

# Sharing Hope

## Talk 1 – Sharing HIS Story



Understanding  
Receiving  
Appreciating  
Having Confidence

**The Gospel**

A large, glowing neon sign in orange-red letters is mounted on a building at night. The sign reads "THE GOSPEL" in a stylized, blocky font. The sign is supported by a complex metal framework of pipes and beams. The building below is dark, with some windows visible. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting dusk or dawn.

THE  
GOSPEL

**What does the word 'gospel' mean?**



# THE GOSPEL

**For I am not ashamed of the  
gospel, because it is the power of God  
that brings salvation to everyone who believes.**

**Romans 1:16**



THE  
GOSPEL

**But what is the Gospel?**

# The Father Christmas Story

## 1. Santa lives at the north pole



# The Father Christmas Story

2. All year, with the help of an army of elves, he makes or procures children's toys



# The Father Christmas Story

3. On Christmas eve he travels the globe delivering presents to children





# The Father Christmas Story

4. His mode of transport is a flying sleigh pulled by reindeer



# The Father Christmas Story

5. Where possible he gains access to your home via the chimney



# The Father Christmas Story

6. Children need to have been  
'reasonably good'  
throughout the  
year to qualify  
for presents



# The Father Christmas Story

7. On arrival at each home, he frequently puts the presents in a large sock or pillow case provided by the child



# The Father Christmas Story

8. He usually has time to eat a mince pie at every home he visits and the reindeer also have a carrot if one is provided





**But  
what  
about  
the  
gospel?**



# The Gospel

1. God loves us and created us to be in relationship with Him.



# The Gospel

2. Everyone has sinned and our sins separate us from God so the relationship is broken.





# The Gospel

3. Our sin must be dealt with before the relationship can be restored.



# The Gospel

4. We are powerless to deal with our own sin – Sins cannot be removed by good deeds.



# The Gospel

5. Jesus died on the cross taking the punishment due to us for our sin and rebellion against God.



# The Gospel

6. Jesus physically rose again and conquered death.



# The Gospel

7. If we believe and accept what Jesus has done, turn from all we know to be wrong and make Jesus Lord; the relationship with God is restored.



# The Gospel

8. When we do this the Holy Spirit comes and lives within us – we are born again.



# The Gospel

9. Everyone who trusts in Him in this way has eternal life and will go to be with God in heaven forever when they die – guaranteed!

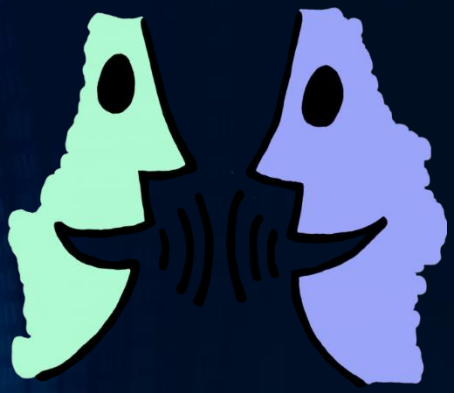


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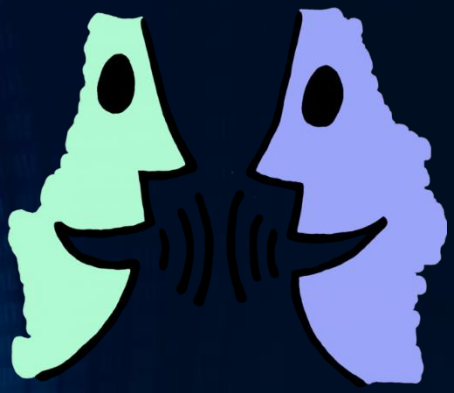


# Communicating the Gospel with Confidence

**Prepared not pushy**

**Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.**

**1 Peter 3:15**

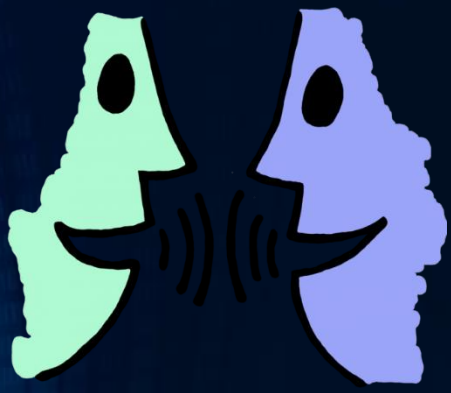


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**Accurate but not antagonistic**

