

Fettes Park Baptist Church

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Putting on a War-Time Outlook

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

Deluded by Power

The Latter Times are Nigh!

1 Timothy 4:1-2

2 Timothy 3:1-5

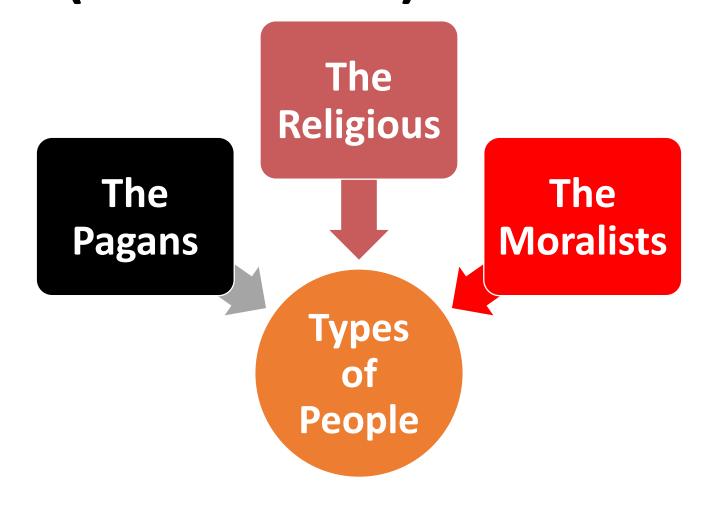
1 John 2:18-19

Deceived by False Preaching

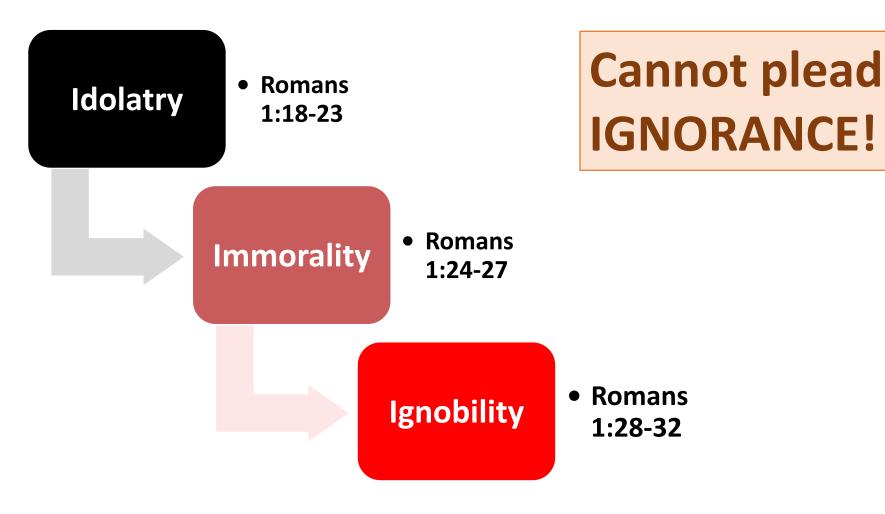
Decimated by Practicing Empty Religiosity

Drawn by Personalities

The Three Types of People in the World to Reach (Romans 1-3)



The Pagans (Romans 1:16-32)



Paul Sharing with Pagans

Acts 17:16-34

Start from where they are and show that the Gospel is the more SUPERIOR way.

The Religious (Nominal/Cultural Christians) – Romans 2:17-3:8

Similarities

They already:

Believe in the one God.

They already accept the Bible as the Word of God.

Progression

Guide them to understanding the true meaning of Scriptures and the real identity of Jesus using the Dialectic Method (Questions).

Cannot plead IMMUNITY!

Peter Sharing with Fellow Jews

Acts 2:14-36

Start from the Word of God and show that the Gospel is the more SCRIPTURAL way.

The Moralists (Atheists/Agnostics) – Romans 2:17-3:8

Cannot plead INNOCENCE!

