

How to Share Our Faith With Others

“The Message”

Ephesians 2:1-10

The Big Idea: The Gospel of Jesus Christ is God’s complete and perfect answer to man’s enslavement to sin.

The Essential Elements of the “Good” News and the Responses Required to Inherit Eternal Life

1. **The Bad News** – We are dead in our sins and objects of God’s wrath. We truly deserve one thing and one thing only – to be drop-kicked into hell! (vs. 1-3)

The Saving Response – **ADMIT** (confess, come clean, own up)

2. **The Excellent News** – God loves us passionately and so provides for us through Christ’s atonement the two great needs of every human being – the need for *forgiveness* and the need for *goodness*. God confirmed this incredible transaction by raising Christ from the dead. (vs. 4-6)

The Saving Response – **BELIEVE** (trust in, rely on, cling to)

3. **The Best News Ever Heard** – Because Christ paid the legitimate penalty for our sin, we can enjoy all the privileges and responsibilities of being children of our Heavenly Father. *Gratitude* for God’s grace through Christ’s sacrifice now becomes the motivating factor in our lives. (vs. 7-10)

The Saving Response – **COMMIT** (*change governments-the coup d’etat*)

The most important decision a human being will ever make is:

How will I respond to this amazing news about Jesus?

“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.” Romans 10:9-10