

# Gospel Flipchart

Based on Romans (& Galatians)

*To the one and only true God. Perfect love demonstrating justice and mercy - with patience. Grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus alone, discovered by scripture alone, all to the glory of God alone!*

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,  
And he who wins souls is wise.  
Proverbs 11:30 NKJV

A soft answer turns away wrath,  
But a harsh word stirs up anger.  
The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly,  
But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.  
Proverbs 15:1–2 NKJV

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.  
1 Peter 3:14–16 ESV

## Credit

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- Ray Comfort ([needGod.com](http://needGod.com)): the law / gospel presentation method
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## Biblical Justification

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. **So he reasoned** in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and **in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.**

Acts 17:16–17 ESV

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And **how are they to hear without someone preaching?** And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So **faith comes from hearing**, and hearing through **the word of Christ.**

Romans 10:13–17 ESV

## Gospel Focus

For I am not ashamed of **the gospel**, for it **is the power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16 ESV

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

Galatians 1:6–7 NKJV

## Who is God?

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **For what can be known about God is plain** to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been **clearly perceived**, ever since the creation of the world, **in the things that have been made.** So they are without excuse.

Romans 1:18–20 ESV

## Who is Man? (The Law)

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, **even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness**, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

Romans 2:14–16 ESV

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since **through the law comes knowledge of sin.**

Romans 3:19–20 ESV

Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Galatians 3:24 NKJV

## What God has Done! ([Tell Me] The Gospel)

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**, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by **faith**.

Romans 3:23–25a ESV

knowing that a man is **not justified by the works of the law** but by **faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have **believed in Christ Jesus**, that we might be **justified by faith in Christ** and **not by the works of the law**; for **by the works of the law no** flesh shall be **justified**.

Galatians 2:16 NKJV

## Check / Change / Challenge

**Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.**

Romans 3:31 ESV (also see Romans 6)

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Galatians 5:13 NKJV

# What to Say

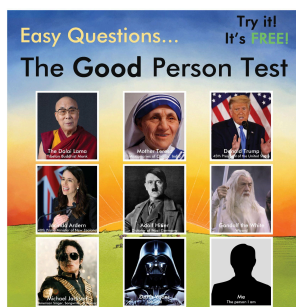
The gospel is simple to understand, and yet the idea of heaven being a gift is foreign to natural thinking (which says we need to earn it).

To read an example of the power of the method of this gospel flipchart, check out this report: <https://www.operation513.com/battlelog/id/2098/>

Here is an idea of what to say when using the gospel flipchart:

## Front

### The good person test



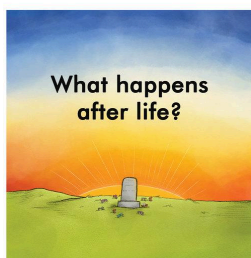
"Hi there, Would you like to try the good person test?" (Get response)

"Great! Who would you say is the best person on this page? (Get response)

"And, who would you say is the worst person on this page? (Get response)

"Now, how do we know who is good and who is bad? Do you believe there is a God?" (Get response)

### What happens after life?



"Hi there, I have a very deep question for you. What do you think happens after life?" (Get response)

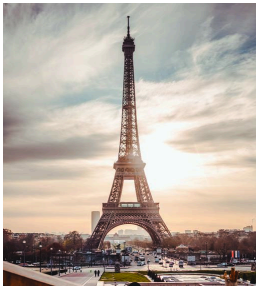
"Ok. Do you believe there is a God?" (Get response)

## Building Builder / Law / Courtroom / Heaven or Hell



**The first step is to get people to see who God is, and then who we are in comparison: the bad news, via God's law. We could never earn it.**

### Building Builder



"This is the Eiffel tower, do you know who built it?" (Get response)

"We have both never seen who built this building but we would both agree someone had to build it, right?" (Get response)

"So in the same way, we have never seen anyone make this universe, but because it had a beginning, it had to have a Creator for it. Does that make sense? (Get response)

And just like the person who owns this building gets to set the rules inside the building, the one who made the universe gets the right to set the rules for how we should live our life in His universe. So do you think you're a good person? (Get response)

Ok, let's see.

### Lying



"What do you see here?" (Get response -- usually "A face")

"This guy looks a little bit sad because he just got caught out telling a lie, have you ever lied?" (Get response)

"And what do you call someone who lies?" (Get response)

"Now if you tilt your head sideways you'll see this actually spells out a word, take a look."

