



## Evangelism Update 02-18-07

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### Scripture of the Week:

Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief." (Mark 9:24, NASB)

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### Quote of the Week:

"When we merely say that we are bad, the 'wrath' of God seems a barbarous doctrine; as soon as we perceive our badness, it appears inevitable, a mere corollary from God's goodness..." (C. S. Lewis)

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But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.  
Romans 5:8

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**New Message Board:**



Have you joined us at the [Fishin' Fools](#) message board yet?

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### Questions & Objections:

*This Q&A comes from [The Evidence Bible](#).*

#### Q. Where do all the races come from?

A. Some have wondered, if we are all descendants of Adam and Eve, why are there so many races? The Bible informed us 2,000 years ago that God has made all nations from "one blood." We are all of the same race -- the "human race," descendants of Adam and Eve, something science is slowly coming to realize.

Reuters news service reported the following article by Maggie Fox: Science may have caught up with the Bible, which says that Adam and Eve are the ancestors of all humans alive today. Peter Underhill of Stanford University in California remarked on findings published in the November 2000 issue of the journal *Nature Genetics* ... Geneticists have long agreed there is no genetic basis to race -- only to ethnic and geographic groups. "People look at a very conspicuous trait like skin color and they say, 'Well, this person's so different' ... but that's only skin deep," Underhill said. "When you look at the level of the Y chromosome you find that, wow, there is very little difference between them. And skin color differences are strictly a consequence of climate."

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### Weekly "Fishing" Report:

David, Kathleen and I met for street fishing on Saturday. After prayer, we headed to 6th Street and found a number of teens gathered down the walk-way along side the post office. We tried talking with a few of them but weren't able to make any real connection. I swung back by my car to get something and then learned why we'd been kept from getting involved in any one-2-ones there with the teens ... we had a divine appointment waiting for us on the next block.

I spotted a couple sitting on a bench outside a hair salon. Their names are Jesse and Rose and they'd just moved recently to Grants Pass. I broke the ice with the pink & blue [Curved Illusion](#) cards and then asked if they'd do a street interview for our website. Jesse had grown up in an atheist home, but said he'd become a self-taught Christian from reading the Bible. He had some basic ideas about Jesus and what happened after you die (heaven and hell), but couldn't really fit the gospel together or articulate the message of salvation. Rose had grown up in a Mormon home that also blended in some Cherokee Indian spirituality. It was a great witnessing encounter. We talked for 20 minutes or more and explored the full-count of the gospel: sin, righteousness, judgment and the grace in Christ's sacrifice on the cross. They both said it made a lot of sense and Jesse told me that he had a lot to think about in making peace with God. He wrote down my website and also knows where I go to church. Pray for this couple.

After that, we made a loop of 6th Street and passed out a number of tracts. One young woman took the [Curved Illusion](#) cards and actually threw them to the ground in front of me when she saw part of the gospel message on the back. I told Kathleen that rather than feeling rejected, we should actually be encouraged when we see that kind of reaction. At least this woman encountered something that sparked conviction and the Holy Spirit will work with that if He chooses. There's an old rabbi proverb that says "when you cast a stone into a pack of dogs, the one that yelps is the one that got hit." I'd rather have a sign of conviction and someone fling the tracts back at me like this, or someone react positively and receptively. It's the dead-pan response or the glassy-eyed stare that

bothers me ... where you wonder if you've even reached them with anything.

As we were heading back to our cars, Kathleen piped up and suggested we make one more pass by all of the teens hanging out alongside the post office. We headed over and the first group we came across turned into another witnessing encounter. Four people were gathered around one of the benches drinking beer. I showed them the [Curved Illusion](#) cards and that got their attention. I first started talking to a woman named Dawn. She was intoxicated but friendly and seemed open. However, once I got to sharing the gospel she became loud and boisterous. A young man named Kevin, however, was very interested in what I was saying so I shifted to talking with him. The more we talked and the more I opened up the gospel, the more obnoxious Dawn would get. Kevin was still interested and encouraged me to continue, but Dawn was pestering me and asking silly questions. I began to realize she was under the influence of more than just alcohol. She was almost yelling over what I was trying to say. All I could think was "demon alcohol" -- I felt myself lean on Jesus as I held up a hand to Dawn and said "Hush! Just be quiet." She wasn't about to stop any time soon, but at that very moment she shut up. In fact, she quieted for several minutes after that; enough for me to share the basics of the gospel with Kevin and wrap things up. We left him with a couple of tracts and I wrote my mobile number and website on one. Kathleen spent a little more time with Kevin afterwards; encouraging him to plug into a church and talking to him about a job he's starting that will hopefully get him off the streets and away from some of the bad influences he's around right now. Please pray for Kevin as well.

We then returned to our cars, where we closed in prayer and thanked the Lord for another chance to labor in the fields. Jesus may you receive the honor that You're due!

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### One-Day Way of the Master Training:



We would be glad to host a Way of the Master evangelism training for your church or small group. This one-day seminar is a proven, effective way to help people overcome their fear of witnessing and show them how to reach out to the lost. We will quickly equip those who attend to simply and effectively share their faith with family, friends, and strangers. What makes our training unique is when the classroom training is over, you have the option to hit the streets and immediately start to use the new tools you have just learned. The seminar consists of the following activities:

- Three powerful interactive messages that will equip the attendees in how to share the gospel effectively and biblically with anyone, anytime, anywhere.
- Quick Tips on how to have fun sharing your faith while overcoming your fears.
- Quick Tips on how to effectively witness one-2-one using the Way of the Master.
- Hands-on, in-the-trenches training with proven leaders.

The One-Day Way of the Master Training is **FREE** for the host and to all who attend.

\*\* The Way of the Master has been commended by Franklin Graham, Dr. D. James Kennedy, David Wilkerson, Bill Gothard, John MacArthur, Ravi Zacharias, David Jeremiah, Joni Eareckson Tada, Josh McDowell, and many other Christian leaders.

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### Prayer Points:

- Pray for [Way of the Master Radio](#) this week.

- Pray for the seed that was sown.
  - "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38, NASB)
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#### Calendar:

- **Downtown Fishing Hole** (Recurring)  
*Saturdays*  
Street witnessing (3pm to 6pm) downtown along 6th Street. Meet in the Budget Internet parking lot (4th St & F St).
- **DMV O/A** (Recurring)  
*Wednesdays*  
Open Air preaching at 8:45am to the people waiting for the DMV doors to open.
- **Team Night** **(new)**  
*Saturday, March 3rd - 4pm to 8:30*  
Come fellowship and sharpen your sword. Rivers of Life Foursquare Church - Youth Building.

If you would like to join us, [click here](#) to send us your contact info.

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