4:** We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know God personally and experience His love and plan (John 1:12; Romans 10:9).

G. SUMMARY

The gospel is the greatest message but must be understood to be received. We are not responsible for converting anyone—only for sharing faithfully. God prepares hearts, we plant seeds, and the Holy Spirit gives life.