

# Three Simple Tools of Service

(Adapted from Raymond Woodward's *Life Course 401*)

“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time”  
(1 Timothy 2:4-6).

## THREE SIMPLE TOOLS TO SHARE THE GOSPEL:

### Explanation #1: The Four Spiritual Laws

*Start with a question: “Have you heard of the four spiritual laws?”*

#### 1. The Law of GOD

- God is LOVING (1 John 4:16) – God is love
- God is HOLY (1 Peter 1:16) – Be ye holy as I am holy
- God is JUST (Revelation 15:3) – Just and true are thy ways

#### 2. The Law of MAN

- Man is SINFUL (Romans 3:23) – All have sinned
- Man deserves DEATH (Romans 6:23) – The wages of sin is death
- Man is HELPLESS (Isaiah 64:6) – Our righteousness is as filthy rags

#### 3. The Law of CHRIST

- Christ is GOD (John 1:14) – The Word became flesh
- Christ became our SUBSTITUTE (Romans 5:8) – Christ died for us
- This is the GOSPEL (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) – NOTE THREE PARTS!

#### 4. The Law of SALVATION

- We respond to Christ’s death through REPENTANCE (Luke 13:3) –Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish
- We respond to Christ’s burial through BAPTISM (Mark 16:16) – He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved
- We receive our new life through the HOLY GHOST (Acts 2:38) – NOTE THREE PARTS

### Explanation #2: The Roman Road

*Let your friend answer these questions by reading in their Bible.*

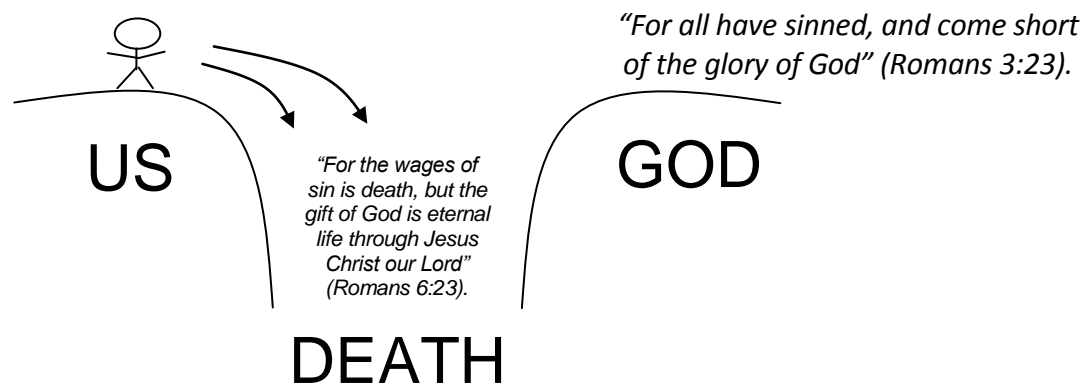
- **Romans 3:23**    **How many people have sinned?**  
*ALL - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*
- **Romans 6:23**    **What is the eternal penalty for sin?**

**DEATH** - *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

- **Romans 5:8**      **What is the only remedy for sin?**  
**CHRIST'S DEATH** - *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*
- **Romans 2:4**      **What is the right response to God's love?**  
**REPENT** - *Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*
- **Romans 6:4**      **How do I put an end to my old sinful life?**  
**BAPTISM** - *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*
- **Romans 8:11**    **Where do I get power to live a new life?**  
**HOLY GHOST** - *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

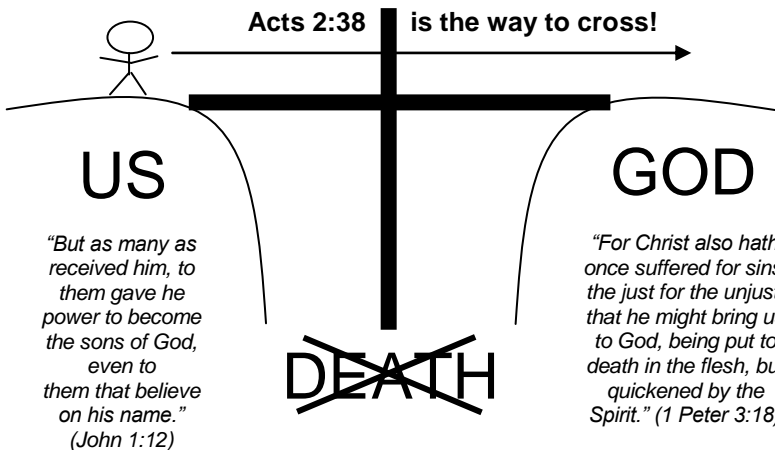
### Explanation #3: The Bridge

You can draw a "roadmap" to salvation on the back of the nearest napkin.



