



Reaching Out With The Word of God

Scriptures to help you in evangelism

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Introduction

The reason these Bible verses have been selected is to assist you in your personal evangelism. We believe that there are many key verses which are essential in sharing the Gospel. Without the authority and certainty of God's Word in our hearts we cannot possibly hope to stand against all the error and confusion held by many religious cults and sects.

We need to know God's Word and how to use it. This is absolutely necessary when we are involved in seeking to win men, women and children from the grip of Satan to the love of Christ. God's Word is the Sword of the Spirit.

The key verses under each heading are printed in full, and we recommend that you begin memorising these. The other references can be looked up and used later on.

You can also create an easy and quick reference system in your Bible:

- Print and cut out the sheet on last page of the document and stick in your Bible or find a blank page at the front or back of your Bible and copy it.
- Turn to that reference and by the verse or at the bottom of the page write the next reference for that topic, e.g. next to Deut. 6:4 write Isa. 43:10,11. Continue in this way through all the references. Each verse will lead you to the next.

Remember that the Word of God is powerful when quoted to a person, but is often more effective when read to them or - even better - if they read God's Word aloud for themselves.

All references are from the N.I.V.

'The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.'

Heb. 4:12,13

The Unity of God

- Deut 6:4 Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.
- Isaiah 43:10,11 Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no saviour.
- 1 Kings 8:60 ... So that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God and that there is none other.
- 1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Also: Isaiah 45: 18 & 21

The Deity of Christ

- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 10:30 "I and the Father are one". (said Jesus)
- Matt 3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased".
- John 20:28 Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God"
- Heb 1:8a But about the Son he says, 'Your throne, O god, will last for ever and ever...'

Also: John 1:14-18; 5:16-47; 8:19,56 & 58 (esp. for Muslims); 10:24-39; 12:44-50; 14:9, 20-23; Phil. 2:6; Col. 1:15-17 and esp v.19; 2:9-10; Tit 2:13; Heb 1:1-13 (esp. 3, 7, 4); 1 John 5:20; Exodus 3:14

Jesus - God the Son

- Isaiah 9:6-7a
(see Matt. 1:23) For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end.
- Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- 2 Cor 5:19a ... God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them...
- Rom 9:5 Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, for ever praised. Amen.
- John 1:34 I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God (John the Baptist).
- 1 John 5:11,12 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life: he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Also: John 3:16; John 10:36-39; Luke 1:32-35; Matt 27:43; Rom. 1:4.

Salvation by Faith Alone-Not by Works

Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

Eph. 2:8,9 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works so that no-one can boast.

Also: Rom 3:28; Rom 5:1-2; 6:23; Gal 2:16-21; Gen 15:6; Tit 3:3-11 (esp. v5); Heb 12:2. Fuller passages Rom 3:10-5:2 & 5:15-6:4.

Jesus - The Only Way

John 14:6 Jesus answered "I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me".

1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given by men by which we must be saved.

Also: Phil 2:5-11; John 10:9; 1 John 5:11,12; John 17:3; Col 1:15-20; 1 Cor 8:5,6 (Hindus, not Muslims).

Only One Life and One Death

Heb 9:27 Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement.....

Also: Heb 9:2-28; Gen 3:19; 2 Sam 14:14; Job 16:22; Isa 38:12.

Jesus - His Death

Matt 17:22,23 (Jesus said...) "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life...".

Rom 5:10 when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son...

1 Pet 3:18a For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

Also: Isaiah 53; Matt 26:28; 27; Rom 5:8; 1 Cor 15:3

Jesus - His Resurrection

Matt 28:6a "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said".

Acts 3:15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

1 Cor 15:4 ...that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures....

Also: John 20:27-29; Acts 17:31; Rom 10:9

Sin - What it is

Isaiah 53:6a We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way...

Rom 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth.

Matt 15:18-20; 22:37-39 (Greatest sin must be to disobey the greatest commandment).

Deut 5:16-21 Lists of sins. How does man compare to God's commandments?

Also: Mark 7:20-23; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19-21; Eph 5:3-6; 3:5-9.

Sin - We are all Sinners

John 3:19b But men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

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

1 John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Also: Isaiah 59:1-22; James 4:17; Jer 17:9-10; James 1:13-15; John 8:3-11; Psa 51:5.

Forgiveness

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Rom 5:9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

Heb 9:22b ...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Also: Matt 9:6; Acts 10:43; 13:38; Eph 1:7; 1 Pet 3:18, etc.

Benefits of Salvation

Rom 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Rom 28a And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him....

Col 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.

Also: Many verses from Rom 8 & Eph 1 & 2; John 4:13, 14; Rom 6:23; Pet 1:3-9.

Assurance of Salvation

John 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand.

Phil 1:6 Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Also: John 5:24; Rom 8:28-39; Heb 13:5b; 1 Pet 1:23; 1 John 5:11-13.

Eternal Life for the Believer

John 3:36a Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life.....

John 6:47 I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

Also: John 6:40; 1 Thess 4:17; Rev 22:5.

Eternal Judgement for Non-Believers

2 Thess 1:9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power.

Matt 25:41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels'".

1 John 3:36b But whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.

Also: Luke 16:19-31; Rev 21:27.

Inspiration and Infallibility of Scriptures

Psa 119:160 All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

Matt 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

2 Pet 1:21 For prophecy never has its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Also: Exodus 20:1; John 10:35; John 17:17; Rev 22:18-21.

FINAL WORD:

1 Cor 3:6-8 I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose and each will be rewarded according to his own labour.

Matt 10:19,20 But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

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