

# Example of a GOSPEL CONVERSATION

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## **START WITH PRAYER:**

Dear Father-in-Heaven, please, show me the truth, help me to understand your Word, the Bible. Give me strength and courage to accept what you are saying, to be ready to change what needs changed in my life, to receive your truth freely and to live the way you desire me to live. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER:**

- Have you ever thought what might happen “IF” \_\_\_\_\_? (i.e., test positive for COVID 19 Virus)
- What would happen if you had the virus and died?
- What next?

## **QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE:**

- Do you believe in God?
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, as the Son-of-God?
- Do you believe the Bible is the Word of God?

If yes, then we must believe what the Bible has to say! Right?

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## **TAB #1: God says in 2 Timothy 3:16 that “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness...”**

I remember when someone once told me, ‘that I would live forever, and I had no say in the matter’.

**WOW!**

Think about it; **what if that is true?**

**IT IS TRUE!** We know that the body is where we live, but this body **will** die. The real person (the real me) that lives inside this body, the soul, will live forever in a brand-new body designed for eternity...

This body will exist in one of two places...heaven or hell! (Ref. **Matthew 25:46**)

## **QUESTION OF AUTHENTICITY:**

Wouldn’t you like to know with absolute certainty that when you die, you will enter into heaven?

**Who does not want to know this?** Of course, we all want to know where we will go after we die!

We are **NOT** talking about religion. There are over 4200 different religions in the world. Most everyone claims to have the correct answer. But guess what, everyone **CANNOT** be right in their beliefs or theologies.

## **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:**

- Somebody must be wrong!
- Which means that somebody must be right!

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- So, how do you know “TRUTH,” from false teachings?
- What is the right answer?

The **God** who gave us the Bible wants **YOU** to **know who He really is and what He really said**. Many people have created a God in their own mind in a way that they WISHED God were like, BUT that God is only an imaginary God.

The God of the Bible is much different than the God we create in our minds.

The PURPOSE of this conversation is to introduce you to the **One and Only, True God** of this Bible!

**REALITY CHECK:** The chance of dying from the Corona Virus in about .26% more or less. The chance of dying for ALL PEOPLE of something, somewhere, at some time is 100%. Don't you want to know God before you meet Him? Because you WILL meet God face-to-face, and that is one appointment no one will miss!

NO ONE is asking you to join a church, a religion, or anything else. We want to help you discover who the God of this Bible REALLY is before you meet Him face-to-face!

**REMINDER:** Again, God said, **2 Timothy 3:16** says, **“All Scripture is breathed out by God and is useful to teach us...”** All...means...All! All Scripture is breathed out by God...**no picking and choosing!**

## **QUESTION OF COMMITMENT:**

WILL YOU take the time to walk through the Bible right now so you can see for yourself what God really says? Then YOU WILL know whether or not you will go to heaven when you die.

**REMEMBER, once this life is over, there are no second chances! Gave over! Absolutely, no second chances!**

God says, “Today is the day of Salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2)

You owe it to yourself to discover the “Truth of God’s Word”! Please DO NOT rely on hear-say, or what you have been told by someone who may or may not know what “God really said in His Word, the Bible.”

IF YOU continue beyond this point, then you are saying, “I am committed to discovering the truth!”

## **QUESTIONS FOR GOING DEEPER:**

- What did Jesus come to this world to do? He came to Die!
- Why? To pay for our sins.
- So, since Jesus died for our sins, is everyone a child of God? \_\_\_\_\_(Y/N)

Most people will hesitate... answering “Yes” or some might say “No” but not knowing why they said no.

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**TAB #2—Let us see what God really said... 1 John 3:10 [always, we will go to God’s Word] “By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are children of the devil: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.”**

Therefore, according to God’s Word, how many groups are there? Clearly there are **ONLY** two groups because **God said so!** So, **not everyone is a child of God...some are children of the devil ... according to God’s Word.**

Honestly, most everyone wants to be a child of God and go to heaven one day...but **WANTING** that to be true and **DOING** what it takes to make it happen, are two completely different actions.

**Let us try another approach!** MOST everyone thinks that God will let them into heaven because they have been a good person. They have not done anything **REALLY BAD**...They do not cheat, or murder, or steal...etc.

**TAB #3—Okay, let us see what God really said in the Bible about being a good person.**

**a. Romans 3:10-12**, “as it is written: ‘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.’”

According to **Romans 3:10-12**, who is “GOOD”? **God said**, “**NO ONE** does good! Now, again...who said this? **God said**; **NOT THE PREACHER, NOT THEIR RELIGION, NOR ME!**

**b. God said in Romans 3:23, “For everyone has sinned...”** Who has sinned? Everyone!

**AFTER THOUGHT:** AGAIN, these are not my words. So, **if no one is good... how does anyone get to heaven?** I am glad that you asked that question because God wants you to know the answer.

God tells us in numerous places throughout Scriptures how to have a relationship with Him and enter heaven once we have taken our last breath here on earth. Here is an example....

