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LESSON 7

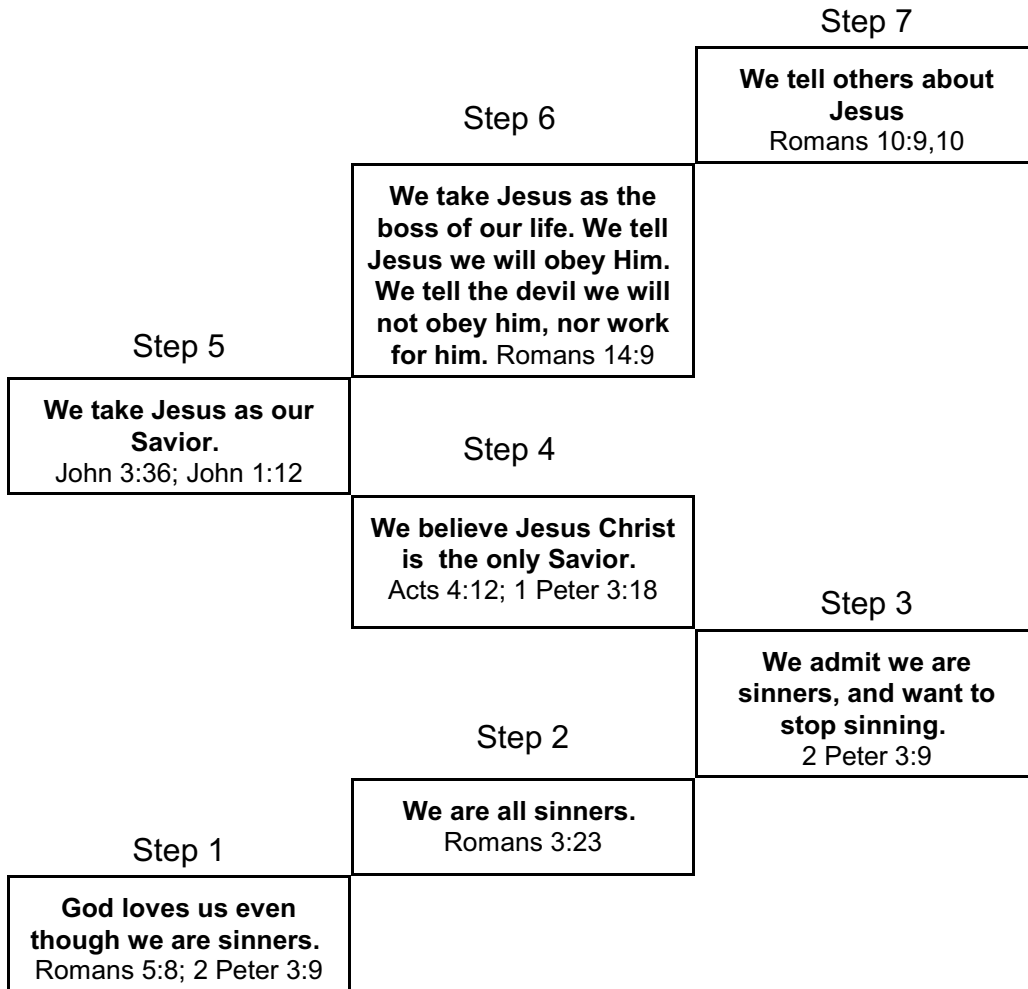


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Giving a Testimony:

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Today we want to learn:

1. The three parts in giving a testimony
2. How we can give our testimony and show the seven steps we take when we accept Jesus as our Savior.

In this lesson we also want to:

1. Memorize Bible verses
2. Do an assignment

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Giving a Testimony:

Seven Steps for Telling People About Jesus

We talked about some ways of telling people about Jesus in Lesson 6. In this lesson we will talk of another way to talk to people about Jesus.

One way to talk to people about Jesus Christ is by using our testimony. A person can be brought to Jesus because of the way we live. A person can be brought to Jesus by telling him what Jesus has done for us. Our life and words testify (show) what Jesus Christ can do. John testified what Jesus Christ did (1 John 1:1-10).

When we take Jesus as our Savior, our family and close friends should see a difference in our life. They may not understand the change, and they may wonder what happened to us. This is where we can give our testimony of what Jesus Christ did for us.

There are three parts to a testimony. They are:

Part 1 Tell a little about how we felt and lived before we took Jesus as Savior.

Part 2 Tell how we found Jesus Christ as Savior.

Part 3 Tell what Jesus Christ means to us and how He changed our life.

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Part 1 Tell a little about how we felt and lived before we took Jesus as Savior.

We will not need to use part 1 when we testify to our family and friends. They already know what we were like. We could tell them how unhappy we were or how afraid we were. They may not have known we were unhappy and afraid.

When we meet someone who does not know us too well, we should tell him a little about our past. WARNING! We should not tell anyone all the bad things we did. He may see us as being worse than he is and think he is all right.

We should talk to a person for a while before we give our testimony. We may find out things that have happened to him. Maybe he is afraid of death. Maybe he has a drinking problem from which he wants to be set free.

If we have had the same problem, we should tell him.

Example of a testimony

“John, I felt the same way. I did not know what life was all about. I did not care. All I wanted to do was to get drunk. I was always getting into trouble. Everybody hated me. I was afraid to live and afraid to die.

“I would go from one religion to another hoping to get help, but none of them helped. I would come back from ceremonies with a greater fear of death. Then I would drink to try to forget about it.”

Part 2 Tell how we found Jesus Christ as Savior.

In this part we tell the person the seven things we need to do for salvation.

