

REVIEW PLAN
OF SALVATION
AND
SHARE ASSURANCE
OF SALVATION

APPOINTMENT I: ASSURANCE

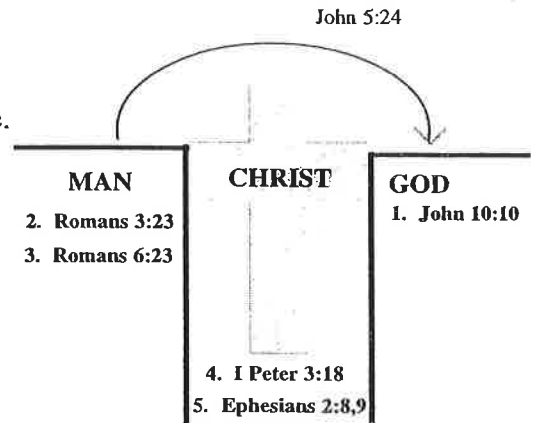
Objectives:

1. To review the plan of salvation and make sure the person understands it.
2. To assure him/her of the permanence of his/her relationship with Christ.
3. To maintain or develop a natural relationship with the person being followed up
4. To answer any questions he/she might have.

I. REVIEW PLAN OF SALVATION

A. Bridge

1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.
2. However, man is sinful and separated from God.
Thus, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life. This results in eternal death.
3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin.
Through Him we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.
4. And our response to this knowledge is receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. It is a decision of our wills.

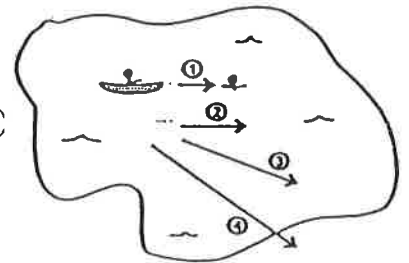


Stress the fact that our relationship with God is based on His faithfulness and His work on our behalf, and our acceptance of what He has done for us. Also emphasize that Christ came all the way down to us. We didn't meet Him part way.

B. Canoe (alternate illustration)

1. Because of the many misconceptions regarding Christianity, let's define Christianity. Would you say that Christ is central to Christianity? Obviously Christ is the purpose or center of Christianity. "Christ" means Savior. What is a Savior?" (One who saves.)
2. Let's say that you and I are out on a lake canoeing. Your canoe tips over and you can't swim. I look at the situation and see that you are in trouble. Unless I do something, you are going to drown.

- a. So, I throw some little booklets to you that explain how to swim in 10 easy steps. Am I your savior? (No) Likewise, many people think that Christianity is a lot of rules or code of ethics. That's a false Savior.



- b. Well, I see that that doesn't work, so I jump out of my canoe and show you how to swim by doing the crawl, sidestroke, backstroke, etc. Am I your savior? (No)

In the same way, believing that Christ was just a good teacher (or example), here to show us how to live a good life doesn't make Him your Savior.

c. OK. I can see that you are getting desperate, going down for the third time. So, I pull you into my canoe, and we head for shore. About two-thirds of the way there, I start thinking that you aren't grateful for what I've done. So, I push you out and make you swim the rest of the way to shore. Am I your savior? (No)

d. But if I take you all the way to shore and place you on dry land, am I your savior? (yes) Christ plus nothing else is Savior.

C. Eternal Life Equation

1. Which equation is correct and why?

CHRIST + GOOD WORKS = ETERNAL LIFE

CHRIST + NOTHING = ETERNAL LIFE + GOOD WORKS

2. The second equation is correct, because Christ did everything when He died on the cross for us. We can do nothing to earn or inherit eternal life. The good works come as a result of our love for God because of what he did for us through Christ.

II. ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

A. Train illustration

1. The Christian life is much like a train: locomotive, coal car and caboose. They correspond to *fact, faith and feeling*.
2. Define "fact" by asking: "Is a fact true?" (Yes)
"Does a fact change?" (No)
3. "Do your feelings change?" (Yes)



4. Suppose thing go wrong. What does that do to your feelings?
In other words, what determines whether our feelings are up or down?
5. Add a car to the train and label it *circumstances*.
6. Suppose your faith is in your feelings, and your feelings are going up and down?
What will your faith do? (Go up and down, too.)
7. If your faith is in your feelings, and your feelings are determined by your circumstances, what really determines your faith? (Circumstances)
8. Suppose your faith or trust or confidence that Christ is in your life is based on how you feel, and your feelings change. What would that do to your faith? (Cause it to waver)
9. Now, suppose you go the other way. Suppose you place your faith in the fact. We said that a fact is true, and that it never changes. Jesus said, "Your Word is Truth: (John 17:17) and "My Words will never pass away." (Matthew 24:35).
In other words, you can trust completely what Jesus says because it will never change. It is Truth."
10. One problem Christians have in learning to trust God's Word is not knowing it. Let's quickly see some of the things God says are true of you—things that you can count on as fact.

B. Verses on Eternal Life, God's love and our security in Him

Begin by explaining that he/she should always check the context of verses that you give him/her.

This is to make sure that you (or anyone else) are not taking verses out of context.

1. I John 5:9-13

- a. Who has eternal life?
- b. Who doesn't?
- c. Do you have the Son?
- d. What kind of life do you have?
- e. When did eternal life start for you?
- f. Is it possible to have eternal life today and not have it tomorrow?
- g. Reread the passage and without warning, change "may know" to "might know" in verse 13.
Is that what the verse says? (No)
What is the difference between "may know" and "might know"?

