

Using the “Romans Road to Salvation”

Introduction: Family / Occupation / Recreation (interests—are you interested in spiritual things?) / Message

- 1) Ask, “Are you very interested in spiritual things—the Bible, church, and things like that? Listen to them kindly.
- 2) Ask, “Do you know for sure that you would go to heaven if you died today? May I show you how you can know?”

1. Sin – Rom. 3:10, 23 (explain: “Righteous means obeying all God’s laws perfectly. Have you done that?)

Ask, “What are some of the ways people sin?” Illustrate 3 sins per day = 1095 in one year x their age.

Talk much about the ways we sin, and don’t move on until they acknowledge their sinfulness.

2. Death – Rom. 6:23 (“wages” = penalty / punishment)

The Bible teaches 3 kinds of death: spiritual, physical, and the second death—the lake of fire (Rev. 21:8).

Ask, “According to the Bible, if you died now where would you spend eternity?”

3. Not good works – Rom. 4:4-5 (have them read this verse after you ask the following question)

“Most people realize they have sinned, that they are not perfect, and that their sins must be paid for, so they try to earn salvation. In your opinion, what do people do hoping to pay for their sins and earn salvation?” Let them answer; then ask, “Which of those things are you depending on to get you into heaven?”

4. Christ died for you – Rom. 5:6-10

Illustration: “Let the Bible represent all of your sins and my right hand represent you. You are under the weight of your sins and deserve death and hell. God loves you, but He hates your sin and must punish it. Let my left hand represent Jesus. He never sinned and did not have to die. But when He went to the cross, God took all of your sins and laid them on Jesus (Isa. 53:4-6). Jesus suffered the penalty for all of your sins. So, how many sins does that leave for you to pay for? (None) Do you believe that what Jesus did is good enough to pay for your sins and earn salvation for you; or do you think you have to do something to help pay for your own sins and earn salvation for yourself? (Let them answer) Jesus’ sacrifice was perfect, and you cannot improve on it. He said when He died, ‘It is finished.’”

5. Believe and call on the Lord – Rom. 10:9-13 & 1:3-4

a) Explain: The Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God—God in the flesh. Only Jesus can save you because He was born without sin, because He lived a sinless life (He has perfect righteousness), and because He rose from the grave. Only by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ can you be declared righteous (Rom. 3:24-26) and have eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

b) Illustration: Man rowing boat / waterfall / Man throws rope / “Drop oars and grab rope!” = repentance and faith

c) Illustration: The thief on the cross repented (changed his mind about Jesus), believed, and called out.

Ask, “Are you willing to turn away from your sin and from trusting your good works, and put your complete faith in Jesus—His blood and His resurrection—to save you? (If “yes,” then) Will you pray and ask God to save you right now?”

- If they pray, review Romans 10:13 with them. Explain the importance reading the Bible daily, church, and baptism.
- Ask for their address and phone number so you or someone else can follow up on them.
- Ask their permission to call them and visit them again within the next week.
- Call them the next day and visit within the next week if possible. Talk to them about assurance, growth in God’s word, and how to have victory over temptation.

Five Bible Reasons You Should Witness

1. “To obey is better than sacrifice” (I Samuel 15:22-23)

a) You have the commands of Christ to obey (Matt. 28:19-20 / Mark 16:15 / Luke 24:46-48).

b) You have Jesus’ example to follow (Nicodemus and Samaritan in John 3 & 4). He took time for people; will you?

c) You have the leading of the Holy Spirit to obey (Phillip did this in Acts 8). Have you been obeying His leading?

2. “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ” (II Corinthians 5:18-21 / see the example of Paul in Acts 20:17-31)

a) You are an ambassador at all times and in all places to the people God gives you contact with.

b) You are God’s mouthpiece. People must hear God’s Word in order to get saved (Rom. 10:13-17).

c) Do not be ashamed to speak freely about Christ to people (Matt. 10:27-32 / Mark 8:34-38 / II Tim. 1:7-8).

3. “We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ . . . we persuade men” (II Cor. 5:9-11 / Col. 1:28-29).

If Christ returned today, would you have any souls to present to Him? Have you been a faithful witness?

4. “It is appointed unto men once to die” (Heb. 9:27). Don’t put off talking to people, you or they may die!

5. “Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire” (Rev. 20:14-15).

Example: Luke 16:19-31. Memorize verses on hell – Matt. 25:41 / Mark 9:43-48 / I Th. 1:8-9 / Rev. 14:9-11.