

HOW TO GO TO HEAVEN ILLUSTRATED



The famous
evangelistic method
used by Bible teacher
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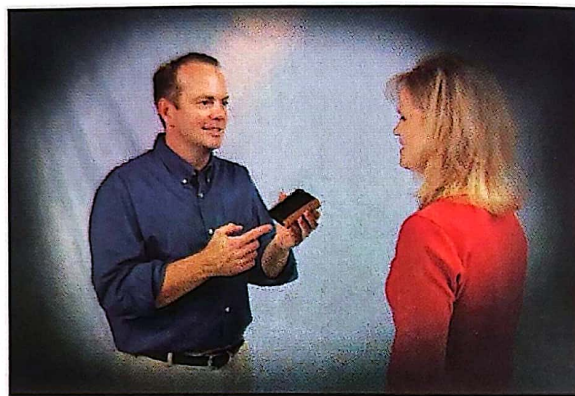
riches of his grace in his
ness toward us through
Jesus.
8 For by grace are ye saved
through faith; and that not
ourselves: it is the gift
of God:
Not of works, lest any man
should boast.
For we are his workmanship,
created in him for good works,
which he hath prepared for us,
that we should walk in them.

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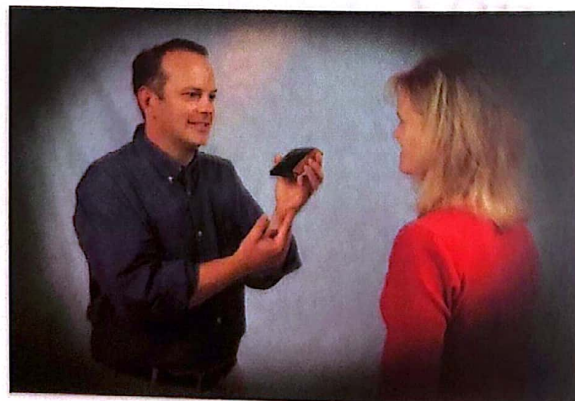
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1. (Point to hand.) Let my hand represent you and me.



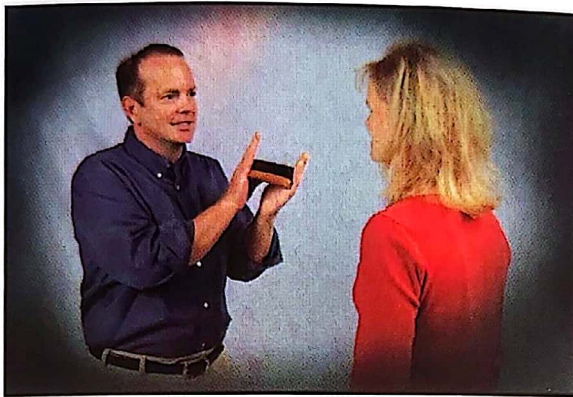
2. (Place wallet in hand. Point to wallet.) Let this wallet represent sin. We all have sin on us. In order to go to Heaven, we have to be sinless. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23



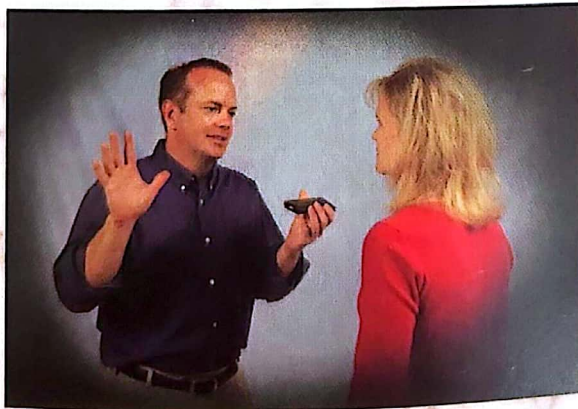
3. (Point to hand.) God loves us...
"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16



4. (Point to wallet.) ...But He hates our sin.
"For the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23a



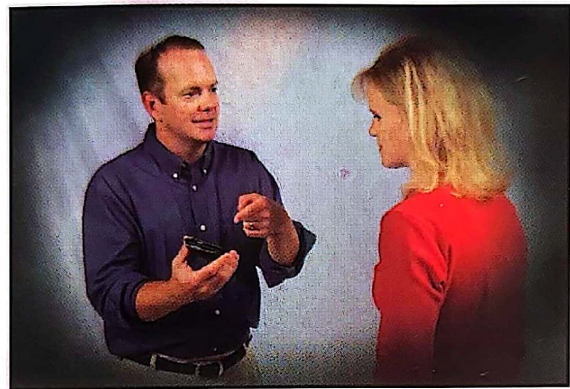
5. (Hold wallet between hands.) Our sin separates
us from God. We cannot get rid of our sin by
our good works. If we pay for our sin, we will
have to spend eternity in Hell.
"For the wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23a



6. (Raise other hand.) Let this hand represent
the Lord Jesus Christ. He had no sin.
He was perfect.
"For he [God] hath made him [Christ] to be
us, who knew no sin..." 2 Corinthians 5:21



7. (Place wallet in other hand.) Christ voluntarily took our sin and its penalty, death, upon Himself. "For he [God] hath made him [Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin..." 2 Corinthians 5:21a



8. (Point to wallet.) Jesus paid for our sin through His death and shed blood on the cross. His resurrection shows that God accepted His payment. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8



9. (Put wallet away. Point to first hand.) Our sin is no longer on us because He took it and paid for it. He gives us His righteousness. "For he [God] hath made him [Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." 2 Corinthians 5:21



10. (Put hands together.) Trusting Christ removes the sin that separated you from God. You can know you have eternal life when you, by faith, accept the payment Christ made for you.

“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may KNOW that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”
1 John 5:13 [emphasis added]

Ephesians 2:8-9

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

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Friend,

There is nothing I like more than to use this simple illustration to share the gospel. Going to Heaven is not about what you do. It's about what Christ did.

Your good works can't get you to Heaven. If they could, then how would you know you've done enough good works? Eternal life is a free gift, paid for by Christ's death. He was buried and then rose again to give you new life — eternal life.

How can you know for sure that you have eternal life? Simply accept that Christ paid it all. He did 100% — you do 0%. Place your trust in Him alone.

You can never lose your eternal life because Christ not only saves you, He keeps you saved. (John 10:28-29)

If you've just trusted Christ, would you share the good news with someone else? Learn this simple illustration and use it today.

Welcome to God's family!

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