*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).*

*"For he longs for all to be saved and to understand this truth: That God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, himself man, is between them to bring them together, by giving his life for all mankind" (1 Timothy 2:4-6, LB).*



"Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost' (Acts 2:38).

## TWELVE KEYS TO BEING AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS

### 1. RECOGNIZE YOUR PERSONAL STYLE

- Your "SHAPE" not only determines your ministry in the church, it also influences your mission in the world. Don't feel guilty about styles you don't naturally use, and don't judge others who don't do it like you do it.
- A "right brain" witness emphasizes personal experience, while a "left brain" witness emphasizes facts and scripture. We need both kinds of testimonies. Remember that Jesus never used the same approach twice.

### 2. THINK THROUGH WHAT YOU WILL SAY

*"Everything you say should be kind and well thought out so that you know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:6, GWT).*

*"Intelligent people think before they speak; what they say is then more persuasive" (Proverbs 16:23, GN).*

### 3. SHOW LOVE

*"If I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or clanging bell" (1 Corinthians 13:1, GN).*



People don't care how much we know until they know how much we care.

### 4. BE POSITIVE AND PLEASANT

*"A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is" (Proverbs 16:21, GN).*

*"A word of encouragement does wonders" (Proverbs 12:25, LB).*

## 5. NEVER USE ANY PUT-DOWNS

*"Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out" (Colossians 4:6, TM).*

*"Be tactful with those who are not Christians" (Colossians 4:5, JB).*



**Don't ever expect an unbeliever to act like a believer until they become a believer.**

## 6. TELL STORIES AND GIVE EXAMPLES

*"Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables" (Matthew 13:34, NLT).*

## 7. LIGHTEN UP!

*"The Son of man came enjoying life" (Luke 7:34, PH).*

## 8. BE NATURAL – DON'T TRY TO SOUND "SPIRITUAL"

*"When I came to you, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy but simply to tell you what God has guaranteed" (1 Cor. 2:1, JB).*

*"Your speech should be unaffected and logical so that your opponents may feel ashamed at finding nothing in which to pick holes" (Titus 2:8, PH).*

## 9. BE VULNERABLE AND AUTHENTIC

*"We've spoken frankly to you, we've opened our hearts wide" (2 Cor. 6:11, GN).*

*"Be sure that you live in a way that brings honor to the Good News of Christ" (Philippians 1:27, NCV).*

## 10. MEMORIZE SOME KEY BIBLE VERSES

*"Concentrate ... on being a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, and who knows how to use the Word of truth to the best advantage" (2 Timothy 2:15, PH).*

## 11. KEEP IT SIMPLE

*"I fear...(Satan) will corrupt you from the simplicity that is in Christ" (2 Corinthians 11:3, KJV).*

## 12. ASK GOD TO HELP YOU USE THE RIGHT WORDS

*"For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true" (1 Thessalonians 1:5,*

NLT).

*“Pray for me that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret of the Good News without fear” (Eph. 6:19, NCV).*

**Study Questions**

1. Given the following statements, write the spiritual law it relates to, and give the Scripture reference where it is found.

1) God is HOLY ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

2) Man is HELPLESS ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

3) Christ became our SUBSTITUTE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

4) God is JUST ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

5) We respond to Christ’s death through REPENTANCE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

6) Man deserves DEATH ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

7) God is LOVING ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

8) We receive new life through the HOLY GHOST ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

9) Man is SINFUL ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

10) We respond to Christ’s burial through BAPTISM ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

11) This is the GOSPEL ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

12) Christ is GOD ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

2. List and briefly explain the three (3) simple tools we can use to share the gospel.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

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2) \_\_\_\_\_

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3) \_\_\_\_\_

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3. List the twelve (12) keys to being an effective witness. Support each with at least one Scripture reference.

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