Start from Conscience

Use the Law of God

The Gospel is the more SENSIBLE way.

Reaching the Three Types of People (Romans 1-3)

The Pagans

- Cannot plead ignorance.
- The Gospel is the more SUPERIOR way.

The Religious

- Cannot plead immunity.
- The Gospel is the more SCRIPTURAL way.

The Moralists

- Cannot plead innocence.
- The Gospel is the more SENSIBLE way.



Not just for experts, the gifted, or the professional.



Not our role to convict and convert.

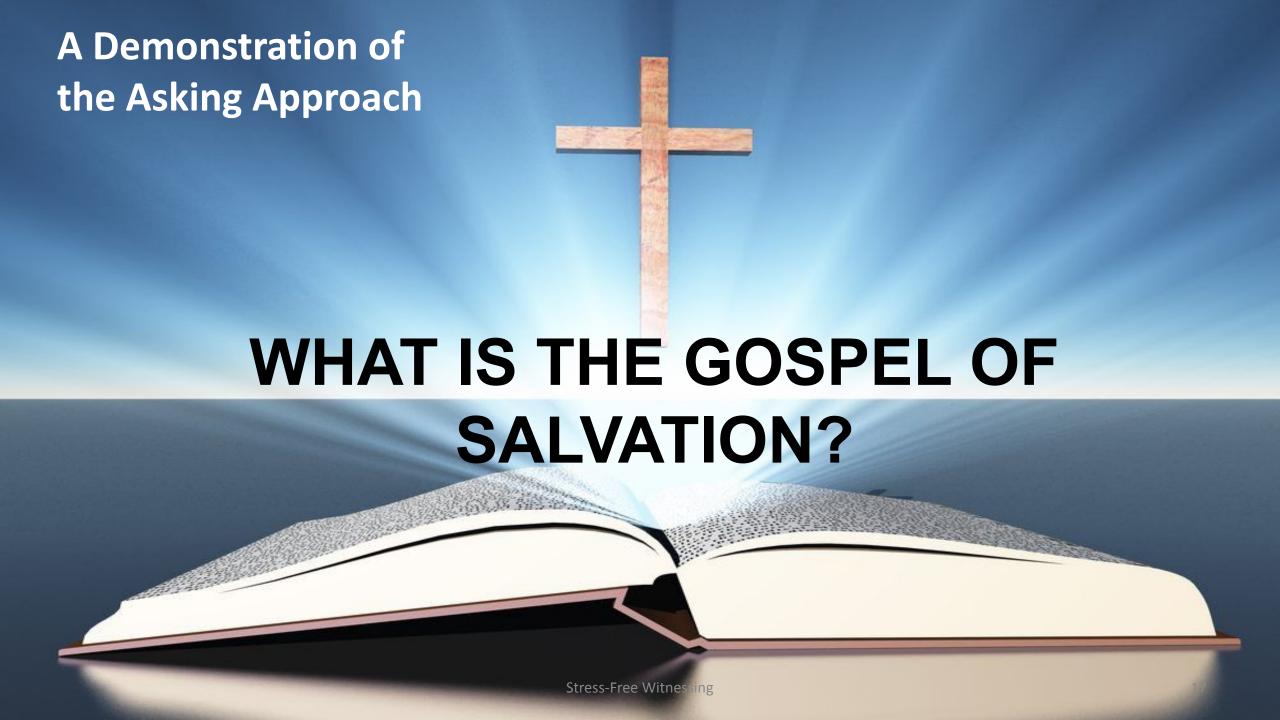


Not merely "Hit and Run"



