

### **How to start off:**

1. Excuse me. I wonder if you can help me. This is a little bit of an unusual request.
2. My name is (.....). I work with mainstream churches like Anglicans, Baptists, Presbyterians ... nothing weird, so you can just relax!

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# a short test

1. I give to charities



2. I pray



3. I help strangers in need



4. I read the Bible



5. I forgive people when they hurt me



6. I love and help family members



7. I am loyal with my friendships



8. I put other people first when they need me



9. I am totally honest in the things I say and do



10. I see the best in people



**SCORE**

**68 - 70** Angelic  
**64 - 67** Saintly  
**35 - 63** Good  
**25 - 34** Struggling  
**under 25** Seek help

3. This is the latest thing. Most people really enjoy this.
4. All we do is ask you 10 quick questions, give you a score, analyse it and then in just a few minutes I will give you the best definition you have ever heard of what a Christian is, here's the first one.
5. I give to charities, 7 is always and 0 is never.  
What would you give yourself?

### **Transition**

1. Now what I'm going to do is:
2. Take your score of ..., and I am going to show you what Jesus would say to a good person like you
3. And like I said, as I go through this, I am going to give you the best definition you have ever heard...

**...of what a Christian is ...**

**God**

and

are

**Heaven**

**Holy means**

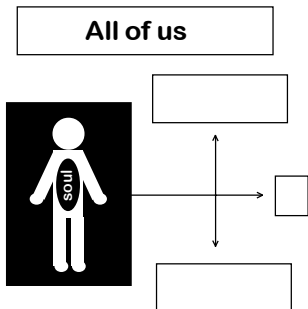


**People were perfect**

**God and people  
were friends**

1. There are three really important truths we need to know.
2. First, the Bible says God and Heaven are **HOLY**.
3. Holy means **PERFECT**.
4. It is really important to understand that God cannot let anything imperfect into Heaven.
5. Secondly, when God created the World people were perfect.
6. There was deep friendship between God and the first people He created.

**The third important truth is that...**



- Buried**
- Cremated**
- Your soul**
- The real you**
- Lives on forever**

7. All of us have a body and a soul. At death your body is buried or cremated but your soul, the real you, this lives on forever either in Heaven or Hell and there is no third place.

**Unfortunately we have a  
major problem...**



**Lied**

**Cheated**

**Hated**

**Just once**

**Friendship with God  
broken**

**Souls**

**Imperfect**

**Heaven**

8. The Bible says if we have broken any of God's laws like lied once, cheated once, hated once, just once. Then two things happen.
9. First, our friendship with God is broken
10. Secondly our souls become imperfect and can't enter Heaven.
11. So, Sadly it looks as though we are all headed for...**{HELL}**
12. Some people rightly ask the question 'How could a loving God create a place like Hell, let alone send someone there?'

**Let me explain why there has to be a Hell.**



**Murdered**

**Court**

**Guilty**

**Horror**

**Bad thing**

**Loving Judge**

**Let you off**

**Angry**

**When someone has broken  
the law, there must be a  
punishment otherwise  
there is no...**

13. Give me the name of someone you love in your life.
14. Imagine that person was murdered, they caught the murderer, he is brought to court.
15. He pleads guilty and to your horror the judge says 'This is a bad thing you have done, but because I am a loving judge, I am just going to let you off.'
16. You would be angry, right? Why?
17. Because you know that when someone has broken the law there must be a punishment, otherwise there is ...  
no JUSTICE

**Can I ask you two personal questions.  
These questions will help us further  
understand why there has to be this  
place called Hell.**

**Liar**

**Thief**

**Do you think God is going to let  
thieving liars like us into...**

**Heaven?**

**Because if God doesn't punish us for  
breaking His laws, He would be the  
same as the unjust judge who failed to  
punish  killer.**

