

**"Know Enough"**  
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(Part 1)

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Satan loves to intimidate believers when they consider talking to unsaved friends. His most frequent tactic is to get us thinking about all the questions the non-Christian might ask, or about all the scripture verses we may not be able to explain.

Make sure you do not lose sight of the simplicity of the gospel. Given the opportunity to speak to friends about Christ, many Christians don't share the gospel; they share the entire Bible! The more we learn about scripture, the more we must be careful that we don't make difficult what God makes simple.

Paul asked the Colossians to pray that when he spoke he might make the salvation message so clear that a non-Christian would have no confusion about what he must do to be saved (Colossians 4:4). That should be our prayer, too.

The gospel is that Christ died for our sins and arose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4). That is the good news. In order to be saved, one has to admit that he is a sinner; recognize that Christ, the Son of God, died for him and rose again; and put his trust in Christ alone to save him. That message is so simple, yet we make it so complicated.

It's equally important to remind ourselves that men and women do not come to Christ by our persuasion. They trust Christ when the Spirit of God takes the message of the gospel, drives it home, and causes them to turn to God in faith. Recalling his entry into Corinth, Paul said, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:1, 2).

Paul could have refuted any argument opposing Christ's deity, death, or resurrection. Yet he realized that what God needed was a person who would simply and clearly announce the good news of Christ and watch God do his work in people's hearts.

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## I'm afraid the person I want to witness to will ask questions I can't answer. How do I handle that? (Part II)

Anyone active in evangelism will tell you the power of the gospel is unfathomable. A young man who trusted Christ in an evangelistic outreach told me, "I walked into this service a convinced atheist. Your message was not designed to prove there is a God, but simply to answer the question, 'How can a person live forever with the God who does indeed exist?' I cannot explain what happened as I sat there and heard you, but God convinced me that He's real and I want to trust Christ."

Keep your conversation as cross-centered as possible. A person who can't understand how God can allow so much suffering in the world, or who wrestles with how God can condemn those who have never heard of His Son, still has to face the cross.

The cross leaves no question about God's love. He made that abundantly clear when His righteous Son died for unrighteous people (Romans 5:6-8).

The more cross-centered the conversation, the more difficult it is to refute. A college student once told me that the many imperfections in the world, which God would not allow if He loved people, were keeping her from Christ. I pointed her to the cross and then told her, "you might question God's intellect or wisdom, but you can't question His love. Would you do what He did?" I'll never forget her astonished reply: "I guess I've never thought of that."

As you ponder questions an unsaved person might ask, remember there is nothing wrong with admitting, "I don't know." Offer to give his questions some study, but don't feel defeated if you need to say, "I'm not sure I can answer that."

The people who have all the answers are not necessarily those who do the most in evangelism. The ones who do the most are characterized by love for the lost and zeal for the Lord. Dawson Trotman, founder of The Navigators, hit the nail on the head when he said that soul winners are not soul winners because of what they know, but because of who they know and how much they want others to know him.