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Evangelism Update 09-23-07

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Note from Jim:

Our family will be in Medford this Saturday (9/29), so I won't be able to lead the team for street fishing this coming weekend. We'll be back on the streets the following Saturday (10/6).

Scripture of the Week:

... but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7, NASB)

Quote of the Week:

"Someone asked, 'Will the heathen who have never heard the Gospel be saved?' It is more a question with me whether we -- who have the Gospel and fail to give it to those who have not -- can be saved." (Charles Spurgeon)

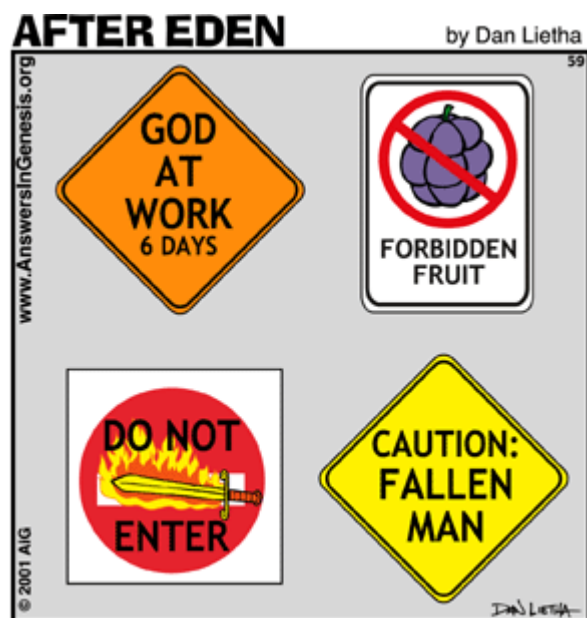
Recommended Resource:



[Trick-or-Treat](#) is a great Halloween tract for kids available from CustomTractSource.com. Grab a few packs to give out to the trick-or-treaters that will be coming to your door. Shine the light of the gospel into one of the

darkest nights of the year!

Tract Text: Many kids go trick-or-treating every Halloween to get lots of candy. Many people are also "tricked" into thinking they are good enough to go to Heaven. The real trick is knowing if you are good enough to go to Heaven. God gave us the ten commandments so we can see if we really are good enough. Have you ever lied? Have you always obeyed your parents? The Bible says if you hate someone, it's just like committing murder. Have you ever taken anything that didn't belong to you? Can you see the Ten Commandments are like a mirror, they show us how bad we are, and how we need to be clean before the Day of Judgment. That is the Day when God will punish people who have broken the Ten Commandments. They will be sent to a place called Hell - a place where God doesn't want people to go. God doesn't want you to be punished. He loves you so much that He made a way for you to be forgiven before Judgment Day. Even though we have broken the Ten Commandments, Jesus came down to earth and paid our fine for us by dying on the Cross. He took our punishment on Himself. Then He rose from the dead. That means that we don't have to be punished by God. We can live with Him forever in Heaven! It also shows us how much God loves us. So, what should you do? Ask God to forgive you for the Commandments you've broken (this is called "sin"), stop doing those things, and believe that Jesus Christ will save you on Judgment Day. When you do that, you will have God's promise that you are forgiven and will live forever with Him in Heaven. Then get a Bible and read it every day (it's full of incredible stories - start with the Gospel of John), and obey what you read. God will never leave you. Please visit www.TheGoodPersonTest.com.



First signs of life in the universe.

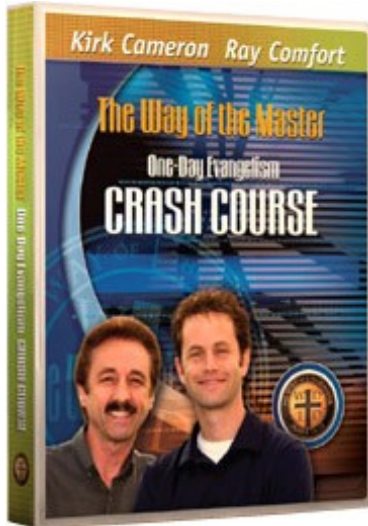
Questions & Objections:

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

O. Hell isn't a place. This life is hell.

A. Skeptics who say this are trying to dismiss the reality of hell. They might like to think that life as we know it couldn't get any worse, but the sufferings in this life will be heaven compared to the suffering in the next life -- for those who die in their sins. This life is the closest thing to hell that Christians will ever know, and the closest thing to heaven that sinners will ever know. For a biblical description of hell, see [last week's O&A](#).

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.

Weekly "Fishing" Report:

Greg Beals came up from Medford to join me and Dave for street fishing on Saturday. Foot traffic downtown and at Riverside park was kind of light, but I was still able to give out 100+ tracts ([You Are Here](#) and [Eye of God](#)) and I know the others passed out a number of tracts as well.

We passed a couple of teen girls on our way up 6th Street. As I handed them each an [Eye of God](#) tract, one of the girls bluntly said "I don't believe in God." I quickly responded with "OK, but you can still believe in the Hubble Telescope. The picture was taken with it." She didn't have an answer for that, so she took the tract. Greg was a quick to follow-up and stepped in to say he'd heard that one of them didn't believe in God. He told them he was curious what they thought happened after we die. That took him into a one-2-two as Dave and I continued on around the corner. What had started with one of the girls trying to rebuff us ended up with Greg talking to them and sharing the gospel for a good 15 to 20 minutes. I thank God for you, bro.



While Greg was in the one-2-two, I noticed a voice mail on my phone. Steven had called to find out where we were and he ended up joining up for the last hour or so of street fishing. It was God's timing, because He set things up for the witnessing encounter to come shortly after that. We made one final pass down 6th Street and met a couple near H Street (Dave and Diane). I gave them each an [Eye of God](#) tract and that got us talking. They both seemed a bit New Age as they talked about God-energy and other such concepts, but eventually we agreed that the soul was eternal and would face heaven or hell after death. This swung into sharing the gospel as I took them through [The Good Person Test](#). They both became very thoughtful as we talked. Dave then asked if we'd seen anyone affected by our street ministry. Steven raise his hand and said "right here." He then shared his testimony of being a drunk on the streets before I and others came out to share the gospel and God laid hold of him nine months ago. Dave said he remembered Steven from back then, and the gears were turning behind his eyes as he mulled this over. I was amazed at how God had brought Steven and us together a few minutes earlier to have the right combination to share and impact this man. Dave and Diane each took a Gospel of John and a tract to recap what we'd talked about.

Pray for the seed that was sown. Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.

Prayer Points:

- Pray for gentleness and love as you open air preach this week.
 - "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).

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

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