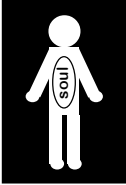
**For Jesus... Hate = Murder**

**Murderer**

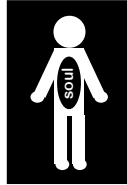
18. I have told a lie in my life - have you? So what does that make us? A liar, true? Can I ask you another question?
19. Have you ever taken anything that didn't belong to you like a paper clip, a ball point pen, made a phone call in your boss's time etc? If the answer is yes what does that make you? A thief, same as me.
20. Now do you think God is going to let thieving liars like us in Heaven? I don't think so.
21. Because if God doesn't punish us for breaking His laws, He would be the same as the unjust judge who failed to punish .....'S killer.
22. Now some people say 'wait a minute. There is a big difference between lying and thieving and murder!'
23. But for Jesus hate is the same as Murder. If we have hated someone in our hearts, we have murdered them in our hearts. I have hated someone in my life even just for a moment. Would you have done that? So in Gods sight, what does that make us? We are murderers as well.

**This is the bad news. For the sake of justice there has to be a Hell.  
But here is the good news -  
God offers to forgive us.**

Jesus



All of us



Imperfect



**Taking the punishment**

**Making a way to be forgiven**

**Making a way to restore friendship with God**

24. This is why Jesus is so significant. What do you notice is the difference between Jesus' soul and ours? We are all imperfect because we have broken His laws but He is...**{PERFECT}**

25. When He died on the cross 2000 years ago He did three things for us.

26. First, he was taking the punishment we justly deserve for our law breaking.

27. Second, He was making a way for us to be forgiven.

28. Thirdly, He was making a way for people to restore friendship with God.

**Let me show you how you can be forgiven**



**Anything we know is wrong**

**Willing**

**God will help**

**Willing**

**Want**

29. Firstly we must be willing to **TURN** away from anything in our life we know is wrong. Notice I said willing.

30. We may feel there are things in our lives which in our own strength we are not able to turn from. That's okay. God will help us but we must be willing and want to turn from them.

**The second thing He asks us to do to be forgiven is...**



You and the Universe

Centre of your life



Turned



Surrendered

Forgiven

Restore friendship  
with God

31. **SURRENDER** to Jesus. Let me explain what this means.

32. If God made you and the entire Universe don't you think He has the right to be the centre of your life?

33. Unless someone has turned and surrendered, it is impossible to be forgiven and restore friendship with God.

**When we ask Jesus to forgive us this is what happens...**



**God sees**

**Attitude**

**Thought**

**Motive**

**Action**

**Every time we break  
one of His laws He  
writes it down**

34. When you were born God opened a book about your life. He does this with everyone.

35. God never sleeps He sees every attitude , thought, motive and action.

36. Every time we break one of His laws He writes it down.

**You can imagine...**



**When you are forgiven**

**Rips out the pages**

**Throws them into the  
deepest sea**

**Never to be seen  
again**



37. as we get older we have a whole library written against us.

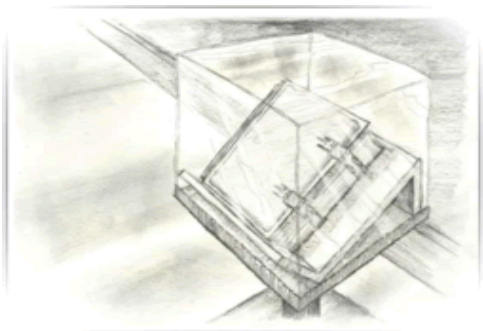
38. When you are forgiven this is what happens.

39. God takes your book, He rips out all the pages and throws them into the deepest sea so they can never be seen again.

40. He then takes a copy of His own perfect record and puts it inside the cover of your book.

**This book...**

**Your name on spine**



**Stored in Heaven**

**The miracle...**

**Birth**

**Forgiven**

**Death**



**Even though you are  
going to break more  
of God's laws in that  
time**

40. ...with your name on the spine is stored back in Heaven like a precious library book.

41. Believe it or not, the miracle is this book is not touched again between the point at which you are forgiven and death, even though you are going to break more of God's laws in that time.

