



# Making a Simple Statement of the *Gospel*

Stating the *Gospel* is to tell what God has done in Christ for our salvation. All of these suggestions, in some way, recognize God's Law and our sinful condition, but none of them dwell on it. If you are in conversation with people who do not recognize themselves as sinners, you will need to address this first.

## A "Good News" Method

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This simple method utilizes an extended paraphrase of John 3:16, inserting the first name of a person several times. The name goes in the blanks below.

For God so loved \_\_\_\_\_ that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer,

die, and rise in victory for \_\_\_\_\_, so that believing in Jesus as the Savior from sin,

\_\_\_\_\_ shall not perish, but \_\_\_\_\_ shall have everlasting life.

- You can speak the above words, inserting the person's name.
- You can also put these words on a card. A model for your use can be found at <https://www.oafc.org/the-gospel-message.html>. If you print some of these cards, carry a supply with you. Give the cards to people. A particularly interesting way to do this is at a restaurant. Write the name of your server in the blanks and leave the card with your generous tip.

For more on witnessing, visit LCMS *Every One His Witness* at [everyonehiswitness.org](http://everyonehiswitness.org)

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For suggestion B and C, visit [www.cidlcms.org/witnessinghelps](http://www.cidlcms.org/witnessinghelps)

