

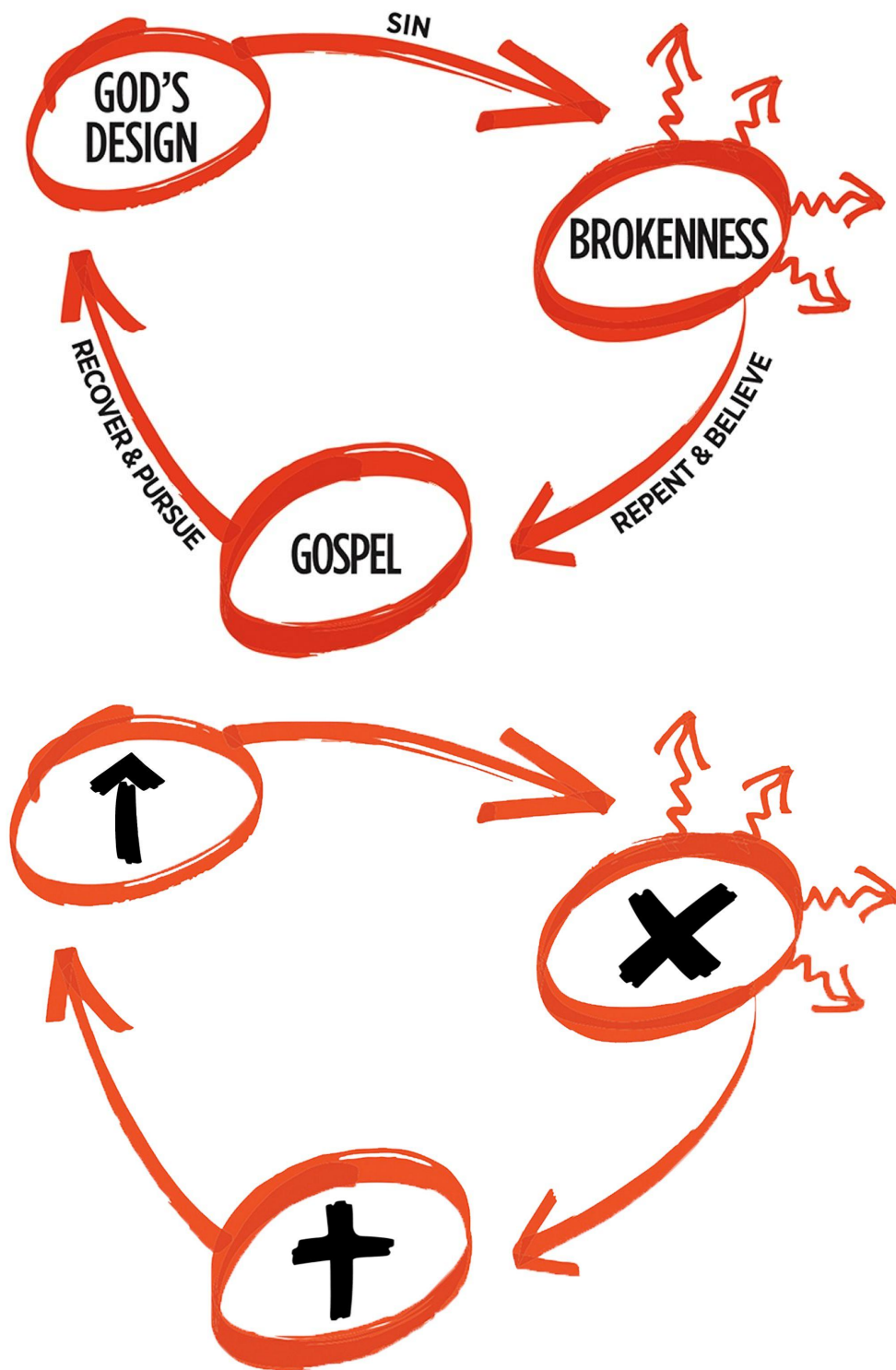
10 Tools for Speaking about Salvation

**Don't try to learn all 10 at the same time.* The purpose of having 10 tools is so you can find what works best for you and for others.

**Remember, you're not selling something or simply trying to convert someone.* No one wants to be your "spiritual project." You are sharing Good News, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Plus, through prayer, you believe God is already working in the other person's life. They need His power and love, not your "amazingness".

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3 Circles



For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

2 Problems

2 - Every person on earth faces two problems that they can't overcome on their own: **Sin and Death**

1 - **Jesus** has dealt with both of these...