## Stealing



"What is this guy doing?" (Get response)

"Have you ever stolen something before?" (Get response)

"And what do you call someone who steals?" (Get response)

## Anger and Swearing



"What is this guy doing?" (Get response - usually 'road rage')

"Yeah he is angry, have you ever been angry before?" (Get response)

"But this guy is also swearing, have you ever swore?" (Get response)

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## Lust/Adultery or Dishonouring parents



Now depending on what age group your audience is, this one can either be for lust/adultery or dishonouring your parents.

For lust, you can say:

"Now these two people are married, but not to each other. What is that called?" (Get response)

"But it's interesting what Jesus says on this point, he says not only is adultery wrong, but to even look at anyone with lust, sexual desire, is wrong if we are not married to that person. That means if we are not married at all, we aren't allowed to look at anyone with lust. So have you ever looked at someone with lust?" (Get response)

Or if you have a younger audience, you can say: "Here we have a mother and his son, at the moment he's being a good kid, but sometimes he doesn't listen to his mum and dad at all. Have you ever disobeyed your parents before?" (Get response)

## Courtroom



"So, if they are just some of the standards in which God will judge you after you die, would you be innocent or guilty?" (Get response)

## Heaven or Hell



"Therefore, do you deserve Heaven or Hell?" (Get response)

## Fireball coming (false ways)



**To reinforce the bad news, we explicitly look at the 2 common false ways people think will get them to heaven: good, removing bad (including religious activity), and asking for forgiveness. It's a powerful learning technique: making the wrong ways clear helps to make the right way clearer.**

"So this is our current situation. This is you on the left, this is your punishment coming straight for you."

"Hell is not where you want to go to, because it is a lake of fire and goes on forever. How do you think you can avoid your hell punishment" (Get response)

Common responses:

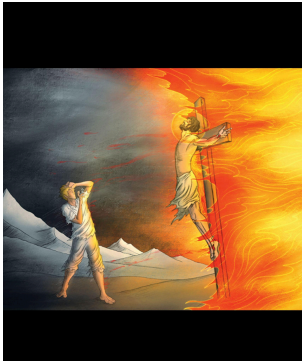
- 'I won't do those sins anymore.' Explain how that won't get rid of the history of the sins they have done in the past. "Imagine a criminal said to a judge in a court of law, 'I murdered yesterday, but I won't murder anymore from now on, so please let me go.' It's not going to work, is it?"
- 'My good will outweigh my bad.' Use this analogy to explain why that won't work. "Imagine if you did 5 serious crimes today and then tomorrow you did no more crimes and instead did 10 good things, would the police ignore your crimes?"
- 'I'll pray and ask for forgiveness.' Use this analogy to explain why that won't work. "Did you know that asking for forgiveness won't get rid of our sins? For example: Imagine you break a serious law in society and standing before the judge you ask for forgiveness. Will the judge let you go free?"
- 'I go to church and help the poor.' Explain that this is no different from thinking your good will outweigh your bad.

"The only way to stop that punishment is if someone steps in the way and takes it on your behalf. If someone else took 100% of your hell punishment for you, how much is left for you to take?" (Get response)

"The person who is willing to take your hell punishment so that you can go to heaven is Jesus."



## Jesus Absorbing the Fireball (the only way)



**In light of the pre-work up till now, explaining about Jesus is truly the power of God for salvation. Justice is perfectly satisfied, so mercy can be given as a gift.**

"What is Jesus doing?" (Get response - taking the punishment).

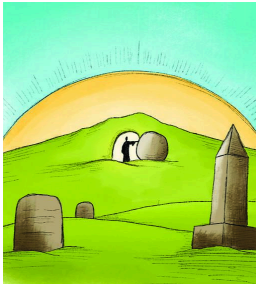
"So if Jesus takes your punishment for you. where do you go when you die?" (Get response - heaven).

"That's good news, isn't it?"

"And so based on this, why would you be going to heaven?" (Get response - Because Jesus took my punishment)

"And that is the only thing you have to do to get to heaven, is that you have to trust that Jesus took all your punishment for you."

## Resurrection



"Do you know what happened to Jesus three days after dying?" (Get response - He rose from the dead).

"Yep, he rose from the dead, unlike every other religious leader who died and is still dead."

