

# Grace Evangelism

## LESSON 5:

### Guidelines for Handling Questions & Objections



I. GOD

II. MAN

III. CHRIST

IV. RESPONSE



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# I. OVERALL APPROACH TO HANDING QUESTIONS & OBJECTIONS

## A. TRUST THE AUTHORITY OF SCRIPTURE

*2 Tim 3:16 - All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;*



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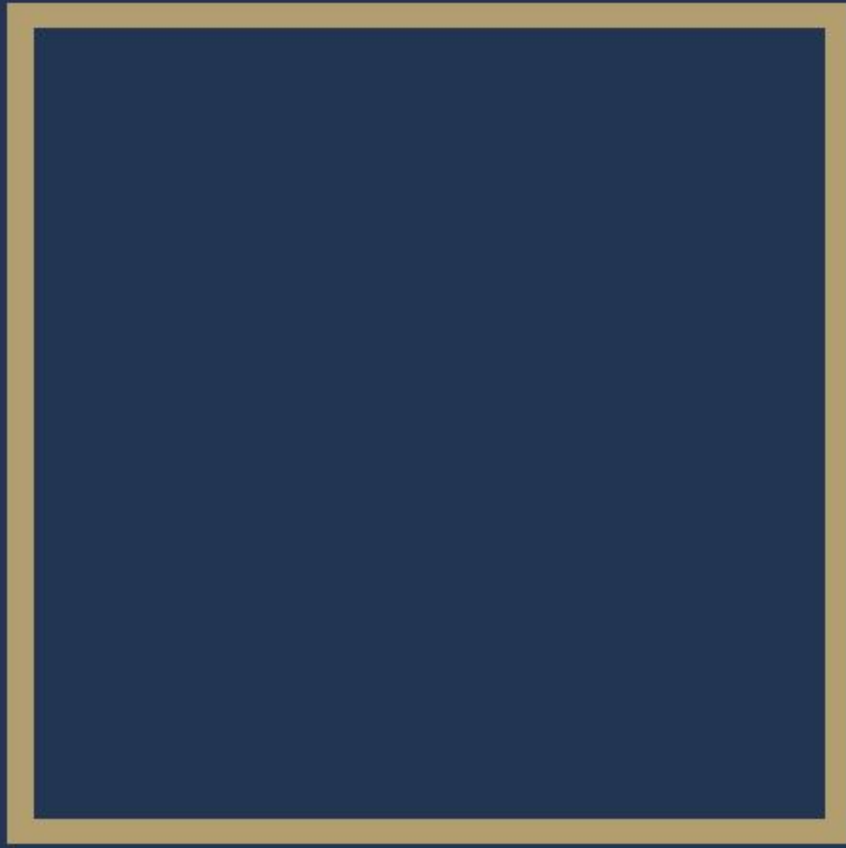
*James 1:18 - In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by **the word of truth**...*

*1 Pet 1:23–25 - 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, **through the living and enduring word of God**...25 ...**THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.**" And **this is the word** which was preached to you.*



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- ***REFORMED APOLOGETICS (PRESUPPOSITIONAL APOLOGETICS)***





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### A. "HOW CAN I BE CERTAIN OF MY SALVATION?"

*Rom 8:16 - The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God...*

*1 Sam 16:7 - ... God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.*

*Prov 16:2 - All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the LORD weighs the motives.*



***Matt 13:5–7*** - ***5*** Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil. ***6*** But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. ***7*** Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.