2 - Through the **Cross and Resurrection.**

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. - Romans 10:9

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. - Romans 3:23-24

4 Pillars (“one great”)

1. There is one great GOD

Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. - Hebrews 11:6

2. We all have one great PROBLEM

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...
- Romans 3:23*

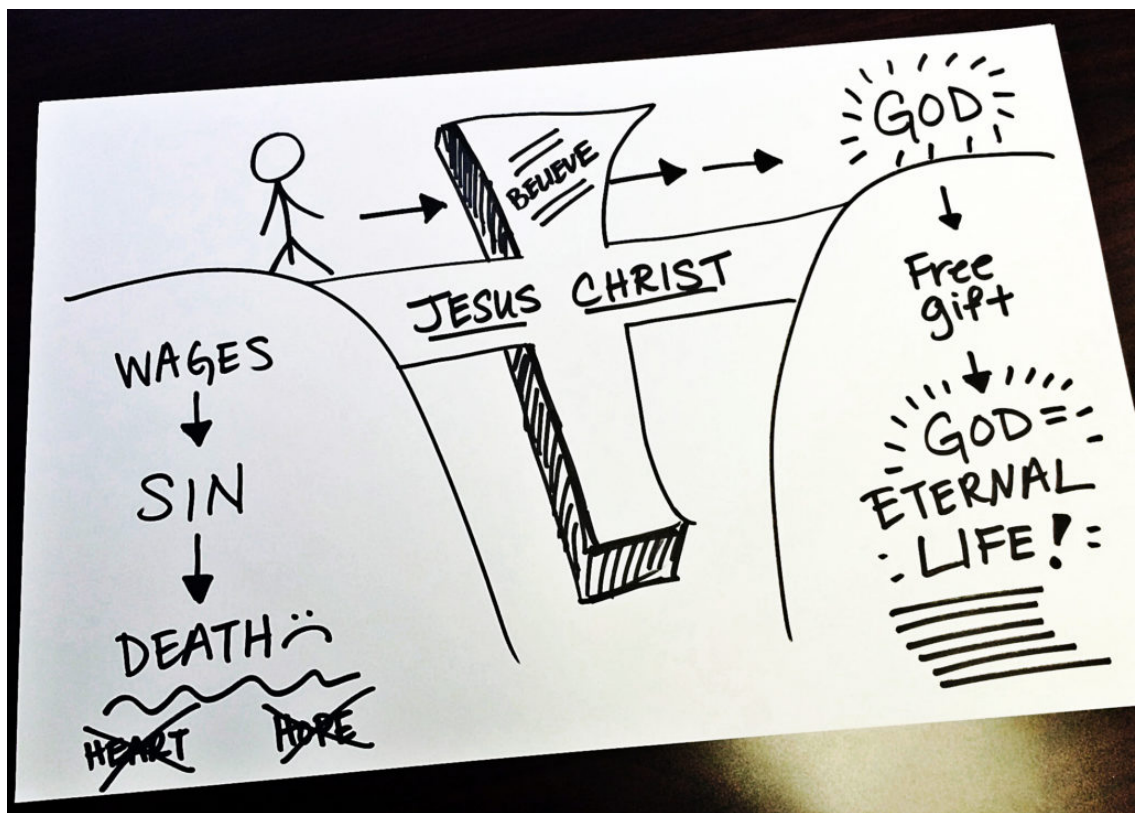
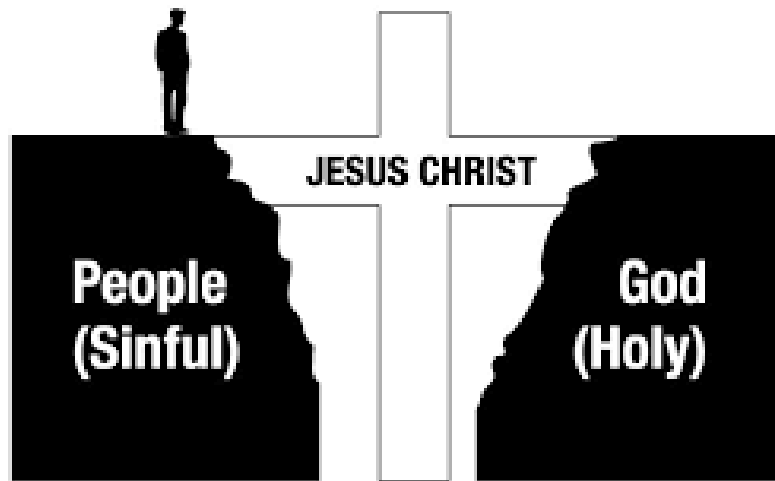
3. There is one great HOPE

and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. - Romans 3:24

4. We all have one great DECISION

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The Bridge Illustration



*For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life
through Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 6:23*

Scale of 1 - 10

1. *“Are you a person of faith?”*

(“Are you a Christian?” “Do you have a spiritual background?”)