## Six people in two lines



**Now we need to check! Seriously! You need to go over it and over it, to work against 'natural thinking' and help the good news to take a hold in the mind. Go back over the false ways, to confirm they understand those ways won't help, then explain about Jesus again.**

**Then ask them to explain the good news back to you. Don't be surprised when they default back to 'natural thinking'! Go back, right to the start if need be, do they understand who God is? And who they are in comparison? (the law), re-explain the gospel, and then check again. Don't be surprised when they default back to 'natural thinking', go back... I think you get what I'm trying to say ;)**

"All 6 of these people want to go to heaven when they die, but what are the bottom 3 people trusting in to get themselves to heaven? (Get response - Doing good deeds, asking for forgiveness, doing religious activity).

"But notice, where are those 3 people actually going?" (Get response - Hell)

"Because doing those actions will not erase any of the sins they have done."

"The top 3 people, what are they trusting in to go to heaven?" (Get response - Jesus dying for their sins).

"Exactly right, and that is why they will go to heaven, because Jesus pays for everything wrong they have done or will do."

## Check



**Up to this point, the focus has been on getting people to grasp Penal Substitutionary Atonement, and Justification by Faith Alone. Now we need to check that understanding and weed out common, subtle misunderstandings.**

Trust in what? (bottom right corner)



"So if this person is you, what should you be trusting in to get to Heaven?" (Get response - Jesus)

"And what about Jesus?" (Get response - That he took my punishment/sins)

Crossing the road (top left corner)



**Jesus pays even for future sins. At this point, someone may be articulating PSA (penal substitutionary atonement) and JBF (justification by faith) - but they are missing the 'A' - Alone bit. They have simply added Jesus to their pantheon of requirements for salvation. I've had people come to tears at this point, often with people who have grown up in a religious environment, because all their life they have heard about Jesus, but they haven't made the connection that salvation is a gift.**

"Ok, so let's say today you do trust that Jesus died for your sins, but then on your way home you happen to sin again and then you die 2 minutes later, where would you go - heaven or hell? (Get response)

If the response is "Heaven", ask "Why?"

If the response is "Hell", say "I'll give you a hint, Jesus died not just for your past sins but also your future sins. So with that in mind, go back to that question, where would you go?" (Get response - heaven)

"That is comforting, isn't it?"

## Don't trust / When trust (top middle)

**Don't trust is designed to check that people realise you actually have to respond to the gospel. When trust is designed to check that people realise they can start trusting right now - they don't have to wait for any special ceremony (baptism) or anything like that.**

"But what if you don't trust that Jesus paid for your sins, then where would you end up?" (Get response - hell)

If the response is "Heaven", ask "If I offered you a gift today, but you didn't accept it. Have you received that gift?" (Get response)

"Same thing with Jesus, he offers to pay for anyone's sins as a gift, but it's only the people who accept it from him will get it. So if you don't trust that Jesus paid for your sins, where would you end up?" (Get response)

If the response is "Hell", ask "And since you don't want to go to hell, when should you start trusting that Jesus paid for all your sins?" (Get response - now)

## I'm good / Jesus plus (top right corner)

**2 more checks to make sure people are really grasping that good deeds are not required to be saved, and that it's not Jesus plus sharing the gospel (or anything else) to be saved (online, this idea is rampant). Most people get the 'Jesus plus' one wrong, and often this can be a click moment for people.**

"What if someone says to you "I believe that Jesus died on the cross, but I think I'll go to heaven because I'm a good person", would that person go to heaven or hell? And why?" (Get response - hell)

If the response is "Heaven", ask "thinking of what the person said: what did they think was going to get them into heaven? Jesus dying for them or their own actions?" (Get response - own actions)

"Because even if they believed Jesus died on the cross, they would still go to hell because they aren't trusting in Jesus dying on the cross to get them into heaven, they are trusting in themselves."

"But what if someone says to you "I will go to heaven for BOTH these two reasons: (1) Because Jesus died for my sins AND (2) because I spread the gospel", would that person go to heaven or hell? And why?" (Get response - hell)

If the response is "Heaven", ask "Is that person trusting only in Jesus to save them? Or are they still partly trusting in their own actions to save them (their spreading the gospel)?" (Get response - own actions)

"By trusting in two things they aren't trusting 100% in Jesus to save them. It would be 50% Jesus and 50% their actions. So if Jesus only contributes 50%, where do they end up?" (Get response - hell)

"Yep, because to trust in Jesus, isn't just trusting the historical fact that Jesus died on the cross, it's trusting 'the only reason I will go to heaven is because Jesus died on the cross for my sins' See the difference?" (Get response)

Fireman (centre left)