2. John 10:1-10, 27-30

- a. Read vs 1-10. Who are His sheep?
- b. Read vs. 27-30. What are some characteristics of His sheep?
- c. What do they have? (Eternal life)

God's Hands illustration

- a. "This ring (pen cap, coin, etc.) is a symbol of His sheep, or you and me."
- b. Read vs. 28. "This is you in Christ's Hand" (Close your hand over the object.)
- c. Read vs. 29. Place other hand over the first and say, "This is the Father's Hand."
- d. Read vs. 30. "That means that all the cracks between my fingers are sealed together."
- e. "Can the (object) fall out of my hands? That's how secure you are in the Hands of God!"
- f. Write on the paper: *John 10:27-30*
Never perish
Double bond
- g. "This theme of being secure in God is seen throughout the Bible. Let's look at other examples."

3. Romans 8:35, 38-39

- a. What do these verses say to you?
- b. Write on the paper: *Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? Romans 8:35, 38-39*
- c. Nothing, nothing can separate you from the love of God—not troubles, the devil, stuff you do wrong, pain, death, or anything else you can think of. That's how much God loves you.

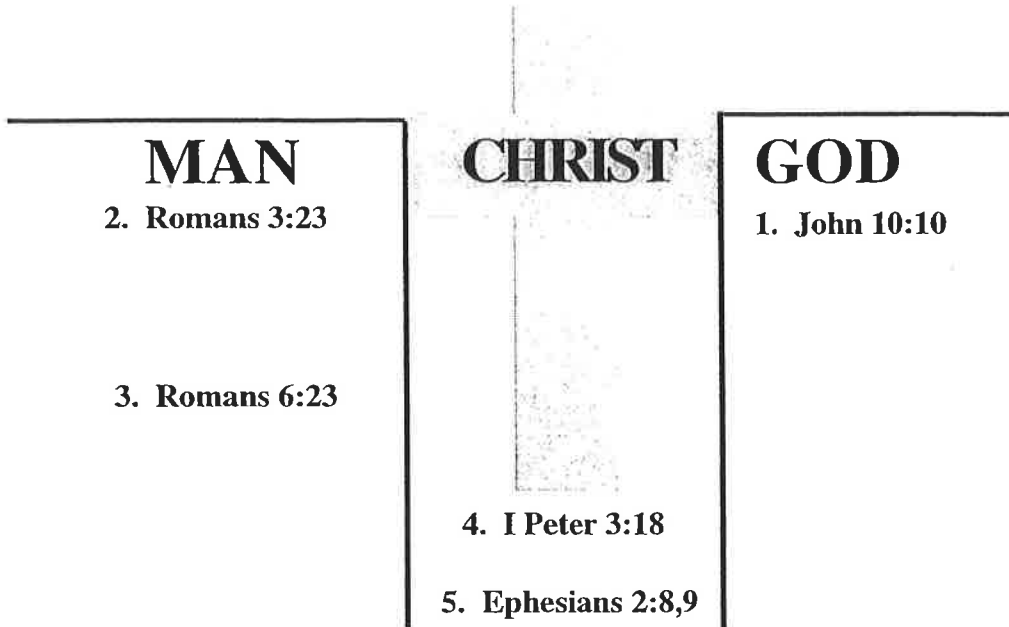
4. Hebrews 13:1-5

- a. This paragraph (vs. 1-5) is interesting because it begins by listing qualities that should be true of our lives. It then addresses things that people chase after – sex, money.
- b. Then, it says the reason we can be pure and content is because God Himself has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
- c. "Never leave" in the original Greek is a double negative. Thus, the verse is really saying, "Never no never will I leave you."
- d. "Never forsake" is actually a triple negative. Hence, Jesus is really saying here, "Never no never no never will I forsake you."

Ask the person you are following-up if he/she has any questions about the material you have just gone over. Give them a piece of paper you drew and wrote on. Ask them to look it over during the week, and bring any questions they might have to your next meeting. Close in prayer.

ASSIGNMENT

(Review the Bridge)



1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan.
2. Man is sinful and separated from God.
3. Sin = death, but God offers life.
4. Through Jesus, we can experience God's love.
5. By receiving Christ as Savior and Lord, we can experience God's love.

Lesson One

SALVATION ASSURANCE

1. Do you believe Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins and that He rose again from the dead?
I Peter 2:24 _____
 2. Did you sincerely repent and ask Jesus Christ to come into your life? I John 1:8-10, Romans 10:8-11,
John 1:12 _____
 3. Is He in your life right now? John 3:16-18, II Peter 3:9, I John 5:14-15, Revelation 3:20

 4. How do you know? I John 5:11-13 _____
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1. Is a fact true?
2. Does a fact change?
3. Suppose your faith is in your feelings, and your feelings are going up and down. What will your faith do?
4. Now, suppose you place your faith in the fact. We said a fact is true and that it never changes.

John 17:17 "Thy Word is truth"

Matthew 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Words will remain."

In other words, we can trust completely what Jesus says because it will never change; it is truth.

5. In order to trust God's Word as fact, we need to know it.

WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT ME - THINGS I CAN COUNT ON AS FACT

1. Read I John 5:9-13
 - a. Who has eternal life? _____
 - b. Do you have the Son? _____
 - c. When did eternal life start for you? _____
 - d. Can you have eternal life today and not tomorrow? _____
2. Read John 10:27-30
 - a. Who are His sheep? _____
 - b. What are 2 characteristics of His sheep? _____

 - c. What do they have? _____

We are secure in the hands of God!

3. Read Romans 8:35, 38, 39

What can separate us from God? _____

4. Read Hebrews 13:5

What is God's promise to us? _____

ACTION PLAN

1. Write out God's promises to you.

2. Be able to explain the bridge to me next week.

3. Share the bridge with one other person - either Christian or non-Christian

4. List your strengths and weaknesses.

Strengths:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

Weakness:

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____