Biggest Problem in Evangelism

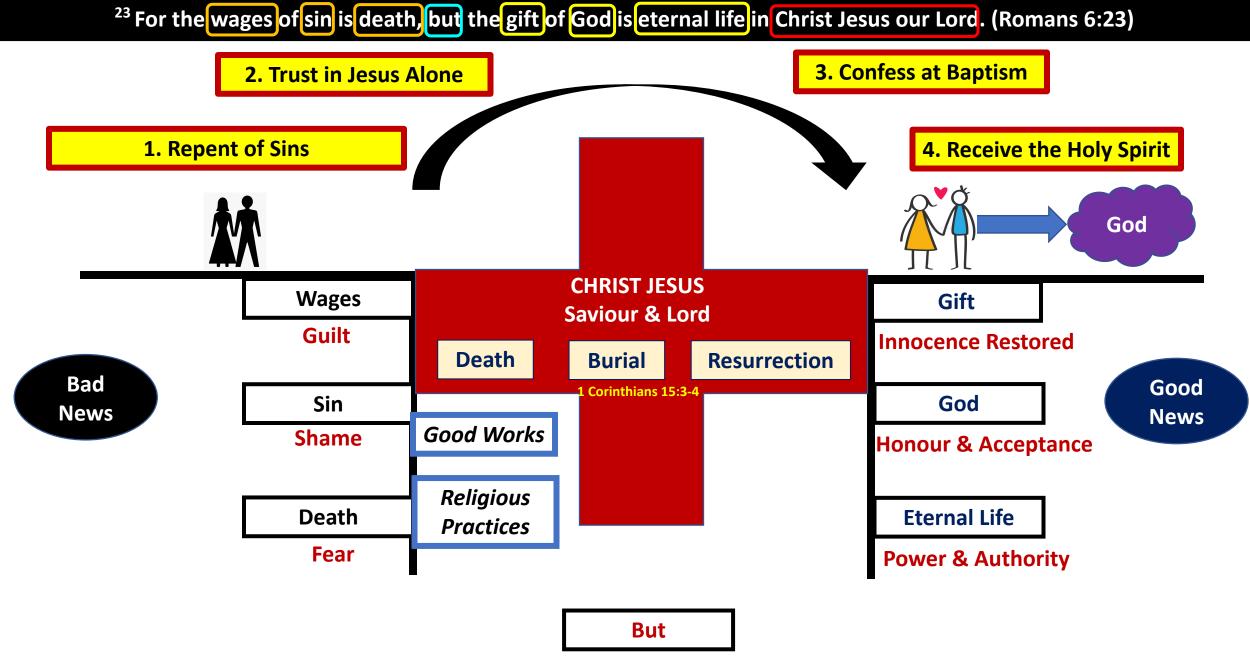
•It has gotten too impersonal, and we just don't know how to engage with people who don't believe like we do.