**TAB #4 GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW HOW TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**

**In Ephesians 2:8-9** **God said**, “**For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”**

**NOTE:** Non-Christians **do not** have a church vocabulary...you must explain meanings.

“**Grace**” means God giving you something that you **DID NOT** deserve. You cannot earn it.

**God said**, “**You can’t take credit for this.**” **God said**, it is a gift from God...that is Grace!

**Remember back in Romans 3:10-12...God said**, “**No one does good, not a single one!**”

That includes you, me, and everyone else.

People today base success on their rewards during life; good family, good money manager, good husband, good dad, good Christian, good person, good at most things. They will say, “I am not a bad person.”

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Our measure of ‘Good’ though, is much different than God’s measure of ‘Good’.

**God said, “My thoughts and ways are NOT the same as yours” (Isaiah 55:8)**

Gods’ way is Holiness – His standard of good is different from our standard!

**TAB #5— God said in Hebrews 9:27: “And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.”**

- Picture yourself... you die and you are standing before God; **It’s Judgment Day!**
- God opens ‘the books’... You say, ‘**what books**’? We will get to that in a few minutes.
- You have heard about the 10 commandments... right? (**Exodus 20:3-17**)

*(Lying, stealing, lust/adultery) .... You get the idea! Let us assume God only judges you based on the 10 commandments and nothing else.*

- Are you guilty?

**TAB #6—Ok, now let us go to the book of Revelation.**

a. **God said in Revelation 20:12-15 says, “And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it. Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, (MEANING?) the lake of fire. 15) And if anyone’s name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

Here we find ‘**the books**.’ This passage tells us that our deeds in this life are being recorded in heavenly books.

But there are **TWO** sets of books! Notice verse 15 again – “**And if anyone’s name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**”

So, the question you should now be asking yourself is, “How do I get my name written in the “**Book of Life**”!

b. **God said in Revelation 21:8 says, “But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.” (Or eternal separation from God)**

**REALITY CHECK** - If God judges you **ONLY** on the 10 commandments, will he find you innocent or guilty?

Of course, you will be guilty! As a Holy and just God...where will His judgment send you?

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Heaven or Hell?

**God has no choice** but to sentence you to hell... Otherwise, God would not be Holy and Just.

Does this concern you in anyway?

**TAB #7— God said in Romans 6:23 - “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Let us look at what these words mean.**

**Wages** - what we earned for our sin.

**Sin** – look at **Romans 6:23** again, (notice this word is singular and not plural)

**Death** – (meaning *eternal* separation from God)

**Gift** – the word gift again (remember Ephesians 2:8) something that God gives us, not earned!

**in** – in a relationship with Jesus Christ

In the Gospel of John, in chapter 3, Jesus is speaking to a deeply **religious man** named Nicodemus. He was a **religious leader** and was responsible for teaching the Israelites God’s Word. Nicodemus did everything that he knew to do, (attended religious services, prayed every day, gave money to support God’s church, memorized the scriptures, etc.) but he still had an emptiness in his heart. He had been watching Jesus perform miracle after miracle. Since Nicodemus wanted to know more about this Jesus, he approached Him secretly one night.

**TAB #8 - Here is what God’s Word says, John 3:1-3, “Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’”**

Jesus is telling Nicodemus how he can know he will go to heaven. Nicodemus had been trying in vain to earn his way to heaven. But Jesus told him, **‘you must be born again’**... so that his name would be written in The **Book of Life!**

**WOW!** Nicodemus thought... How does that work? I cannot get back inside my mama and be born again. Of course, that is not the kind of rebirth Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus. Jesus was talking about a spiritual birth. **God’s Word** explains what being **born again** looks like in the Book of Ezekiel.

**TAB #9— God said in Ezekiel 36:25-28, “And I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my**

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**rules You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”**

After reading these verses you may ask, ‘**Who is doing all the work here?**’ Of course, **God is** doing all the work! **We cannot save ourselves** by being GOOD ENOUGH. It takes God doing a work within us. Only God can give us a new heart.... Only God can give us His Spirit! We (like Nicodemus) must be willing to go through this spiritual operation to receive our new heart and God’s Spirit – a New Birth!

Maybe, you are asking what many sincere people ask, ‘How many ways are there to get to heaven?’

**TAB #10— John 14:6 - “Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”. Clearly Jesus says that He is the ONLY way to God the Father in Heaven!**

**HOW CAN WE GET TO HEAVEN....**

**NOT** by being a good person, **NOT** by reading the complete Bible, **NOT** by being a member of the church, **NOT** by giving money for good causes...All of these are good things to do...BUT, it’s **NOT ENOUGH!!!**

**Only through Jesus Christ. WHY? Because God said so!**

**TAB #11— God said in Acts 4:12 - “And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” WHY? Because God said so!**

**TAB #12— God said, in Philippians 2:9-11 - “Therefore, (in Acts 4:12 God said, “...there is salvation in no one else) God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”**

God’s Word is clear – **ONLY through a relationship with Jesus Christ can we have our name written in “The Book of Life and enter into eternal life with God in heaven.**

This next verse, is the verse that will change your life forever.... (It is about **Repentance**)

**TAB #13— God said in 2 Corinthians 5:15, “and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sakes died and was raised.”**

He died--**WHO** is He?”—Yes, He is **Jesus!**

This means we should no longer live for ourselves!