Example of testimony

“One day I was walking along the trail. I was very unhappy. I

Step 1

God loves us even though we are sinners. Romans 5:8; 2 Peter 3:9

wanted to die. One of the fellows from the village came along. I knew he was a Christian but I did not understand why he was different.

“He said, ‘Hello, Jack. You look sad. Do you know God loves you? God wants you to be happy.’”

Step 2

We are all sinners. Romans 3:23

“This man told me that God loved me so much that He let His Son die for me. I wondered. Could anyone love me so much that He would die for me? I stopped to listen to this man. The man told me that God showed His love to me. Even though I was a sinner, Christ died for me. I thought, ‘If this is true, maybe I can find peace’.

“The man went on and told me that my problem was sin. I had sin in my life. I knew this even though I did not want to admit it. The man told me that all people have sin in their life. They cannot come to God because of sin.”

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

“It is sin that makes us unhappy. It is sin that keeps us from God.”

“. . . For the wages of sin is death.”

Romans 6:23

Step 3

We admit we are sinners, and want to stop sinning. 2 Peter 3:9

“As I listened to this man, I knew he was telling the truth. I wanted to get rid of sin. I wanted to repent.”

“The man I met on the trail told me how God made a way for people to know Him and to have peace with Him. The man told how people did not want to listen to God. They turned away from God. They wanted their own way. This is why there is so much sin and sorrow.

Step 4

We believe Jesus Christ is the only Savior. Acts 4:12; 1 Peter 3:18

“God still loved people. He wanted the people to come to Him. They could not because of their sin. God is holy. He has to punish sin. This is why He sent Jesus into the world. Jesus never sinned. He never sinned while He lived in this world. Yet,

Jesus died the death of a sinner on the cross. The man told me that Jesus died and rose again because of my sins. This made me feel bad because I saw all the sins I had done.

“But then I became glad. I began to understand that Jesus died for me because He loved me. I wanted right then to stop doing the sinful things I was doing. I wanted to be made clean. I wanted peace with God. I saw that no one but God could save me.” The Bible says,

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

“I asked the man, ‘What must I do to have Jesus take my sins away? How can I stop doing the sinful things I am doing’?”

Step 5

We take Jesus as our Savior. John 3:36; John 1:12

“He told me, ‘You must really want to stop sinning. Then you must really believe Jesus will forgive your sin. You must let Him come into your life and let Him be the boss of your life.’”

“I did this. Jesus came into my life. He did what He said He would do.

“Deep down in my heart I believed what the man said about Jesus. I asked the Lord Jesus to come into my life. He did come in. I know that He is alive. The living Jesus helps me to live a different life.

“When Jesus came into my life, my fear of death was gone. Now I know I belong to God. Now I know why I am living. I have something to live for. I really enjoy life.

“I have new life.” 2 Corinthians 5:17 says,

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

Step 6

We take Jesus as the boss of our life. We tell Jesus we will obey Him. We tell the devil we will not obey him, nor work for him. Romans 14:9

“I told Jesus, ‘I will work for You. I will obey You.’ I told the devil, ‘I will not obey you. I will not work for you.’ It is true the desire for the old habits does come back. But I do not have to fight the desire for the old habits alone. Jesus Christ fights the desire for me.

“God becomes more and more real to me

as I read the Bible. I can just feel His love. My love for Him is growing. Sometimes God tells me that I am doing something that makes Him sad. He wants me to stop doing it. When I obey Him, He gives me something better.”

Step 7

<p>We tell others about Jesus Romans 10:9,10</p>

“It gives me great happiness to tell others how they can have this joy. I agree with what Romans 10:9,10 tells us.”

“That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”

Part 3 **Tell what Jesus Christ means to us and how He changed our life.**

When we give our testimony, we should not talk too much about our past sin. It is forgiven and gone. We are to tell people clearly how we took Jesus as our Savior. We should tell it in a way that they can see how to take Jesus as their Savior. We should tell what Jesus Christ means to us now. We should not try to make a nice story. We should tell our testimony as we know it is true in our life. **WARNING!** We should not tell him all the bad things we did. He may see us as being worse than he is and think he is all right.

As we tell others what Jesus Christ means to us, we draw them to the Savior. When they can see we are satisfied with what Jesus has done, they may be interested. They may want to take Jesus as their Savior too.

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After we have told a person what Jesus Christ has done for us, we may ask him, “Would you like to take Jesus Christ as your Savior?”

If this person wants to take Jesus as his Savior, we can take him through the seven steps of salvation. See the first page of this lesson. You can use the tract that comes with this book.

After we have told the person the way of salvation, we may ask, “Do you understand what we are saying? Are you ready to ask Jesus Christ to come into your life?”

If the person is ready, we may say, "Ask Jesus to forgive your sin. Ask Him to come into your life. Ask Him to help you stop sinning." If the person does not know how, we can lead him in prayer. We should take one sentence at a time and let him repeat it. He may want to pray in his own language. This is alright.

Example of a prayer

"Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I want to stop sinning. I want You to come into my life and take all the sin out. I believe You died for me and rose again. Thank you that You have forgiven me for my sin. Thank You that I now belong to You. I will obey You. I will work for You. I will not obey the devil. I will not work for the devil. Help me to tell others what You have done for me. Amen."

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Verses to learn:

2 Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Acts 4:12

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Romans 10:9,10

"That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

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Assignment:

Write out your own testimony as you would tell someone who is not a Christian. Use another sheet of paper.

If you have questions, you may contact Tribal Trails at 306-961-2588 or by email at tribaltrails@ncem.ca or website at <http://www.tribaltrails.org/>.

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