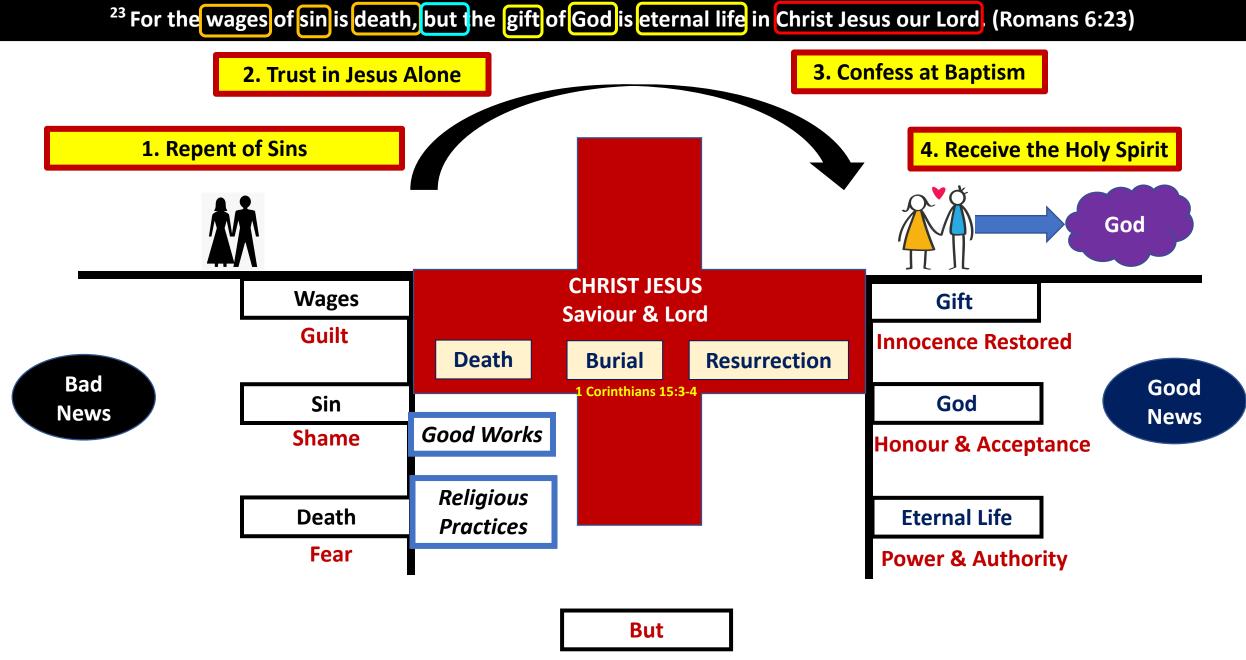


²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)







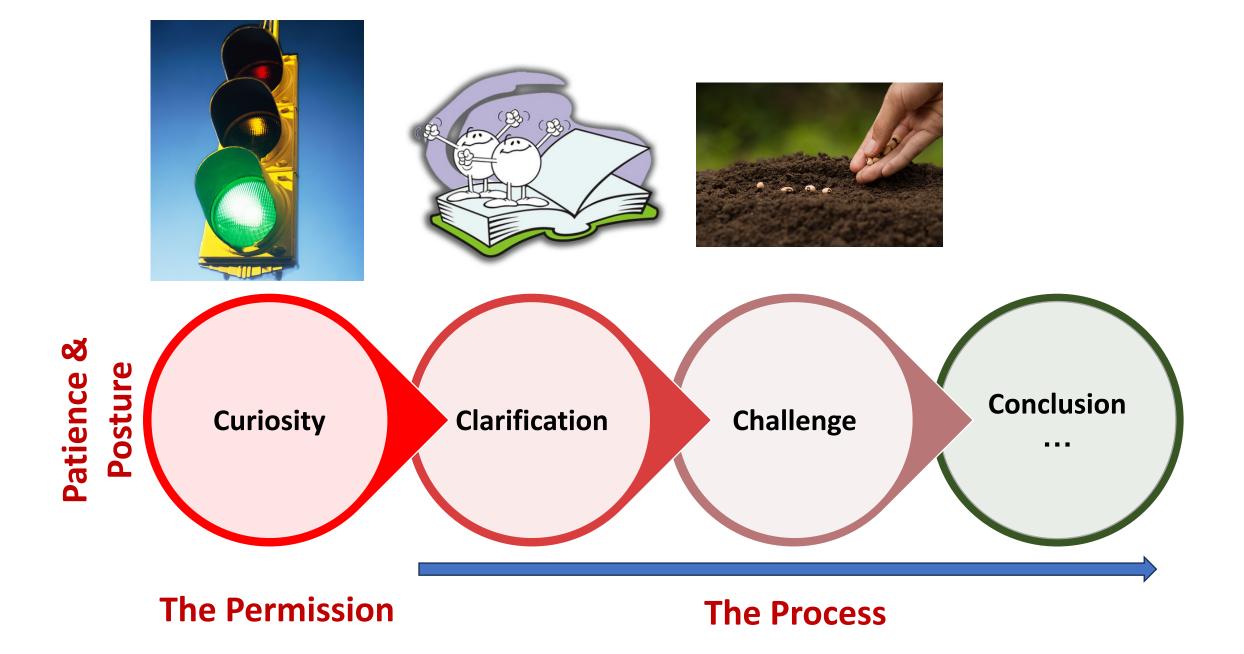


Stress-Free Witnessing

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1 Peter 3:15-16 (NET)

15 But set Christ apart as Lord in your hearts and always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope you possess.16 Yet do it with courtesy and respect, keeping a good conscience, so that those who slander your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame when they accuse you.



