

GOSPEL OUTLINE —

Listener: Before class check circle ○

Trainer: During class check square □

INTRODUCTION

- □ **Their Secular Life**
- □ **Their Church Background**
- □ **Our Church**
- □ **Testimony (Church and Personal)**

- □ Transition: May I ask you a question?

Two Diagnostic Questions

- □ **#1** - Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?
 - □ 1 John 5:13
- □ May I share with you how I came to know for certain that I have eternal life and how you can know also?
 - □ Before I share with you, let me ask you another question...
- □ **#2** - Suppose you were to die today and stand before God and He were to say to you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" what would you say?
 - □ Repeat and confirm answer
- □ Transition: When you answered that first question, I thought I had some really good news for you. But after hearing your answer to this second question, I know that I have the greatest news you have ever heard.

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GRACE

- □ **Heaven is a free gift**
 - □ Romans 6:23
- □ **It is not earned or deserved**
 - □ Ephesians 2:8-9
 - □ Friend's Gift
- □ Transition: This can be seen more clearly when we understand what the Bible says about man.

MAN

- □ **Man is a sinner**
 - □ Romans 3:23
 - □ Sin Defined
 - □ Three Sins a Day

- □ **Cannot save himself**
 - □ Matthew 5:48
 - □ Omelet with Bad Egg
- □ Do you see why it is impossible for anyone to get into heaven by their good works?
 - □ Transition: This comes into sharper focus when we look at what the Bible says about God.

GOD

- □ **God is merciful** - therefore does not want to punish us.
 - □ 1 John 4:8b
- □ **God is just** - therefore must punish sin.
 - □ Exodus 34:7b
- □ Transition: God solved this problem in the Person of Jesus Christ.

CHRIST

- □ **Who He is** - the infinite God-Man.
 - □ John 1:1,14
- □ **What He did** - He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and to purchase a place in heaven for us.
 - □ Record Book of Sin
 - □ Isaiah 53:6
 - □ *Tetelestai* - John 19:30
- □ Transition: This gift is received by faith.

FAITH

- □ Key to Heaven
- □ **What it is not**
 - □ Mere Head Knowledge
 - □ James 2:19
 - □ Mere Temporal Faith
- □ **What it is** - Trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life
 - □ Acts 16:31
 - □ The Chair
 - □ Beggar's Hand and Gratitude

COMMITMENT

Transition

- □ Does this make sense to you?

Commitment

- □ Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life now?

Clarification

- □ Let me clarify what this involves:
 - □ Transfer trust
 - □ Receive the resurrected and living Christ as Savior
 - □ John 10:9
 - □ Receive Christ as Lord
 - □ Repent

Prayer

- □ If this is what you really want, I can lead us in prayer and we can tell God what you just now told me.
 - □ Pray for them - that God would give them faith and repentance
 - □ Pray with them - in short phrases of the GOSPEL OUTLINE, allowing them to repeat after you
 - □ Pray for them - that the Holy Spirit will grant them assurance

Assurance

- □ I would like you to read something Jesus says about what you have just done.
 - □ John 6:47
- □ Two diagnostic questions
- □ Welcome to the family of God

IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP

EVALUATION

- □ Excellent
- □ Good
- □ Needs work

Transition from CHRIST to FAITH: "This gift is received by faith."

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FAITH

General considerations regarding the FAITH portion of the presentation



- The subject of faith is crucial, for this is the point of _____ of eternal life.
- Since there are many inadequate and false concepts of saving faith, we must carefully present this biblical truth.



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Faith is the key that opens heaven's door.

- Key to Heaven illustration, card #12.

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What saving faith is not



- Not mere head knowledge: _____ with certain historical facts.
 - ♦ Some people believe in Jesus Christ the same way they believe in George Washington or Napoleon.
 - ♦ The Bible says that the devil believes in God's existence, but simply assenting to that fact will not take him to heaven.
 - ♦ The Scripture used for this truth is James 2:19. Head Knowledge illustration, card #13.

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- Not mere temporal faith: looking to God at times of _____ needs and crises.
 - ♦ This may be illustrated in several ways:
 - At times of sickness or surgery - healing faith.
 - When facing money problems - financial faith.
 - Driving or flying across country - traveling faith.
 - Making big decisions - deciding faith.
 - ♦ These have one thing in common; they're temporary.
 - ♦ This kind of faith is good, but it saves no one. Temporal Faith illustration, card #13.

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What saving faith is



- Trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life.
- The Scripture used for this truth is Acts 16:31.
- There are three elements of saving faith (K-A-T):
 - ♦ _____ - the intellectual factor.
 - ♦ _____ - the agreement factor.
 - ♦ _____ - the reliance factor.

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Unit 8 **The GOSPEL: FAITH**

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The Chair illustration, card #14.

- Talk about the chair in three stages, asking questions:
 - ♦ Do you believe that this chair exists?
 - ♦ Do you believe it would hold me up?
 - ♦ Why isn't that chair holding me up right now?
- _____ the illustration to trusting Christ.

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Beggar's Hand and Gratitude illustration, card #15.

- Before leaving the point of FAITH, it is important to explain the role of good works and the motive for godly living.
- Having told them earlier that eternal life is not earned by good works, we must now tell them where good works fit in.
 - ♦ Not trying to obtain eternal life by doing good works.
 - ♦ But doing them out of gratitude for eternal life.

Transition sentence: "Does this make sense to you?"