2. *“On a scale of 1 - 10, how confident are you that you will go to Heaven when you die? Why?”*

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. - 1 John 5:13

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” - John 14:6

Beginning - Middle - End

*This approach is based on Paul's speech in the midst of the Athens Areopagus in Acts 17:22-32. It's also similar to the process of walking people through the big picture of the Bible – Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration.

BEGINNING / CREATION

- Do you believe in a creator? How do you believe all things came to be? Do you believe in a beginning?

END / ETERNITY (JUDGMENT)

- Where do you think things are heading? Do you believe in life after death? If so, do you think we will stand before the Creator?

MIDDLE / RESURRECTION & REPENTANCE

- We live somewhere in between the beginning and end. And, we can agree things aren't good. They're not as they should be. Why? *Sin and Death!*
- But, at the very core of the world's story, God placed the *Cross and Resurrection of Jesus*. If this is true, it changes everything.
- What is our response? *Repent and Believe*

Thank You

*This approach is based on the story in Luke 17:11-19.

- Learn this story. It can be very impactful for people in your life who are “good people” but don’t seem to care about faith.
- Tell the story, then talk about Good Things and God Things.

GOOD THINGS

- Ask = When something good happens in your life (trips, family, experiences, etc), whom do you thank?
 - If they say “God”, then ask them to share about their faith. Talk about repentance and worship.
 - If they say “the universe” or something general like that, talk about your personal belief in God.

GOD THINGS

- Everything we have is a gift from God.
 - Everything we have is from Him AND for Him.
 - Good gifts in life make terrible gods (idols)!
- If you believe good things are from God and you want to thank Him, what keeps you from devoting your life completely to Him?

RESPONSE

- Repent and Believe in the Gospel
- *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”* - statement from Jesus in John 10:10

3D GLASSES - DO? DON'T? DONE!

1. DONE - We are able to be saved **because of what Jesus has done**, not because of what we do or don't do.
2. DO - Doing good things doesn't bring salvation; but as a result of salvation, we want to do good works.
3. DON'T - Salvation isn't about things we avoid; but as a result of salvation, we don't want to sin. We honor God.

*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.
-Ephesians 2:8-9*

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
-Ephesians 2:10*

Personal Testimony

1. What was my life like before I was saved?

2. What circumstances/events led to me becoming a Christian? Maybe mention who influenced your life and helped you come to the point of trusting in Jesus for salvation.

3. Who is Jesus? What has He done in my life? (focus on Jesus' death and resurrection)

4. Talk about Baptism (this is also a simple way to explain Jesus' death and resurrection)

5. How has my life been different after becoming a Christian? How is God working in my life now?

What else can we share?

- **God's Word**
 - What are you reading? Studying?
- **God's Work** (summary of David Platt teaching about evangelism - "I just talk to others about what God is doing in my life, and I talk as if I really believe He's at work.")
 - **Spiritual Experiences:** What are the spiritual markers in your life? When have you experienced God's presence most powerfully?
 - **Painful Experiences:** What trials and problems have shaped your life? How has God sustained you?

Baptism

*We want to be clear that the act of baptism doesn't automatically bring salvation; but if you're confused about explaining Christianity, the example of baptism can be a great picture (especially because it is so closely linked with repentance and faith in the New Testament).

*Also, asking if someone has been baptized is a very simple and often less awkward way to begin a Gospel conversation. Their answer will usually open up a chance to ask what they believe about Jesus and salvation.

Going Down into the Water (“Buried with Christ”)

- Going down into the water is a **picture of Jesus' death** for us. Through his death, he destroyed the power of sin. Plus, placing something in water is a picture of cleaning it. Faith in Jesus' death washes away sin.
- This is a good place to share *Ephesians 5:25-26*.

Coming Up out of the Water (“Raised to Walk”)

- Coming up out of the water is a **picture of Jesus' resurrection**. Through his death and resurrection, he destroyed the power of death.
- This is a good place to share *John 3:16*.

Exiting the Baptism Water (“In Newness of Life”)

- Traditionally, when baptism candidates exited the water, they were given a fresh robe or garment.
- Exiting the water is the first step toward a new life, fully devoted to Jesus and His Way.

Other Common Approaches

The Romans Road (Good News / Bad News)

- Romans 3:23
- Romans 6:23a
- Romans 5:8
- Romans 6:23b
- Romans 10:9
- Romans 10:13

The Four Spiritual Laws

1. God loves you and created you to know Him personally.
2. Man is sinful and separated from God, so we cannot know Him personally or experience His love.
3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him alone we can know God personally and experience God's love.
4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know God personally and experience His love.

The FAITH Acronym

- F. Forgiveness.
- A. Available.
- I. Impossible.
- T. Turn.
- H. Heaven.