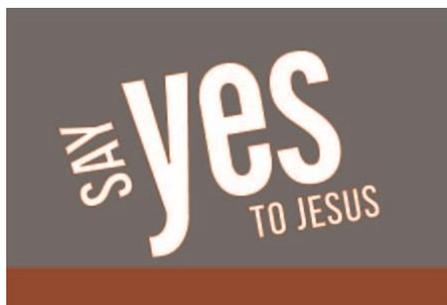


YES TO JESUS — SHARING THE GOSPEL



You'll see these cards all over the place. We encourage you to keep a few with you at all times to share with people when God opens the door to talk about His love for them demonstrated through Jesus Christ.

Saying "Yes" to Jesus and trusting Him as Savior is as easy as **A, B, C** ...

Admit that you are a sinner and need a Savior

People tend to divide themselves into two groups: Good people and bad people. But God says that every person who has ever lived is a sinner and that any sin separates us from God.

The Bible begins with people enjoying the presence of God. We were created to be in relationship with our Creator. But, very soon, sin entered into the world and into the hearts of people and put a barrier between God and humanity. The Bible states that "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). It's a universal, spiritual problem. It contaminates every part of us: our physical bodies, our minds, our relationships, our emotions, our decision-making abilities and our destiny.

The Bible states that "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Death is the just penalty and punishment for sin. In the Bible, the word "death" means "separation". There are three degrees of separation people experience because of the problem of sin:

Physical Separation: Every obituary is a reminder that all of us are mortal. Our physical death, separation from this life, is the result of sin in the world (Genesis 2:17).

Spiritual Separation: Sin puts a barrier between us and God and prevents us from enjoying a relationship with Him. The holiness of God prevents Him from compromising Himself and turning a blind eye to sin. He must, instead turn His back on us.

Eternal Separation: Some have thought hell to be an imaginary place. However, the Bible teaches that sin leads to a very real separation from God forever (1 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

This inward sin problem cannot be cured by outward actions. No matter how good, helpful, truthful or kind we might try to be, none of us will ever be able to change the condition of our sinful heart. Only God can do that. And He did!

Believe that Jesus Christ died for your sin and rose again

There is no way to God except through Jesus (John 14:6). It's God's grace that allows you to come to Him — not your own efforts to "clean up your life" or work your way to Heaven. You can't earn it. It's a free gift.

Jesus came to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. He visited our world, took on human flesh and lived a perfect life deserving no punishment. Yet Jesus willingly took on Himself the just penalty for our sin by dying on the cross. By taking our place, He exchanged our imperfection for His perfection. Think about this truth: "God made him who knew no sin to become sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

(2 Corinthians 5:21)



Commit your life to follow Him

Forgiveness is a gift from God, but a gift has to be accepted. To receive eternal life, you must accept that Jesus Christ saved you from your sin and then commit yourself to follow Him.

A transformed life is a free gift of God. It is not earned. It isn't purchased. It is personal and non-refundable. It is the ultimate gift that will last forever. And, it's available to you. You may respond to God's gracious provision simply through faith. You can trust Jesus for who He is and what He has done for us. The Bible speaks about this step into new life:

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."
[Romans 10:8-9]

Additional Resources:

So Great a Salvation by Charles Ryrie
Becoming a Contagious Christian by Lee Strobel and Bill Hybels
I'm Glad You Asked by Ken Boa and Larry Moody
More Than A Carpenter by Josh McDowell
Now That's A Good Question by R.C. Sproul
The Case For Christ by Lee Strobel
The Case For Faith by Lee Strobel
The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert Coleman