

What do I say?

Often believers struggle with knowing what to say in order to accurately communicate the gospel. There is no “magic formula,” but God’s Word provides insight into man’s need and God’s provision through the person and work of Jesus Christ. Below are two common approaches to share the gospel through a series of Bible verses.

The Romans Road

There are different versions of this approach. All of them present the elements of a gospel presentation uses verses only from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

1. No one is righteous before God. All are guilty and fail to meet God’s standard.

Romans 3:10-12 ESV

“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

Romans 3:23 ESV

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

2. Man’s guilt requires death, both physical and spiritual. There is no hope unless God acts.

Romans 6:23 ESV

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

3. In love, God sent Jesus Christ to pay the debt His justice required.

Romans 5:8 ESV

“... but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

4. Every person who trusts the work of Jesus to satisfy God’s justice receives eternal life.

Romans 10:9-10, 13 ESV

“... if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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5. All who trust in Jesus have a new relationship with God and are free from condemnation.

Romans 5:1 ESV

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 8:1 ESV

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:38-39 ESV

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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A 6-Point Presentation

1. In the beginning, God made people happy and holy.

Ecclesiastes 7:29 ESV

“... God made man upright ...”

2. All people are sinners. They disregard God and oppose the way He told people to live.

1 Kings 8:46 ESV

“... for there is no one who does not sin ...”

3. Our sin brings judgment and death to us.

Romans 6:23 ESV

“For the wages of sin is death ...”

4. To save us from the just consequences of sin, God sent Jesus to suffer what we deserve.

John 3:16 ESV

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

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5. When we repent and trust in the work of Jesus on our behalf, we receive Eternal Life.

John 5:24 ESV

[Jesus said] “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.”

6. Because of the gift we have received, we must go and tell others the good news of Jesus.

Matthew 28:19-20 ESV

[Jesus said] “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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