



Evangelism Update 03-18-07

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Note from Jim:

Mark Cahill has released a free study guide for his book *One Thing You Can't Do In Heaven*. The 13-week study fits perfectly in a quarterly class schedule, and is ideal for home Bible study groups and homeschools. You can download the study guide as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file from his website: MarkCahill.org

I've always considered this book a must-read for seed sowers! If you want to learn how to witness, or to help train other Christians to seek and save the lost, the new study guide will make *One Thing You Can't Do in Heaven* a more effective resource than ever! If you don't have it, request your copy of *One Thing You Can't Do in Heaven* from [Mark Cahill Resources](#) page. Then download the Study Guide today and start sharing your faith!

Southern Oregon eXtreme Evangelism '07:



eXtreme Evangelism (XE) is like nothing you've seen before. Forget about dry lectures or workshops on witnessing. XE is a hands-on experience. This is your chance to face your fears and get on the frontlines for Jesus Christ. We'll put legs to The Way of the Master teaching. Prepare to be stretched, and learn how to share your faith both biblically and effectively. Come sharpen your sword and join us in the battle for souls!

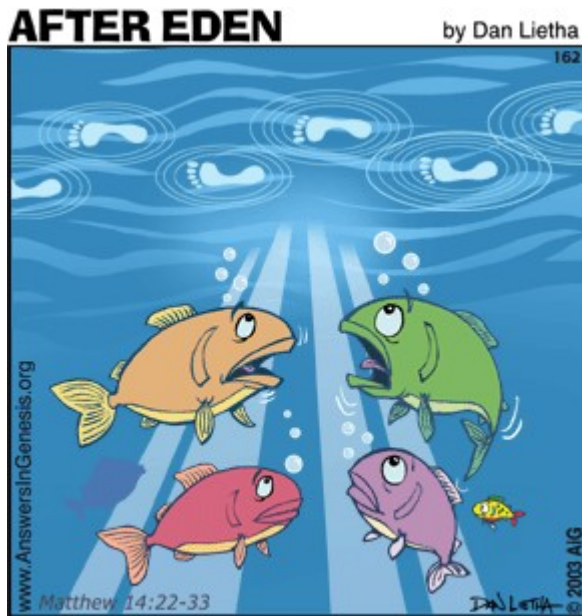
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Scripture of the Week:

And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:34-38, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

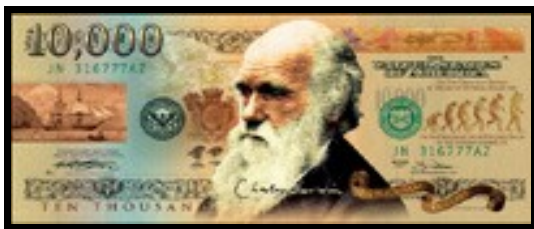
"The Law is not in fault, but our evil and wicked nature; even as a heap of lime is still and quiet until water be poured thereon, but then it begins to smoke and burn, not from the fault of the water, but from the nature and kind of the lime which will not endure it." (Augustine)



The Creator of the universe goes for a walk.

Evangelism Resource:

Living Waters has a new tract available.



[Darwin \\$10,000 bill](#)

Questions & Objections:

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

O. I made a commitment, but nothing happened.

A. A proud and ignorant sinner who says this has no understanding of the nature of His Creator. No man has ever seen the essence of God. (When God "appeared" to certain men in the Old Testament, He manifested

Himself in other forms, such as a burning bush or "the Angel of the Lord.")

When Moses asked to see God's glory, God told him, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, ... [but] you cannot see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live" (Exodus 33:18–23). If all of God's "goodness" were shown to a sinner, he would instantly die. God's "goodness" would just spill wrath upon evil man. However, the Lord told Moses, "It shall come to pass, while my glory passes by, that I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by." The only way a sinner can live in the presence of a holy God is to be hidden in the Rock of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:4)

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

The rest of the team didn't show on Saturday, so I was on my own. Since it was the first really warm and sunny weekend in a long while I figured Riverside Park would be a good place to start a solo patrol. Sure enough, when I arrived I found a number of people playing frisbee golf. The playground was packed and there was bunches of people sitting along the river and feeding the ducks.



I tucked tracts in my pockets and grabbed my Bible, but as I started to walk over toward the playground the fear rose up. I made a loop around the playground, looking for a place to start with a one-2-one or maybe just handing out tracts. However, the fact that I was alone began to compound upon itself and my heart started to pound in my chest. I was restless and just kept walking, feeling isolated as the fear tried to wall me in. Finally, I found myself down where a good number of people had gathered along the river and felt I should preach open air.

I walked and I prayed. A red headed young woman in a bright green shirt caught my eye. She was sitting in a lotus position and reading a newspaper, and I just had a sense she should hear the gospel... like other times I've felt prompted in a witnessing encounter. I knew I was going to preach, but I was still battling through the fear. I sat on a bench and prayed. Then I felt prompted to go to the Psalms... they're always good for encouragement, right? I turned to Psalm 13 and though it was a plea for deliverance from anxious thoughts and an overwhelming enemy, it didn't really click. Then my eyes fell on Psalm 14 and a portrait of the state of sinners. That helped! If they wouldn't be concerned for themselves, I'd plead for them.



A glimpse of some of the people gathered along the river.

I whispered another prayer for God's strength. When I opened my eyes I saw the red-headed woman get up. She went over to throw her paper in a trash can and then walked away. My heart sank and I felt I'd just missed an opportunity God had provided. However, I climbed up on the bench anyway and opened my mouth. There were three or four dozen people within the sound of my voice. I didn't draw a crowd or offer trivia questions to get their attention, I just introduced myself and went into the gospel. I preached for ten and a half minutes. About half-way into it, I turned and saw that a little ways off to my right the red-headed woman had stopped at her truck and was standing there just inside its open door listening to me. She stayed and listened the whole time! Then once I was done, she left.

Afterwards, I passed out tracts. I came across an elderly woman and another woman that appeared to be her caretaker. I'd noticed them sitting on a ledge in front of me during the open air. They asked what church I was from, and I told them about my street ministry and that we had team members from different churches. They told me they'd sat there and prayed for me the whole time I preached. They encouraged me and said to keep sharing what I was saying. Praise God! In just a matter of minutes I'd gone from fear to flying. As Ray says, I went in dragging my feet and came out clicking my heels.

[Click here](#) for the MP3 audio of the open air.

After that, I did a tract sweep through the park and picked up a one-2-one with a homeless man named Gary. He claimed to be a Christian, but as we talked I found he held some strange beliefs and some very peculiar takes on prophecy. Whenever I'd try to bring it back around to the cross and the gospel, he'd interrupt and head for another rabbit trail. Finally, I had to leave him with a pretty thorough tract and encourage him to read it. Otherwise, I could tell I'd just be wasting the rest of the afternoon trying to chase him in circles.

As I headed up 6th St, I got a call from David and he joined me for the last half hour. We passed out some [Million Dollar Bill](#) tracts and then headed back to the park and my car. When everything was said and done, it was another good day laboring in the fields. Thank God that He chooses to include us in the foolishness of preaching.

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.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for the seed that was sown. May Jesus receive the honor He is due!
- "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)

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.
- **Way of the Master Evangelism Training**
April 7th, 4pm - 8:30pm
Rivers of Life Foursquare Church - Youth Building, 450 SW "J" St, Grants Pass
See the [flyer](#) for details.
- **Southern Oregon eXtreme Evangelism '07**
July 27-29
See the [webpage](#) for details.

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