

WITNESS

If a person is unclear about faith in Christ, be sure to review the essentials of the Gospel. The Gospel can be summarized in these **five gospel words**:

1. **GOD** - Eternal **God** created all things, including you, and He wants to be in relationship with you. (Romans 1:19-20)
2. **SIN** - Our relationship with God has been broken by the debt of our personal **sin**. (Romans 6:23)
3. **REDEMPTION** - In love, God sent His perfect Son, Jesus Christ, to be the **redemption** for our sin. (2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. **BELIEVE** - To receive Jesus' sacrifice, we must personally embrace Jesus by **believing** in faith. (John 11:25-26)
5. **LIFE** - The benefit of true belief is abundant **life** now and eternal life to come. (1 John 5:11-13)

If they desire to communicate their belief, make the response simple:

ACCEPT the fact that you are a sinner and willing to turn from your sin in repentance (Romans 3:23)

BELIEVE that Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave (Romans 5:8)

CONFESS verbally your commitment to allow Jesus Christ to come into your life and control your life through the Holy Spirit (Romans 10:9-10)

If a decision to place their faith in Christ is clear, be sure to **celebrate together** (Luke 15:10 or 1 John 5:11-13 are great passages to share)! Stress the importance of growing in Christ through reading their Bible, prayer, attending a weekend worship service, and getting into a discipleship group.

If the person is seeking to re-dedicate their life to the Lord, be sure to work through specific issues – including identifying sin, repentance to the Lord, and specific commitments for the future. If they doubt their salvation, don't attempt to convince them that they are saved. Let the Spirit direct the appropriate response.