**When you die you will come up before**



**Jesus will look at you**

**Command the Angels**

**You were perfect**

**No I wasn't**

**I broke Your laws**

**Justly deserve to be  
punished**

31. Jesus will look at you and command the angels to get your book.
32. They will open it and say “You were perfect!”
33. You will say “No I wasn't. I broke Your laws. Don't I justly deserve to be punished and sent to Hell?”

**Jesus will say...**

**I took the punishment**

**I forgave you**

**Turned and Surrendered  
to Me on earth**

**Welcome to Heaven**

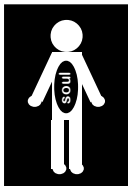


34. "I took the punishment for you.  
35. I forgave you when you turned and  
surrendered to Me on Earth.  
36. Welcome to Heaven"

**Say you never ask Jesus to forgive  
you. This is what it would be like for  
you at death.**

Judgment

You



Heaven

Hell

1. **Cross**

2.

3. **Conscience**

4. **Churches**

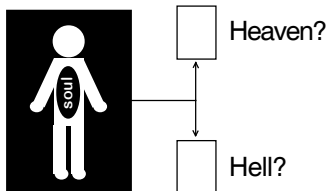
5. **Creation**

6. **Bibles**

7. **Rose from the dead**

37. You would come before God at judgment and Jesus would look at you and begin to cry.
38. He would say “I’m sorry ..... I really love you, but I can’t let you into Heaven. You never asked Me to forgive you.
39. I’ll have to send you to Hell.
40. I loved you so much I tried at least seven ways to get through to you.
41. Firstly, I died on the cross for you.
42. Secondly, I sent ... to tell you how you could be forgiven.
43. Thirdly, I gave you a conscience so that you would know right from wrong.
44. Fourthly, there were churches all through the town where you lived. Some where good, some were bad. You could have found the good ones.
45. Fifthly, I created a world so beautiful that it was impossible not to know that I exist.
46. Sixthly, There were Bibles everywhere. From them you could have found out about Me.
47. And finally, I rose from the dead to prove that I was God and that everything I said and did in the Bible was true. Yet, you just did nothing.
48. I’m sorry I can’t let you into Heaven - I have to send you to Hell.”

**Now that’s the summary of what it means to be a real Christian. Let me ask you one more important question...**



**If you died tonight,  
where would you go?**

32. Let me just write your name in here.

33. If you died tonight, where would you go?

### **HELL ANSWER**

1. Thanks for being honest. I don't want you in Hell, God doesn't want you there and you don't want to go there.
2. Would you mind if I took you through a quick review because it is very important for me to know why you gave that answer?

### **HEAVEN ANSWER**

1. Now why did you choose that one?
2. (Repeat back what they have said) But let me do a quick review. (If they are a Christian, go straight to 'How to Finish Off')

### **I DON'T KNOW**

Well, let me do a quick review (Go to Heaven answer)

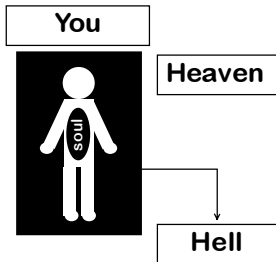
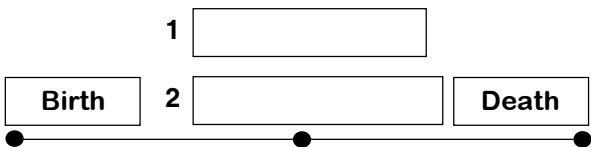
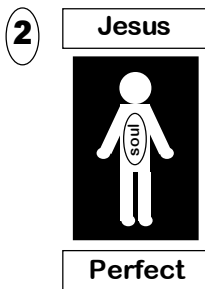
### **OTHER**

I respect that you believe something different from what I have said today. But **if** the Bible is true and you died tonight, where would you go?



## Perfect

1 Be a  
Perfect  
Person



Is that what you understood?

