# Ambassadors for Christ

Verses for Giving the Gospel

New American Standard Version

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Memory groups will meet weekly to recite each assignment. The booklet contains selected Bible verses to be memorized each week. The assignment number and Scripture references should be memorized and recited with each assignment, but the explanation is not intended to be memorized.

For younger children, a single verse for memorization is indicated in each lesson with the symbol: +.

#### **Romans Road**

The Romans Road to salvation is a simple way to present the good news using verses from the Book of Romans. The four stops on the Romans Road explain the universal nature of sin, the consequences of sin, how God has accomplished salvation, and how salvation must be received.

#### Romans 3:23

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

## Romans 6:23

+ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **Romans 5:8**

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

#### Romans 10:9

That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

## **Exclusivity and Assurance**

Jesus is not one way to be saved among many. Rather, He is the only way of salvation. John 14:6 and Acts 4:12 assert the exclusivity of the Gospel.

Acts 16:31 is a basic Gospel verse.

"If you were to die tonight and stand before God's judgment, do you know for certain that you would go to heaven?" The Bible says that a person can have assurance of salvation. 1 John 5:13 helps to explain how.

## John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

## Acts 4:12

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

## Acts 16:31

They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

# 1 John 5:13

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

## Sin

The Bible says that the stain of sin is much deeper than we can perceive by our own common sense. In God's eyes no one is righteous, no one is able to do a single good work, and all human beings are rebellious against God from conception.

#### Psalm 51:5

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

# Isaiah 64:6

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; and all of us wither like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

## Romans 3:10

As it is written,
"There is none righteous, not even one;"

## **James 2:10**

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

#### **Substitutionary Atonement**

Why did Jesus die? Did He deserve to die a shameful criminal's death on a cross? No, God gave His own sinless Son to die on a cross as a substitute to pay the penalty for those He came to save, suffering God's righteous wrath in their place. Jesus' resurrection from the dead proves that the penalty of God's wrath is paid in full for those who trust in Him.

## John 3:16

 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

# 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

- <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- <sup>4</sup> And that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

# 2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

## Grace

Salvation is a free gift of God. Therefore, salvation can not be earned by works. Salvation can only be received by faith.

## Romans 4:4-5

- <sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due.
- <sup>5</sup> But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.

# **Ephesians 2:8-9**

- + <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;
  - <sup>9</sup> Not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

## **Fulfilled Prophecy and Atonement**

We can know that Jesus is the Savior because He fulfilled Old Testament prophecy. 700 years before Jesus came to earth, Isaiah prophesied of the coming Messiah in such detail that he could only be speaking of Jesus.

Also, Isaiah's prophecy provides one of the clearest explanations of the atonement found in all of Scripture.

## Isaiah 53:5-6

<sup>5</sup> But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. + <sup>6</sup> All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.

## Isaiah 53:10-11

<sup>10</sup> But the LORD was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief; if He would render Himself as a guilt offering, He will see His offspring, He will prolong His days, and the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

<sup>11</sup> As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, as He will bear their iniquities.

#### **Two Opposite Kinds of Wisdom**

How is the "the wisdom of the cross" the opposite of "the wisdom of the world?" The world's wisdom teaches that human beings find God by seeking Him through the noblest part of their being. But God does not desire to be found in this way. While God hides Himself from humankind's best wisdom, He reveals His power, mercy, and love in the foolishness of a Savior crucified for sinners. You must despair of finding God in any other way. God's surprising way of salvation is a way that human beings never could have imagined.

## 1 Corinthians 1:18

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

## 1 Corinthians 1:21

 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

## 1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

## 1 Corinthians 2:9

But just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of Man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him."

## Appeal

The Gospel call confronts people as sinners in a loving appeal to believe and be saved. The Gospel call is urgent and personal, and it demands a decision. Don't be afraid to urge people to trust in Christ. You wield the Word of God which is able to save anyone. The Lord will go with you as you proclaim His Gospel to a world in need.

#### Matthew 11:28

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

## John 6:37

 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out."

# 2 Corinthians 6:2

### For He says,

"At the acceptable time I listened to you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation"—

# **Revelation 22:17**

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. "Scripture taken from the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE®, ©Copyright 1960, 1962, 1963,1968, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1995 by The Lockman Foundation Used by permission." (www.Lockman.org)

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