

SALVATION APPLIED

BE THOROUGHLY CONVERTED AND KNOW IT, not because of your feelings but because God is true to His promises. If you have fulfilled His commandment to believe, He is bound by His oath to save you: John 1:12; 1 John 5:13; Ephesians 2:1-22; Jude verses 24,25; Romans 8:16; 1 John 4:13.

CONFESS YOUR SINS EACH DAY: 1 John 1:9 Proverbs 28:13.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING: 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Acts 12:5.

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES: John 5:39; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:2.

FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS who have had the same experience as yourself. They will understand what you are talking about, whereas others will not: Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:1.

BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT. A person is as filled as he is obedient to God's commands: Eph. 5:18; Romans 12:1.

GIVE LIBERALLY of your time, treasure, and talents to the Lord: 2 Cor. 9:7; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:12; Acts 11:29.

TELL OTHERS about Jesus Christ, so that they too, may believe and be saved. Remember, someone told you. You owe it to others to tell them: Romans 10 verses 9,10,14,17; Matt. 10:32; 2 Cor. 4:3. (You may not be a preacher, but you can be a teacher.)

LOOK ABROAD: John 4:35,36.

PUT SELF LAST and live for others: Matt. 20:26-28.

RESPECT THOSE OLDER IN THE FAITH, that is, those who have been Christians longer than you have been: 1 Timothy 5:1,2.

GROW IN GRACE: 2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 4:7,11-15.

GROW IN KNOWLEDGE: Familiarize yourself with the One in whom you have trusted. See His power demonstrated in the GOSPEL OF MARK. See how the first century Christians lived by reading ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

Salvation Explained and Applied

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SALVATION EXPLAINED

- 1**

GOD	F
	S
	H.S.

 CREATES
(Gen. 1:1)
- 2**

GOD	F	A	E
	S		
	H.S.		

 CREATES
MAN & WOMAN
(Gen. 1:27) *vs 26*

FELLOWSHIP, PEACE, ENJOYMENT
(ABUNDANT LIFE)

- 3** GOD'S COMMANDMENT GIVEN
(Gen. 2:16, 17)

- 4**

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3:1 SATAN DECEIVES

- 5**

GOD	F
	S
	H.S.

SIN
COMMANDMENT DISOBEYED
FELLOWSHIP LOST
DEATH
(Gen. 3:6, 23, 24)

- 8**

GOD	F	A	E
	S		
	H.S.		

 GOD ORDAINS MANY
TO ETERNAL LIFE
(Acts 13:48) *Eph 1:4,5*

- 9**

FATHER

 SENDS JESUS
TO BE
THEIR REDEEMER
(John 10:11, 14, 15)

(SON) JESUS

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- 1) LIVES SINLESSLY
 - 2) DIES ATONINGLY
 - 3) RISES AND ASCENDS TO BE THEIR LIVING PRIEST (Heb. 9:14; 7:25)

- 10**

FATHER	SON
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 FATHER & SON
SEND
HOLY SPIRIT
(John 3:16; 7:11)

HOLY SPIRIT

HOLY SPIRIT ENTERS SINNER
Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:9

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STATE OF SALVATION

- 11**

FATHER	SON
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 HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS SINNER TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST BY:
REPENTANCE (2 Tim 2:25); CONVERSION (Acts 3:19);
FAITH - KNOWLEDGE, ASSENT, TRUST (1 John 5:11-13;
Acts 16:30, 31; Rom. 10:9-13)

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- 12**

FATHER	SON
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PHYSICAL DEATH

- 13** HEAVEN {
FELLOWSHIP CONTINUED
MERCIES INCREASED
SPIRITUAL ENJOYMENT
PHYSICAL ENJOYMENT
(1 Peter 1:3-5)

- 7** HELL {
SEPARATION CONTINUED
MERCIES WITHDRAWN
SPIRITUAL MISERIES
SPIRITUAL & PHYSICAL MISERIES
(1 Thess. 1:10, 2 Thess. 1:7-9, Rev. 20:14, 15)

14 "NOW" - ISA. 1:18; 55:6, 7; 2 COR 6:2; HEB 3:7, 8; 4:1, 2, 7

explanation of the gospel diagram for personal evangelism

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I INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Evangelist—Start with general conversation, and lead into spiritual matters. Then ask audience (whether one person or more) the following questions: Do you know much about the Bible? If audience answers, "No," or "Not as much as I should," then ask permission to show the main elements of Bible Truth. Ask for a piece of writing paper, and have audience sit along side.

