

Verity Baptist Church

Soul Winning Seminar

Lesson 9:

The Sinner's Prayer

1. Why someone must _____ in order to be saved

A. Someone must in faith _____ upon the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." – Romans 10:9

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." – Romans 10:13

B. This is seen all throughout _____

"And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD." – Genesis 4:26

^[7] *"And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him. ^[8] And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, *having* Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD."*—Genesis 12:7-8

"I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD." – Psalm 116:13

2. Understanding "the _____ Prayer"

A. There is nothing _____ about the prayer itself

B. The _____ words will not save you

C. The _____ in your heart is required for salvation

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D. We must make sure that we are not going around just praying with people that do not _____ salvation

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3. How this conversation may go:

BTW: Soul Winners will often attest to the fact that that hardest part of the gospel presentation is to “close the deal” (not to sound irreverent) and get them to pray. Below I show you how I walk them down the logical steps to want to pray and ask for salvation.

#1. Read the passage:

Script (Set up for the verse):

Soul Winner:

Let me go back to the gift illustration. Let's say I went out and bought you a gift for you today. Let's say I wrapped it up, I put a bow on it, and I even put a tag on the gift with your name on it. But let's say (and I don't think you would ever do this) that you say to me “thanks, but no thanks” and you reject my gift, did this gift ever become yours?

Sinner:

No.

Soul Winner:

Why not?

Sinner:

Because I did not want it, I did not accept it. I rejected it.

Soul Winner:

Was it paid for?

Sinner:

Yes

Soul Winner:

I paid for it, right? Was it meant for you?

Sinner:

Yes.

Soul Winner:

It has your name on it! But it never became yours because you did not...? (I usually let them finish that statement and answer the question)

Sinner:

Because I did not accept it.

Soul Winner:

Well, the gift of God is the exact same way. Jesus already paid for it on the cross. And He offers it to all of us freely. But you get a choice – whether you would like to accept it or reject it. If you could accept the gift of God would you do it?

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Sinner:

Yes.

Soul Winner:

Well let me show you how you can accept the gift of God.

Soul Winner:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. (Romans 10:9)

#2. Reveal the truth:

Soul Winner:

The Bible says “[t]hat if” – it says “if” because you get a choice.

“[S]halt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus” – the word confess means to admit. What you are admitting is that you are a sinner and your sin has condemned you to Hell. You are confessing that you need a savior. Notice that it’s confessing “the Lord Jesus” not to a man, not to a priest.

Then the verse says: “and shalt believe” – what are you believing? “[T]hat God hath raised him from the dead” – so you are believing that Jesus died on the cross, was buried and rose from the dead as a payment for your sin.

Notice what it says: “thou shalt be saved” – it doesn’t say you might be saved, or hopefully you will be saved. God says “I will save you” if you “confess with” your “mouth” and “believe in thine heart”.

BONUS Script:

Notice that it does not say that you have to go to church, it does not say that you need to get baptized, it does not say that you have to repent of your sins, it does not say that you have to live a good life, it does not say that you have to do anything but “confess” with your mouth and “believe” in your heart!

#3. Review the concept:

Soul Winner:

I don’t know if you noticed but everything, I showed you came straight out of the Bible. I just read a verse and explained it, I read another verse and explained it. But let me ask you a few questions.

Do you believe, according to the Bible, that you are a sinner? (Let them answer.)

Do you believe, what the Bible says, that sinners who reject Christ will go to Hell? (Let them answer.)

Do you believe, what I’ve showed you that God has a gift He wants to give you and you don’t have to work to earn that gift? (Let them answer.)

Do you believe, that Jesus died on the cross to pay and resurrected from the dead to pay for you sins? (Let them answer.)

Do you believe, that the gift of God is eternal life and once you have it you can never lose it? (Let them answer.)

Lastly, do you believe this verse that says, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (Romans 10:9) Do you believe that? (Let them answer.)

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Well, if you believe that, you don't have to confess that to me (I'm not God) but you do need to confess it to God. Would you like to pray right now and confess that to God so that you can receive that gift of salvation? (If they say "yes".) I can help you word a prayer; you can repeat what I'm saying.

The Sinner's Prayer:

Jesus, I know I'm a sinner and I deserve to go to Hell. Please forgive me of all my sin and please give me eternal life. I'm not trusting in myself. I'm only trusting in you. Amen.

Soul Winner:

Congratulations. Thank you for letting me show you that. Now, hopefully this isn't the case. But let's say I never see you again and five years from now, somebody knocks on your door and asks you, 'Do you know for sure if you died today, would you go to Heaven?' What would you say to them?

4. A Review on What We've Showed People in Our Presentation

- A. We showed them that they are _____ —“For all have sinned” (Romans 3:23)**
- B. We showed them the _____ for their sin—“For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23)**
- C. We showed them that salvation is a _____ that they don't work for — “Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:9)**
- D. We showed them that Jesus _____ for their sin—“while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8)**
- E. We showed them about _____ —“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life” (John 3:36)**
- F. We finish with having them _____ the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior through prayer—“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13)**

Action Step: *Mark and highlight Romans 10:9 in your Bible.*

