

# **Be a Witness for Christ**

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## I. Introduction.

### II. The basis for witnessing.

A. All of our witnessing is a result of and based upon the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. (Mark 16:15)

B. We preach the gospel because it is the power of God. (Romans 1, Luke 24)

C. The Old Testament and the New Testament is basically the story of Jesus Christ and the light he came to give us. The Bible is a closed book until one comes to a personal realization of Christ's death for his sins - the Scripture unfolds as a result of this.

D. Repentance and forgiveness of sins being preached before all nations - the Great Commission - is also central to understanding the Scriptures. (John 20:19)

E. The job is to make disciples and not merely converts. (Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 5:28, Acts 8:1, Acts 2:42, Acts 1:8)

F. The disciples preached Christ.

### III. What a witness is.

A. He must know something about the subject.

B. He must be willing to talk about the subject.

C. His life must back up what he speaks about

D. He does not talk about himself.

### IV. The message.

A. It was one of comfort. (Matthew 11:28)

B. It was one of challenge. (Luke 9:23)

C. It was a call to faith. (John 9:35)

D. It was one of forgiveness. (John 8:11)

E. God has provided an access to meet every human soul.

1. Every person has a point of contact.

2. The need must be established such as the fact of sin. (Romans 3:23)

3. Everyone has a need whether they know it or not. (Isaiah 57:20-21)
4. There is the need of loneliness. (Colossians 2:10)
5. There is the need of peace in modern living. (John 14:27)
6. There is a need for significance. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

V. The Word of God is essential for witness. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

- A. The Scriptures are key for equipping the man though no one believes this anymore.
- B. We saw the Word of God for new life. (Jeremiah 23:28, Mark 4:3, 1 Peter 1:23, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 10:10)

VI. A clean life is essential to the matter of witnessing. (2 Timothy 2:19-21, Romans 12:1-2, Psalm 17:4)

VII. Some kind of an approach.

- A. The Bridge Illustration. (Romans 3:23, Hebrews 9:27, John 5:24, John 1:12)
- B. Sin separates us from God and there is a penalty that was met by Christ. We must receive Christ in faith to get this free offer of grace.

**Application questions**

1. Why witness?

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2. Why is some kind of an approach necessary for witnessing? What approach will you use?

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3. Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and write it below. What does this verse have to do with witnessing?

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