**I am astonished that you... are turning to  
a different gospel, which is really no  
gospel at all.**

**Galatians 1:6-7**

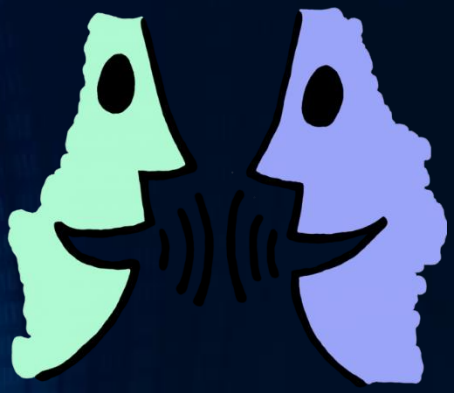


# Communicating the Gospel with Confidence

**Sensitive but not sanitised**

**Be wise in the way you act toward  
outsiders; make the most of every  
opportunity.**

**Colossians 4:5**

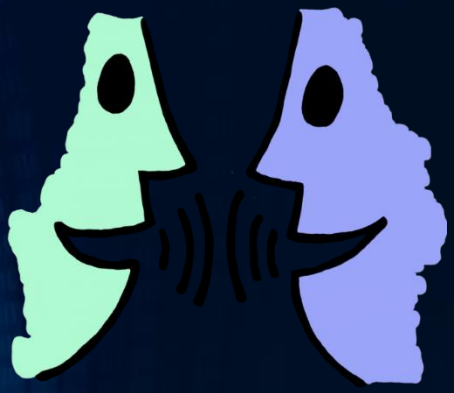


# Communicating the Gospel with Confidence

**Genuine not judgemental**

...make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands... so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders...

**1 Thessalonians 4:11-12**

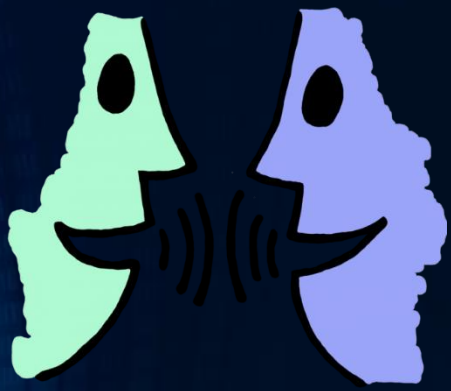


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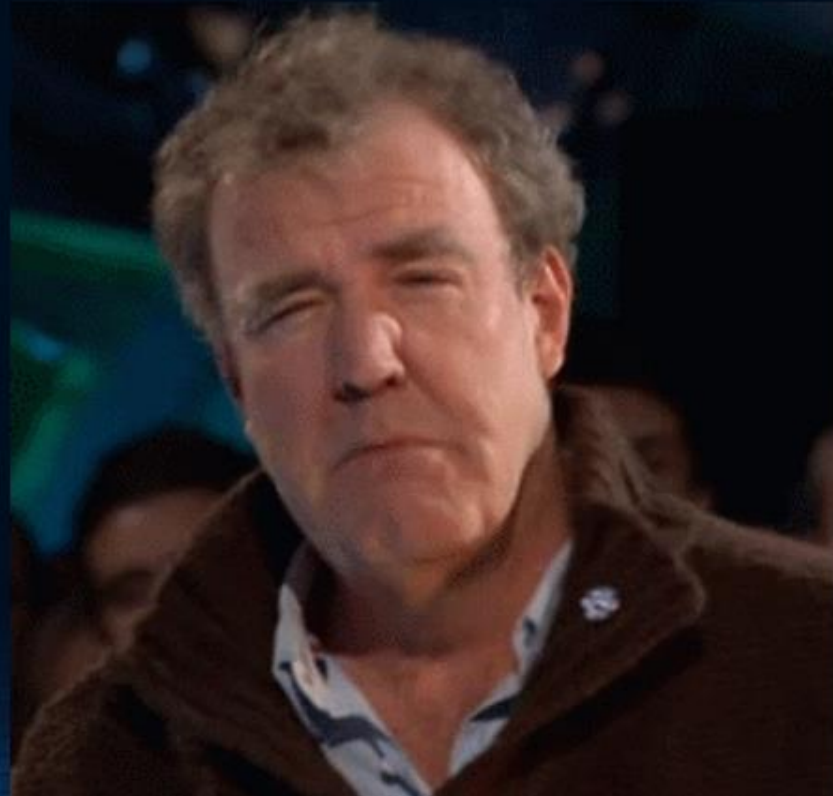
Therefore judge nothing before the  
appointed time; wait until the Lord  
comes.

**1 Corinthians 4:5**



# Communicating the Gospel with Confidence

**Certain but not smug!**



# **I have received the Gospel**

**For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.**

**1 Corinthians 15:3-4**



**RECEIVED**



# I have received the Gospel

I believe that Christ died for my sins, that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.





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**I have received the Gospel**

**And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance... to the praise of his glory.**

**Ephesians 1:13-14**

# I have received the Gospel



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I was included in Christ when I heard and believed. I have been marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing my inheritance... to the praise of his glory.

# I have received the Gospel

If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Romans 10:9**



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# I have received the Gospel

I declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and I believe in my heart that God raised him from the dead, so I am saved.

# I have received the Gospel

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9



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# I have received the Gospel

I have confessed my sins knowing that he is faithful and just and will forgive me and purify me from all unrighteousness.



**I have received the Gospel**

**Therefore, there is now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.**

**Romans 8:1**



**I have received the Gospel**

**There is now no condemnation for me as  
I am in Christ Jesus.**





**I have received the Gospel**

**Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Romans 5:1**



**I have received the Gospel**

**I have been justified through faith and  
have peace with God through our Lord  
Jesus Christ.**



**I have received the Gospel**

**Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.**

**John 1:12**



# I have received the Gospel

I have received Christ and believed in his name, so I now have the right to become a child of God.

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