

# Verity Baptist Church

## Soul Winning Seminar

Lesson 6:

### The Gift

#### 1. Transition to the Good news

A. At this point we have thoroughly explained to the person that they are a sinner and their sin has condemned them to hell

B. Now we can give them the \_\_\_\_\_ which is the gospel

*BTW: The word "gospel" means "good tidings" or "good news!"*

#### 2. God illustrates salvation as a \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ life (or Salvation) is a gift

B. The gift is free; it doesn't cost us anything

C. The gift is not something we earn or \_\_\_\_\_ for

#### 3. How this conversation may go:

A. God has a gift he wants to give you

**#1. Read the passage:**

**Script (Set up for the verse):**

*Remember this verse we saw earlier. Romans 6:23. We saw "For the wages of sin is death" – we understand what that means now, right? Our payment for the result of our sin is death. Not just a physical death, but the second death of Hell or the Lake of Fire. But notice the second part of the verse. (Read the verse)*

**Romans 6:23:**

*For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**FYI:** Earlier in our conversation, we focused on the first part of this verse (the bad news) – now we will focus on the second part of this verse (the good news).

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### #2. Reveal the truth:

#### Explanation:

God has a “gift” he wants to give us, and that “gift” is “eternal life”, and it is through “Jesus Christ.” Let me show you a few things about this gift.

### #3. Review the concept:

#### Transition:

I would like you to remember these words: “gift,” “eternal life,” and “Jesus Christ.”

## B. You don’t have to work for the gift

### #1. Read the passage:

#### 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.

### #2. Reveal the truth:

*Illustration: The Birthday Gift!*

#### Soul Winner:

Let’s say today was your birthday, and let’s say I was going to give you a gift – let’s use this pen for example (hold out a pen, or your Bible or anything you have). What would you have to do for this gift to become yours? (Hold it out to them.)

#### Sinner:

I don’t know, just take it.

#### Soul Winner:

Yes, go ahead and take it! (Hand it to them) Is that your gift now? I just gave it to you right? Now, what if I said, “Well, you know, that pen cost me one dollar. I’m going to give you a free birthday gift, but you must give me one dollar, is that a gift?”

#### Sinner:

No.

#### Soul Winner:

Why not?

#### Sinner:

Because I am paying for it.

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**Soul Winner:**

*You've right, a gift (by definition) is free. What if I said, "Okay, you don't have to give me any money, all you have to do is wash my car, is that a gift?"*

**Sinner:**

*No.*

**Soul Winner:**

*Why not?*

**Sinner:**

*Because I'm doing something for it.*

**Soul Winner:**

*Exactly, because if you wash my car, what are you doing for it? You're now working for it! See, a gift is free! You cannot pay for it, and you cannot work for it – otherwise it is not a gift!*

*The gift of God is the exact same way. Notice what the Bible says about God's gift – it says it is "[n]ot of works, lest any man should boast."*

**Thoughts on the "Birthday Gift" Illustrations:**

- 1) Start off with, "what if I asked you to pay me for the gift"—because it is very easy to grasp that you don't pay for a gift
- 2) Then I transition into, "What if I asked you to do something for it"—this is how we apply the illustration to salvation
- 3) An illustration is worthless if you don't apply it
- 4) An additional verse you could use for someone who is really struggling with this concept is Romans 4:5

**#3. Review the concept:**

**Question:**

*So, according to the Bible, do you have to work or earn the gift of eternal life that God wants to give you?*

**Action Step:** *Mark and highlight Romans 6:23 and Ephesians 2:8-9 in your Bible.*

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## **Notes:**

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