## HELL ANSWER

1. According to the Bible, what kind of a record must we have to get into heaven?  
{Perfect}
  - a. Now, there are only two ways to get a perfect record. One is to be a perfect person. Remember, we've all blown this option
  - b. The only other way to get a perfect record is to have Jesus give us His perfect record
  - c. and we get this when we are forgiven.
  - d. Now can you remember the two things we need to do to be forgiven? {TURN from everything we know is wrong, and SURRENDER our lives to God}.
  - e. If a person has not been forgiven, it is literally impossible to get to heaven.
2. Is that what you understood when you said 'Hell'? {Yes}
3. God doesn't want you to go to Hell, and there is no reason why anyone needs to end up there. We've put this booklet together to help people ...

***(Go to 'How to Finish Off' on page 38)***

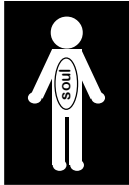


## Perfect

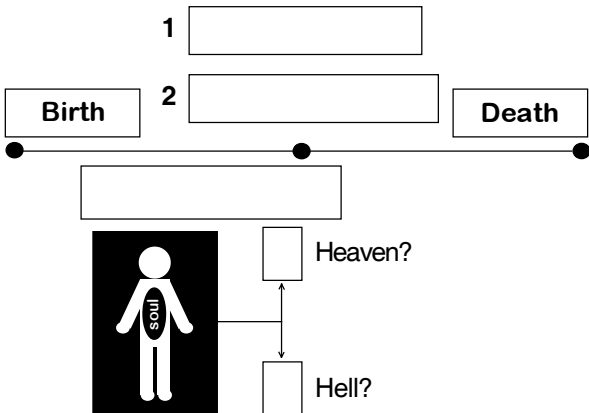
1 Be a  
Perfect  
Person

2

Jesus



Perfect



If you died tonight, where would you go?

## HEAVEN ANSWER

1. According to the Bible, what kind of a record must we have to get into heaven?  
{Perfect}
  - a. Now, there are only two ways to get a perfect record. One is to be a perfect person. Remember, we've all blown this option
  - b. The only other way to get a perfect record is to have Jesus give us His perfect record
  - c. and we get this when we are forgiven.
  - d. Now can you remember the two things we need to do to have this event in our lives?  
{**TURN** from everything we know is wrong, and **SURRENDER** our lives to God}.
  - e. If a person has not been forgiven, it is literally impossible to get to heaven.
2. So let me ask you again, if you died tonight, where would you go?
3. {Hell} God doesn't want you to go to Hell, and there is no reason why anyone needs to end up there. We've put this booklet together to help people ...

***(Go to 'How to Finish Off' on page 38)***

## HOW TO FINISH OFF

**(Show Follow Up Booklet)** It's called 'How to be sure of going of going to Heaven at death', because a lot of people think that if they are good, they will automatically go to Heaven - like having a free ticket. It doesn't work like that.

**Section 1** covers what I have already shown you, with some extra illustrations. Read this so you totally understand.

**Section 2** shows you how to have that third major event. There are 4 attitudes here and three here. These attitudes are like a spiritual warrant of fitness. You know how your car has to pass a test to go on the road? Well this is what God says we need to do to make it to Heaven. If you agree with seven out of seven . . .

**(Section 3)** and pray through this prayer here, then if you are genuine, you can be absolutely certain that when you die you are going to heaven! Which is where God wants you and I want you.

**(Section 4)** This last section shows you "How your life would change if you became a Christian". What would happen to you? What would God do for you? It is also great for helping us understand who we are and why we do some of the things we do.

**(Back)** Here is my name at the back. If you have any questions or want to let me know what you think of the book, I would love to hear from you. There are also some great websites here that answer questions like "How do you know the Bible is true?", "What about all the other religions?" etc.

**(Ideas for finishing positively)** . . . Now was that OK? Was that helpful? What did you think of that? Have you got any questions? When I get to heaven, and if you're not there, I'm going to be really upset! I'm going to be praying for you. It has been great talking with you. Thank you for your time. Have an awesome day.