II MESSAGE

This piece of paper represents the Bible, and upon it I am going to draw out the main elements of Bible Truth.

Step 1—Draw Diagram 1. This square represents the God of the Bible. This God, however, is unique. Explain Trinity as you write in F for Father, S for Son, and H.S. for Holy Spirit. Use proof texts. Explain God "Elohim" and "Let us make man. . .". Here is plurality. Show use of the names Father, Son, and Holy Spirit throughout Scripture.

Step 2—Draw Diagram 2. God created all things. He than created Adam and Eve. Draw the square marked A and E. Explain the word "image". God shares his personality with these creatures. He gives them ability to know him, love him, and serve him. Here are the 3 parts of personality: knowledge, emotion, and will. Here is perfect fellowship between God and his creatures. They are to multiply, and enjoy his fellowship and his creation.

Step 3—God's commandment given. Use Scripture verses; explain "death" as used here. It is not physical death only, but also spiritual.

Step 4—Draw circle. This represents a very mysterious person called Satan. He is a created being. He is the enemy of God. He must be recognized even as God is recognized. Both are in Scripture. You can't have one without the other. Satan deceives God's creatures.

Step 5—Draw Diagram 5. Eve yields and in turn leads Adam into disobedience. This is sin. Explain sin. It is any want of conformity unto or transgression of the Law of God.

NOTE: I recommend that you take a blank sheet of paper and practice drawing the diagram. After this, add to each part the truth that belongs to it. Then add the Scripture reference. Become very familiar with the presentation so that you can do it without stumbling.

Please remember that this diagram is simply a guide. Feel free to add what the Lord, by his Word and Holy Spirit, has taught you. Feel free to add Scriptures and illustrations.

May our sovereign God use his Word to bring many sinners into his kingdom, and may you have the joy of seeing him perform it.

Show its results. Explain the curse in its parts.

Step 6—Draw Diagram 6. Explain original sin. We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners. Show how children very early demonstrate their sinful natures. This is seen in later life by neglect of God, his Word, his Son, his Church, and his Ordinances. It is also demonstrated by deliberate breaking of his commandments.

Step 7—Draw line down middle of page, and then draw line to represent physical death across page near bottom. What will happen if one dies in this condition? Describe Hell in all of its parts.

Step 8—Summarize all of the above. How terrible if this was the only message the Bible contained! How terrible if this was all that I could tell you! However, the Bible contains Good News (Gospel).

God's Plan

Step 9—Draw Diagram 8. God has a plan. He planned that not all should suffer this awful eternity. He planned that many should be brought from this state of condemnation back into fellowship with himself again. Use Scriptures on election. However, he cannot do this without dealing with the sin that separates such sinners from himself. Explain God's holiness and justice. What does he do?

Step 10—Draw Diagram 9. Explain substitution. Use points 1, 2, and 3 to show how Jesus meets God's demands and satisfies the sinner's needs. The Law is made honorable. The penalty for breaking it is paid. Jesus now lives as a Priest whose merits plead for his people.

Step 11—But how will this accomplished salvation be applied? The sinner who has been chosen by the Father, and purchased by the Son, is still in a condemned state.

Step 12—Draw Diagram 10. The Father and the Son, in a mysterious way, send forth the Holy Spirit who works within the sinner's person through his Word. He gives spiritual life where before there was death. This miracle enables the sinner to understand his plight and the Gospel. However, the Holy Spirit enables the sinner, not only to understand, but also to act.

Step 13—Draw Diagram 11. What does one do when the Holy Spirit enters one's being? One repents. Explain repentance. It is a change of mind with a view to changing one's life. One converts. Explain conversion. It is a turning from sin to God. One believes. Explain faith.

Saving Faith

It is knowing the truths I've just told you. It is assenting to the truth of them. It is trusting in them, and particularly in Jesus Christ for one's own salvation. It is to call upon the name of the Lord. Use Scripture references. Use illustrations to explain trust. (One trusts medicine when one takes it. A child acting upon the call of its father trusts as he jumps from a height into his father's arms. One trusts a ship when one gets into it.)

Step 14—Draw Diagram 12. When one, under the power of the Holy Spirit, thus acts, one enters a state of salvation. One is brought into fellowship with the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit. Before, one was a sinner without the Savior, and without the Holy Spirit. Now one is a sinner with the Savior, and indwelt by the Holy Spirit. The Kingdom of Heaven begins within one's being. One now has the capacity to know God aright, love him aright, and serve him aright.

Step 15—What will happen to such a person after this present existence upon earth is over? Explain heaven

with its parts. Under part 4—Physical Enjoyment, discuss the bodily resurrection.