***John 6:37*** - All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

***John 6:47*** - Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.



# 1. LOVE for and TRUST in God's Word.

*1 Thes 2:13 - ... we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you **accepted it** not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the **word of God**, which also performs its work in you who believe.*

*1 Cor 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.*



## 2. Striving for obedience.

*John 14:15, 23 - 15 "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments...23 Jesus answered ..."If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word...*

*1 John 2:3 - By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.*

*1 John 5:3 - For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.*



### **3. Ongoing battling the flesh/sin.**

***Rom 6:1–2 - 1** What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? **2** May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?...**11**...consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus...**15** What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be!...**18**... having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.*

***1 Cor 6:18 - Flee immorality.***

***1 Cor 10:14 - ...flee from idolatry.***

***2 Tim 2:22 - Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness...***





## 4. Evidence of the Holy Spirit's work.

*1 Cor 6:19 - ... your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God...*

*Gal 5:22–23 - 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

*Phil 1:6 - For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.*

*Phil 2:13 - ...God...is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.*



***Matt 7:17*** - *So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit.*



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## 5. Love of other believers

*John 13:35 - By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

*1 Thes 4:9 - ... you yourselves are taught by God to love one another...*

*1 John 2:10 - The one who loves his brother abides in the Light...*

*1 John 3:14 - We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren...*

*1 John 4:20 - If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.*



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*Heb 10:24–25 – 24...let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.*



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### B. "WHAT ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL?"

*Rom 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

*Rom 1:18–20 - 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is **evident within them; for God made it evident to them.** 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are **without excuse.***



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**C. "WHY DOES EVIL EXIST? AND IF GOD IS SO GOOD AND POWERFUL, WHY CAN'T HE STOP EVIL?"**

*Gen 3* – show them when evil came into the world ...and why.

*Rom 5:12* - ... just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned--

*Rom 3:10* - as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;





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*Psa 5:4–5 - 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You. 5 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do iniquity.*

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***D. "IN THE END, EVERYONE WILL BE SAVED. IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE, AS LONG AS YOU HAVE FAITH."***

*Isa 44:6, 8 - 6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me...8...Is there any God besides Me, Or is there any other Rock? I know of none.'*

*S Lewis Johnson: As in arithmetic, there's only one right answer to a sum, and all others are wrong.*



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*Gal 2:16 - 16 nevertheless knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.*

*Titus 3:5 - He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,*



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***Matt 7:13–14*** - ***13*** *"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. **14** "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.*



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E. “GOD WILL ACCEPT ME BECAUSE I'M A GOOD PERSON. HE KNOWS MY HEART, AND I HAVE DONE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS.”

*James 2:10 - For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.*

***Matt 5: 21-30***

*Isa 64:6 - For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.*



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*Eph 2:8–9 – 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

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### F. "ISN'T THE BIBLE FULL OF ERRORS?"

*2 Tim 3:16 - All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;*

*2 Pet 1:21 - for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*



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### G. "I DON'T BELIEVE THAT GOD EXISTS."

*Rom 1:21 - For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

*John 1:3 - All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.*

*Col 1:16 - For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things have been created through Him and for Him.*



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### G. "I DON'T BELIEVE THAT GOD EXISTS."

- How can you prove God does not exist?
- How do you account for the earth? E.g...chance versus creation?
- Who sets the standard for right and wrong?
- When terrible things happen, whom do you cry out to? Or whose name do you curse?



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### G. "I DON'T BELIEVE THAT GOD EXISTS."

- Why do you say there is no God?
- You cannot prove He does NOT exist...so what is the real reason you make that claim? Is it really because you do not want His laws to govern you?
- Do you really just want to define what is right and wrong yourself?



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*Psa 14:1 - The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they have committed abominable deeds; There is no one who does good.*



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### H. “WE CANNOT REALLY KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE.”

*Heb 2:14–15 - 14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.*

*Heb 9:27 - And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment,*



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### H. "WE CANNOT REALLY KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE DIE."

***Matt 25:41, 46 - 41** "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; ... **46** "These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

***Matt 6:9** - Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.*

***Matt 5:18** - For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*





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***Matt 25:46** - These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

***2 Thes 1:7–8** - **7** ...the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, **8** dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.*

***John 5:28–29** - **28** "Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, **29** and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment.*



## II. SUGGESTED ANSWERS FOR COMMON QUESTIONS

### I. "CHRISTIANS ARE HYPOCRITES. FORGIVENESS IS SIMPLY AN EXCUSE FOR SIN."

*1 John 5:3 - For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.*

*John 14:15 - If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*

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