## HEAVEN SECOND TIME

So you are saying that you have had this event where you have turned and surrendered to Jesus?

**{NO}**

Well, without this event it is literally impossible to get into Heaven. So where is the only other place you can go?

**{Hell}** - I am so glad that I got to you ..... God doesn't want you to go to Hell, and there is no reason why anyone needs to end up there.

We've put this booklet together to help people (*Go to 'How to Finish Off'*)

**{Heaven}** – (*Go to {Yes} at bottom of page*)

**{YES}**

“So your life is surrendered to Jesus?”

**{NO}**

Without your life being surrendered to Jesus it is literally impossible to get into Heaven, and where is the only other place you can go?

**{Hell}** - I am so glad that I got to you ..... God doesn't want you to go to Hell, and there is no reason why anyone needs to end up there.

We've put this booklet together to help people (*Go to 'How to Finish Off'*)

**{Heaven}** – (*Go to {Yes} below*)

**{YES}**

That's great. Let me leave you with this book. If you really have had this event, this book will only confirm your faith and encourage you. If you haven't, it will show you clearly what you need to do to have it.

**(Go to 'How to Finish Off' on the next page)**

*You could use this story as an optional extra to reinforce the authority of God vs the opinions of man*

1. Now someone I know did this with a lady.
2. Her name was Mary. Mary was about 45.
3. Mary was shocked when she found out that she was going to hell.
4. She had always believed that by being just a good person, you get to heaven.
5. Well, as my friend was leaving, Mary got him by the arm and said, "Wait a minute. My friends told me that I'm a beautiful person and that when I die, I am going to go to heaven."
6. My friend said, "Mary, you are a beautiful person. You got a great score. But think of the warrant of fitness. When you take your car in, is it your friends who give you the warrant or the guy in the testing station?" See, in the end it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks - only what God thinks.

#### *Optional way of presenting final section*

This last section shows you how your life would change if you became a Christian. Now, remember the movie 'Braveheart' with Mel Gibson? In that movie, Mel Gibson says, "All men die but not all men live." There are a lot of people out there who are alive but they're not really living. Now I know something about you! You don't want to waste your life – right? These four pages tell you the secrets that Jesus gave to how you can really live ... how would your life change, what would happen to you, what would God do for you. It is also great for helping us to understand who we are and why we do what we do.

## **How to start with a person of another religion (i.e a Mormon, a JW, a Hindu, a Buddhist, Muslim etc)?**

Hey, are you a Muslim? {Yes}. I respect that. You and I have a lot in common. However, I expect that you and I are going to differ in our beliefs with what I am going to show you. I would appreciate it if you could help me anyway. I would like to take you through this and perhaps you could tell me where this varies from what you believe?

**Result:** After they have heard the gospel, they will usually confess they are going to hell, and you have not offended them by trying to argue them out of their religion. Once they have heard the gospel it is now up to the Holy Spirit to convict them of the truth eg according to Mohammad, they're going to heaven. According to Jesus Christ and the Bible, they are going to go to hell. In other words, would the real God please stand up?

## **How to end with a person of another religion**

The following example is a possible conversation with a Muslim:

**Christian:** "If you died tonight, where would you go?"

**Muslim:** "I still think that I am going to heaven"

**Christian:** "I know that according to the Koran, this is true. But where would you go if this, what I have shared with you today, was true?"

**Muslim:** 'Well, if this was true, I would go to hell'.

**Christian:** "I respect the fact that you are a Muslim. However, you and I disagree so much though that only one of us

can be right. Either Mohammed is right or Jesus is right. Why don't we put this to the test? Why don't you read this booklet, pray sincerely to Jesus and ask him if he is really there? If he is not there, you have lost nothing and your belief in the Koran will be confirmed. If Jesus is really there, you will have found the one true God. You have nothing to lose.

It's been great talking with you ..... I appreciate the time you have given me.