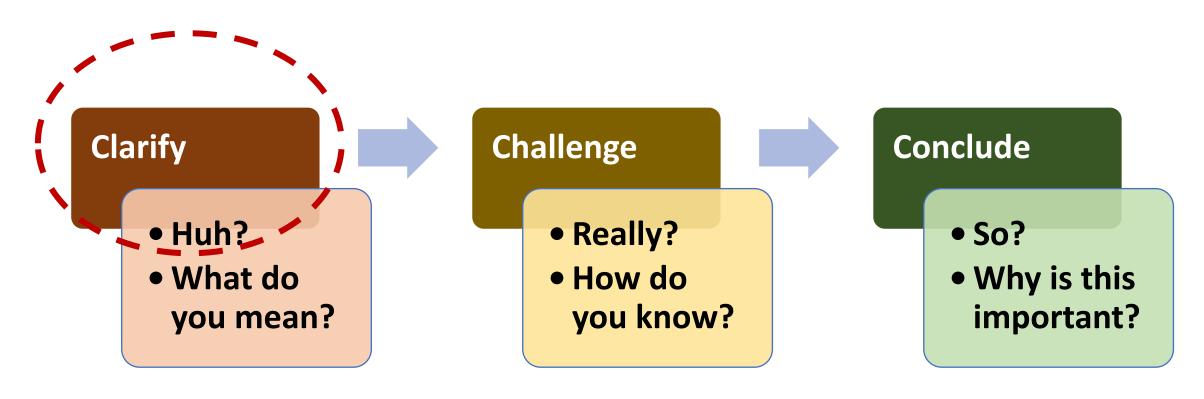
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Basics of the Asking Approach