Step 16—After you have thus given the Bible Story, ask your audience if it has understood. Where are you in relationship to God? Which column are you in? Are you in a state of condemnation or in a state of salvation?

Step 17—Wait for the answers of your audience. Upon your audience seeing its need, press home the free offer of the Gospel. Use verses under point 14 to show the Bible's urgency—NOW.

III ADVICE

Should your audience see its need, then urge it to call upon the name of the Lord. Ask the convicted one to pray audibly with you. Perhaps you will have to explain how to pray.

IV WARNING

Don't twist arms. *Don't force a decision.* Wait and see how your audience is reacting. If there's a willingness, move right in. If not, urge, but do so very carefully. Expect a profession, but also be willing, if you have done all that you can, to leave the seed in God's hands. Simply pray for your audience, give an invitation to the church services, leave a tract, and depart.

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Fellowship with other Christians who have had the same experience as yourself (Heb. 10:25).

Be filled with the Spirit. A person is as filled as he is obedient to God's commands (Eph. 5:18).

Give liberally of your time, treasure, and talents to the Lord (II Cor. 9:7).

Tell others about Jesus Christ, so that they too may believe and be saved (Rom. 10:14).

Look abroad (John 4:35, 36).

Forget self, and live for others (Matt. 20:26-28).

Respect those older in the faith (I Tim. 5:1, 2).

Grow in grace (II Pet. 3:18).

Grow in knowledge. Familiarize yourself with the One in whom you have trusted. See his power demonstrated in the Gospel of Mark. See how the first century Christians lived by reading the Acts of the Apostles.

V FOLLOW-UP

Should your audience respond to the invitation and call upon Christ, after prayer, present a printed copy of the Chart. Advise to look up the Scripture references. Explain advice on back of Chart, and urge looking up these references also. Plan to meet audience at next meeting of the church.

Make an appointment for a follow-up lesson. I suggest that you use the lessons prepared by the Rev. Albert G. Edwards, who is a minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. We have found these to be excellent. Write him at 8245 N.E. Fremont St., Portland, Oregon 97220.

EDITOR'S MAIL BOX

Dear Sir:

Greetings in the Name of our Savior, Jesus, who loves his own so much. I am delighted to say that there was a tremendous response to Carl Erickson's letter in the June *Guardian* concerning the method of evangelizing the unregenerate which the Lord has enabled me to draw up. We had letters from all over the union requesting more information about the method.

On this account I feel that it would be very beneficial if you could insert a copy of the diagram together with the explanation of it. I feel very strongly that now is the time to instruct our churches in this important task—the "how" of evangelism.

We live in a day when there is great need for the true gospel, and this is none other than what we call the Reformed Faith. The faith of the Reformers was none other than the faith of the Apostles. I rejoice that the Lord has enabled me to draw up a presentation of his gospel which seeks to bring all honor to his glorious grace. The Lord has honored this presentation in the salvation of souls. We have seen lives radically changed after its presentation. May God thus honor it as it spreads over wider fields.

I am your elect brother through the blood of an eternal covenant,

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Ed. Note: We are reproducing in this issue the diagram together with Mr. Bell's suggestions for its use in personal work.

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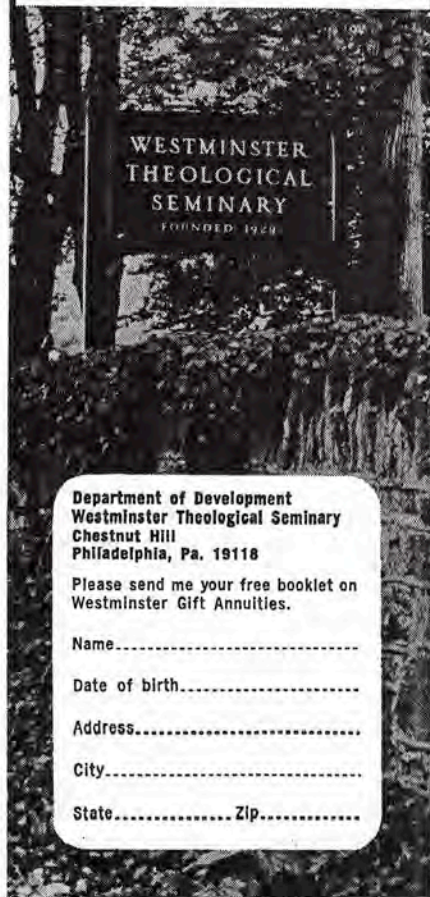
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