

You asked for it: *How do I witness to people from other religions?* (Week 8)—Gabe Cleave

What do we believe to be true?

1. The word of God
 - a. We believe the Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit.
 - b. It is the ultimate and final authority for Christian beliefs and living.

Supportive Scripture: Psalms 12:6; 119:105; 160, Prov. 30:5, 2 Tim. 1:13

2. The triune God

- a. God has eternally existed in three persons: The Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit
- b. We believe these three at co-equal and are one God.

Supportive Scripture: Gen, 1:1; 26-27; 3:22, Deut. 6:4, Job 38-40, Psalm 90:2; 139:1-4; 7-10

3. The person of Jesus

- a. We believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God and He is God.
- b. He is co-equal with the Father and The Holy Spirit, present and participating in creation. Jesus took on human flesh in the fullness of time so that He could live a sinless human life and offer Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all people by dying on the cross
- c. He was raised from the dead after three days.

Supportive Scripture: Isaiah 9:6, Matt. 1:22-23, John 1:1-5 & 14; 8:58, Acts 1:9-11, Rom. 1:3-4

4. The way to salvation

- a. We believe that all have sinned (willful disobedience to God). We believe that the wages of sin is death; eternal separation from God.
- b. It's only by grace through faith that one can receive this free gift.
- c. Eternal life begins the moment one receives Jesus as Lord and Savior of their life

Supportive Scripture: John 1:12; 14:6, Rom. 5:1; 6:23, Gal. 3:26, Eph. 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, Rom. 10:9-13, Acts 2:38-40, 2 Samuel 12:23

Mormonism:

- I. **The Bible:** Is one of 4 sacred and holy books including:
 - a. The book of Mormon (which is the most correct book)
 - b. Doctrines and Covenants
 - c. The Pearl of Great Price (a book that clarifies the doctrines and teachings that were lost from the Bible)
 - d. The Bible is not the final authority...the book of Mormon is
- II. **God**
 - a. "As man is God once was. As God is man may become"
 - b. Elohim (God) is a man just like you and I, and He attained "God status" by righteous living and persistent effort
 - c. He is one of countless gods
 - d. Brigham Young (2nd president of the Mormon religion) taught that Adam was God and the Father of Jesus. (Modern Mormon leaders have gone away from this teaching)
- III. **Jesus**

- a. Jesus was the physical offspring of God the Father and Mary
- b. Jesus was a god, but not THE God
- c. Jesus is the brother of Satan

IV. Salvation

- a. Salvation comes from a combination of Grace and good works

2 Nephi 25:23 (book of Mormon)—For we labor diligently to write, to ^apersuade our children, and also our brethren, to believe in Christ, and to be reconciled to God; for we know that it is by ^bgrace that we are saved, after all we can ^cdo.

Bahai

- I. **The Bible:** One of many good Holy books to be read and studied along with the Koran of Islam
- II. **God:** Is not knowable and cannot have a relationship with humans
- III. **Jesus:** Manifestation of God but not an incarnation. He reflected God, but was not God Himself. He is no different than Buddha and Muhammed.
- IV. **Salvation:** This earthly life is to be filled with good works counterbalancing one’s evil deeds and showing one’s self deserving of ultimate deliverance.

How do I witness to people from other religions?

- **Speak the truth of God’s word—Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)**
- **Share the gospel—Mark 16:15 (NLT)**
- **Share your testimony—Revelation 12:11 (NIV)**
- **Live out the gospel—1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)**
- **Don’t argue—2 Timothy 2:23-26 (NKJV)**

For Group Discussion: Acts 17:16-31

What stood out to you the most from the sermon this week? Is there something new or challenging you heard?

Opening Question: Have you ever gone street witnessing? How do you respond to people of any faith, knocking on your door?

Main Point: Jesus is the way, the truth the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.

Head: What was going on in Athens that Paul was distressed about? How did Paul enter into a conversation with this group of people?

Heart: What might earn you the influence to tell others about Jesus?

Hands: Who comes to mind when you think about sharing Jesus with someone from another religion? How can you be a witness for Jesus in your spheres of influence with both truth and grace?



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