

## Evangelism Update 08-27-06

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### Basic Training Course:



Life & Death Ministries would be glad to host the eight-session *Way of the Master* Basic Training Course for your church or small group. It's an excellent resource to equip Christians to share their faith simply, effectively; the way Jesus did! All we would need is an investment of your people's time. There is no financial commitment required from you or the church. We just want to help believers overcome their fears and do what our Lord asked us to do; seek and save that which is lost!

More info on the Basic Training Course: <http://www.wayofthemaster.com/btc/>

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### Scripture of the Week:

"[A fool] is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." (Luke 12:21, NASB)

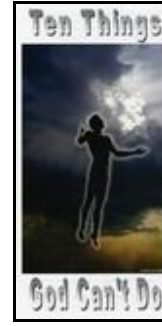
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### Quote of the Week:

"The first duty of the gospel preacher is to declare God's Law and show the nature of sin." (Martin Luther)

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## Evangelism Resource:



GNN has designed several new tracts. Check them out.

<http://shop.thegreatnews.com/>

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## Questions & Objections:

**Q.** I've been chatting online in a Christian forum about witnessing. I had a woman reply back that she really doesn't witness because she believes in the end everyone will saved. I responded and another woman replied with this -- "Explain these verses please? (1Tim. 2:3-6) Who is the all? Verse 4 says "[God] desires all men to be saved." (Rev. 5:13) Every creature will honor and give glory to Christ. (Phil. 2:10-11) Every knee and every tongue will confess." How do you suggest dealing with those that are hard-core in a belief that "all" will be saved?

**A.** First off, just because every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord, or that every creature will give Him honor, that in no way means they are all saved. It merely means that they will recognize His righteousness, glory and right to rule. Some will bow before Him as savior while others bow before Him as judge. Many will call Him "Lord" and yet be told to depart from Him. It's God's will that none perish, but His justice is such that we're told few will pass through that narrow gate to life.

Also, bear in mind that the Bible is a book and thus follows different tools and devices of literature. The word "ALL" doesn't always mean 100%. There are times it's used as a fully encompassing generalization. For example, if I saw a headline that said "All of Grants Pass turned out for the 4th of July parade." I wouldn't assume that literally every man, woman and child was physically there. Likewise, if we said "all of America was glued to their TVs and radios for the election results" or maybe "the eyes of all the world are on the conflict in the middle east"... we know it doesn't mean every citizen or every individual person is watching the particular event.

You can also ask her about these...

**Luke 2:1** (emphasis mine)

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of **all the inhabited earth**. Was Caesar literally taxing every man, woman and child that existed in every hidden corner of the earth at that time?

**Matthew 11:28** (emphasis mine)

"Come to Me, **all** who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest."

Does that mean everyone comes to Jesus? Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Wiccans, and atheists obviously aren't.

**Luke 2:3** (emphasis mine)

And **everyone** was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.

Does this mean every person on the earth was traveling at this time?

Then there's always this one...

**Revelation 21:8** (emphasis mine)

*"But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*  
What does she do with that?

So, sometimes all means all ... but not all the time.

Where I'd go next is to point out that Jesus' own words make the gate narrow.

**John 14:6**

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."

**Matthew 7:13-14**

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it."

**Matthew 7:22-23**

"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'"

I like to walk them through John chapter 3...

**John 3:3**

Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

**John 3:16**

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

**John 3:18**

"He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

**John 3:36**

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Swing out of the debate and back to the biblical gospel (sin, righteousness, judgment, grace) so she can see why Jesus is the only way. It's only through the narrow gate that swings open on the two hinges of repentance and faith that sin is addressed and salvation is secured.

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**Weekly "Fishing" Update:**

Once again the line was a little slow in forming outside the DMV on Wednesday morning. I didn't get the chance to preach open air, but I waited until the last minute and was able to give out a dozen or so [Million Dollar Bill](#) tracts before heading off for work.

Saturday, I was on solo patrol so I headed down to Riverside Park. I was thinking of starting with an open air when I got there, but found the park was more or less taken over by a wedding and two birthday parties. I did a sweep and gave out a few [NZ Smart Cards](#) before heading up 6th Street.

There was a young guy outside the 7-11 that I'd met before. He remembered me from the [Million](#) I'd given him. I

told him I had something new and gave him a [NZ Smart Card](#). He thought it was great and tucked the tract in his wallet saying he was going to share it with someone. There was another young man standing down by the corner of the store. I felt drawn to talk to him, but he was listening to a CD player through some earphones and seemed unapproachable. I left to head further up 6th Street, but that young man stayed on my mind. I turned to head back to the 7-11 and found him heading up the street towards me. I gave him a [NZ Smart Card](#) as an icebreaker and we got to talk for close to an hour!

His name is Tony. He has read alot of books and has formed some unusual beliefs: conspiracy theories, as well as ideas about aliens. I asked what he thought happened after we die, and he mentioned something about learning to control our energy so we don't get drawn into the energy of the moon. We talked about sin, righteousness and judgment. He admitted the thought of judgment concerned him, and I was able to then share the gospel of grace. Tony was really thinking about things and he had some really good questions. He asked about Jesus, the Trinity, Christ's resurrection, man evolving into gods, the nephilim, and other things. It was a conversation that stretched and tested me, but I welcomed the opportunity to see how the Bible stands up to these tough questions and how solid my faith really is. Pray for Tony.

You can find and listen to the MP3 of the One-2-One with Tony at our [audios page](#).

Praise God for another wonderful chance to labor in the field.

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#### **Prayer Points:**

- 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.
- **Seed Sowing at Asian Cultural Festival**  
*Grants Pass, OR / September 9*  
We'll hit the park and "fish" amongst the people this will draw on Saturday. We may even get to witness to Buddhists.
- **[Seed Sowing at Art Along the Rogue](#)**  
*Grants Pass, OR / October 7*  
Last year I was able to open air preach to about 300-400 people. Big time fishing opportunity right there are 6th & H St.

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

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May Jesus receive the glory He is due!

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**Jim Jones**

"Sin and hell are married unless repentance proclaims the divorce." - Charles Spurgeon

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Count yourselves dead  
to sin but alive to God  
in Christ Jesus.  
Romans 6:11