**Okay, so now we want to make sure people don't fall into the antinomian ditch on the other side of the legalism ditch. The fireman question checks to make sure people understand repentance. Repentance is not a good deed we do, instead it's an inward change of mind that WILL lead to outward good works. It occurs at the point of salvation, alongside faith alone in Jesus' sacrifice. It's a biblical tension! But the concept is quite simple. It's not faith + works, it's faith alone that will lead to good works.**

"Does that mean you can then keep on sinning as much as you want?" (Get response)

"Think of this example: Imagine you are in a burning building and just before the building is about to collapse on you and crush you, a fireman risks his life to run into that burning building to rescue you, and he brings you out to safety. How would you want to respond to that fireman who saved you?" (Get response - I think I would want to thank him)

"Exactly, you wouldn't want to punch him in the face, right?" (Get response - No)

"In the same way, if Jesus has sacrificed his own life to save you from eternal hell, how would you want to respond to Jesus?" (Get response - In the same way - I would be so grateful)

"Exactly, you wouldn't want to just keep on sinning against him and increasing the amount of punishment he has had to take for you."

A changed lifestyle (no picture)



"That is why once you trust that Jesus died for your sins, you will start living differently out of gratitude for what Jesus has done for you."

"Instead of being angry, you are now calm. Instead of stealing, you don't want to steal."

Checking question: What would you say? (centre middle)



**Check to make sure people are still grasping Grace alone, Faith alone, Jesus alone after discussing repentance. Also, check that people are not trusting in their trust (very subtle).**

"So if that person is you and you are standing before God and he asks you, 'Why should I let you into heaven, what would you say?'" (Get response - Jesus died for my sins)

If the person gave an incorrect answer, go back to the fireball picture with Jesus on it and ask, "What is the only thing stopping the fireball?" (Jesus) "So what is the reason you are going to heaven?" (Jesus took my punishment) "So what would you say to God if he asked you 'Why should I let you into heaven?'" (Jesus took my punishment for me).

If the person has a focus on their trust or belief that is saving them (rather than Jesus), ask: "Is it your trust that is saving you? Or is it what you are trusting in that is saving you?"

How sure? / Before chat - after chat (centre right)

**These are two powerful questions esp. useful with people already professing faith. Someone might say the right things through the conversation, and then you ask them how sure they are of going to heaven. Their answer might be 80%. And so you ask why, and they start talking about the bad things they've done that will stop them getting there. Often gently asking them what that reveals they are trusting in to get to heaven can cause a click moment for them. And sometimes people will say at the start of the conversation that they have to be good to get to heaven, but by the end of the conversation they are saying they were always a Christian. The before / after question can sometimes allow people to have a click moment.**

"So on a scale between 0% to 100%, how sure are you that you will go to heaven when you die?" (Get response)

If the response is less than 100%, ask "How much of your punishment is Jesus offering to take for you?" (Get response)

"Right. So how much punishment would then be left for you to still get in hell?" (Get response)

"So if you had died before this chat started, where would you have ended up?" (Get response)

"But if you died right now, where would you go when you die?" (Get response)

What will your response be? (bottom left corner)



"You have now heard of this gift that Jesus is offering you. Will you accept the gift by trusting that Jesus died for you and therefore you go to heaven? Or will you reject the gift and therefore end up in hell forever?" (Get response)

Backpack (bottom middle)



**If they respond positively to the challenge to respond to the gospel, get them to count the cost. It's another biblical paradox, the gift is eternal life, the cost is this life. Your life will change if you accept the gift of salvation. Often I have people go through the whole flip chart positively to this point, and then they get angry at this question as the reality of the change that will occur dawns on them, and they reject the gospel.**

"This man carries his backpack with him everywhere, and has done so his whole life in fact. But one day he is on a plane and the pilot announces that the plane is going to crash. Someone hands him a parachute to put on. Problem is, it won't go on with his backpack still on his back. So what should he do?" (Get response)

"Right, he needs to make the choice, does he take off the backpack and put on the parachute and be saved, or keep the backpack on, and reject the parachute and so die in the plane crash.

In the same way, with your Buddhism (or new age beliefs or particular sin you love), you may have been believing it your whole life. But now you have come to realise that it won't save you from the judgement to come, and instead you need to trust that Jesus died for your sin. Can you still trust that Jesus paid for your sins and still believe in Buddhism? (Get response) Trusting that Jesus paid for your sin is incompatible with still believing in Buddhism which says you need to work your way to heaven.

Just like the man with the backpack had a choice. What are you going to choose? Keep your Buddhism and therefore reject the free gift of forgiveness offered by Jesus, OR put away your Buddhism and trust only in Jesus to pay for your sins?" (Get response)

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