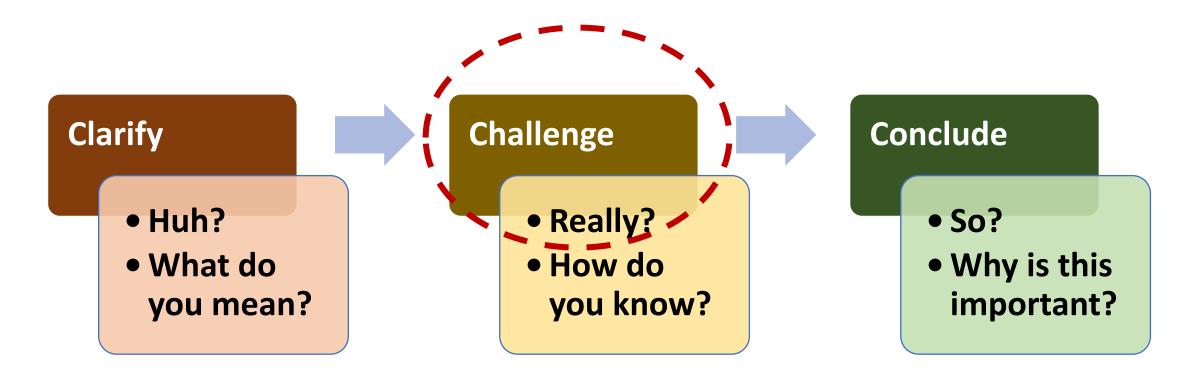
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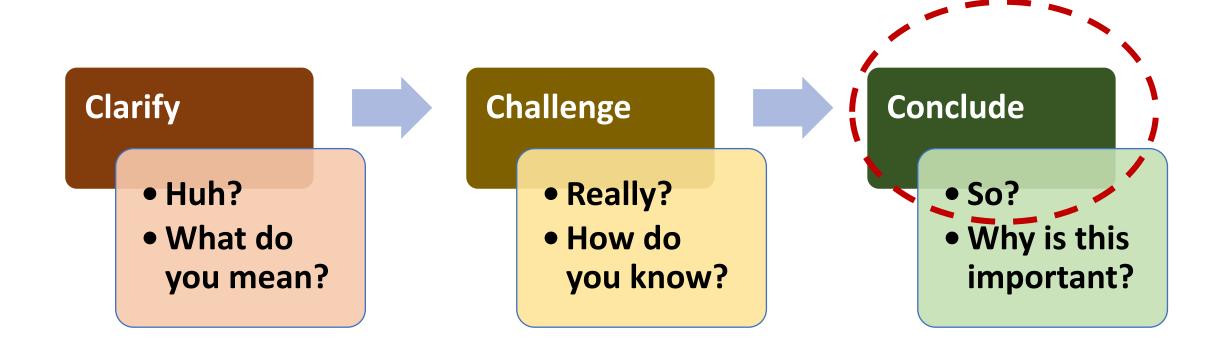
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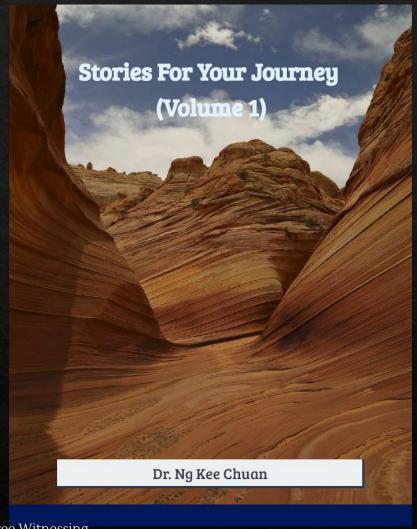
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Free E-Books (Evangelistic)





Stress-Free Witnessing

The Exploratory Method

Demonstration using the first Biblical story in "Stories for Your Journey (Volume 1)."

Luke 1:26-38; Matthew 1:18-24

Asking Questions Regarding The Story

Observations

- What?
- Recall &
 Close-Ended
 Questions to
 get the details
 of the story.

Interpretation

- So What?
- Implication & Open-Ended Questions to get and relate the meaning of the story to our lives.

Application

- Now What?
- Reflective &
 Action
 Questions
 that require
 us to change
 our thinking
 and take some
 action.

Story 1: Why this scandal?

Everyone has sinned and falls short of God's glorious standard.

- 1. How did the angel Gabriel greet Mary? Why do you think Mary was "favored"?
- 2. Why was Mary confused and disturbed?
- 3. What did the angel Gabriel tell Mary about Jesus?
- 4. What did the angel who appeared to Joseph tell him about Jesus?
- 5. In what way was the birth of Jesus a miracle? What does this tell us about who Jesus really is?
- 6. What plans do you think Mary originally had for her life? How did God change the course of her life?
- 7. What challenges do you think Mary faced because of God's plan for her? How would you have felt if you had been in her place?
- 8. What challenges do you think Joseph faced because of God's plan for him? How would you have felt if you had been in his place?
- 9. How did Joseph first react to the news that Mary was pregnant? How did he eventually respond to the angel's instructions?
- 10. What does 'Immanuel' in Matthew 1:23 mean? In what way does this name for Jesus apply to our lives?

Blaise Pascal's Method for Presenting the Christian Faith

"Men despise religion. They hate it and are afraid it may be true. The cure for this is first to show that religion is not contrary to reason, but worthy of reverence and respect. Next make it attractive, make good men wish it were true, and then show that it is."