This is what we do when we are not living for Jesus; we are living for ourselves!

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Today, we live doing what we want to do, when we want to do it, for as long as we want to do it! This is called

‘self-satisfaction.’

When living in the world...it is always about ME!

**ASK YOURSELF**— Who are you truly living for? Yourself? Family? More Money? Sports? or, are you a TRUE follower of Jesus Christ? This verse says that **you MUST decide. WHO** are you going to live for? Will you live for yourself or will you surrender your life and live for and be a true follower?

**You MUST choose.... you cannot straddle the fence! You cannot fool God into thinking that you are good! REMEMBER what God said in **Romans 3:10-12, “No one is good”.****

**TAB #14 - God said in Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.”**

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**TAB #15 - God said in John 6:40 “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”**

Do you want to know how to **become a child of God**? God tells us very clearly in the next verse.

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**TAB #16 - God said in Romans 10:9-10, “ 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.”**

To openly **Confess**—What does this mean? This means you agree with God and **REPENT!** You talk to God and confess (declare) that you have SINNED and **pledge to change** with His help! (Ref. **Romans 3:23**)

**Jesus is Lord**—What does this mean? It means that **Jesus is God, and I am not!**

This means Jesus is master of my life and not me! **Lordship!**

This means Jesus is the Boss! I am to obey Him, not, Him obeying me!

**Believe**—This is where many people misunderstand the word “believe” ....

Believing is more than HEAD KNOWLEDGE....

Many people believe in Jesus (so do the demons and they tremble...see **James 2:19**)

It is more than believing facts about something or someone.

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This believe means total TRUST—Your eternal life depends on your **FAITH in Jesus!** (NOT a religion --OT good works!)

**Saved** from what? Saved from the Lake of Fire that burns forever for the unbelievers, and Satan and his angels.

Many people who pray a '**sinner's prayer**' do so without understanding what it means to truly **REPENT, CONFESS, BELIEVE, and TURN** to God through a surrendered life in Jesus Christ as LORD of your life!

God's Word says you have to, "**Confess Jesus as Lord**", God's Word says you have to, "**Believe**". This is putting your complete trust and **faith in Jesus Christ...in Him alone - by faith alone!**

## **Decision Time**

I have never met anyone who became a believing follower of Jesus Christ by simply watching someone else live a Christian life.

YOU have READ and HEARD what **God says** about HIMSELF in His Word. You have read what it means to be saved and to become a true follower of Jesus.

**IS THERE ANY REASON** why you would not surrender your life and become a follower of Jesus Christ at this very moment?

You CAN speak with God and ask Him to forgive you of your sins and tell Him you believe that Jesus is the one and only way to be saved, and ask Jesus to come into your life as your LORD & Savior right now.

**TAB #17— Matthew 18:20 - "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there I am among them."**

[If they say, YES] Would you like to pray and ask God to save you and give you eternal life through saving faith in Jesus Christ, then let us ask God right now. DIG DEEPER...

[If they say, NO] Why? Perhaps there is something not clear or they cannot forgive themselves for past sins?

## **ASSURANCE:**

**REMEMBER** what God said in **Ezekiel 36:25-28** (Ref: TAB #9 "**...I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.**") **He will give you His Spirit; to change you "If, you are willing to REPENT and change with His help"**.

WHEN you call out to God confessing your sins, repenting of those wrong doings, believing in Jesus, and surrendering your life to Him, God says and you can be assured, you will be saved.

## **WORDS FROM GOD TO ENCOURAGE YOU:**

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**TAB #18 - God said in 1 John 5:12-13 - “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know you have eternal life.”**

**TAB #19 — God said in Isaiah 43:25 - “I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake and I will not remember you sins.”**

**TAB #20— God said in John 1:12 - “But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.”**

- Feelings can deceive you, but the word of God never fails:
- According to God’s word, are you a child of God .....**(YES or NO?)**
- If “YES”, who says you are? (By Whose authority?) **GOD SAID YOU ARE!**
- According to God’s word, “Welcome to the family of God!”

## **Next steps**

- **TELL SOMEONE**—Share what God has done for you,
- **READ MORE**—Read the Bible every day.
- **PRAY OFTEN**—Continue to talk to God praising Him for what He has done.
- **GATHER TOGETHER**—Find a Bible believing, Bible preaching, Bible living Church.
- **BE OBEDIENT**—Continue to believe and to obey God’s Word.
- **TRUST THE HOLY SPIRIT**—God promises to **NEVER leave or forsake you**. He is with you, now.
- **BE ASSURED**—God restored your broken relationship with Him, has forgiven your sins, gave you eternal life in Heaven with Him, now.

## **Other Scripture References:**

- **Matt. 28:20** I am with you always...even to the end of the world.
- **Luke 13:3** ...unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.
- **2 Tim. 2:15** Do your best...
- **1 Peter 3:15** ...being prepared to make a defense...