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The purpose of this article is to encourage Grace Community Church to realize that sharing the gospel can be as simple as A, B, C.

Perhaps the greatest privilege a Christian can enjoy this side of Heaven is to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to other people. There could be no greater message than to announce that God is willing to lavishly grant mercy to sinners through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ and that even now an unimaginably wonderful home is being prepared for us in Heaven to enjoy forever.

When a Christian shares that message with a loved one, and it is accepted and believed, that loved one will pass from death unto life. This is great news, and the blessing of announcing it to others has been given to us by the God who created, owns and rules the universe.

**NOTE:** William Tyndale (1494 – 1536) is the man most responsible for the Bible being translated into English. Even though it cost him his life (he was burned at the stake by the Catholic church) Tyndale found delight in telling others about Jesus. He said this about the meaning of the word “gospel”:  
“Evangelion (that we call the gospel) is a Greek word and signifieth good, merry, glad and joyful tidings, that maketh a man’s heart glad and maketh him sing, dance and leap for joy.”

We have good news to share; the best news ever!

### HOWEVER ...

Most Christians struggle when it comes to sharing the gospel with others. For some, the problem might be apathy and that’s a shame. But for the majority of Christians, the biggest problem is simply not being sure how to “talk the gospel”. This is made worse when they experience fear over not knowing how to answer objections or tough questions. Here at Grace Community we try to equip Christians to treat sharing the gospel in a simple ABC format:

**A**dmit,

**B**elieve,

## **C**hoose

**ADMIT:** I must admit two things:

- 1) I have sinned (broken God's commands) <sup>1</sup>
- 2) I cannot fix the broken relationship I have with God by doing good things. <sup>2</sup>

**BELIEVE:** God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins. <sup>3</sup>

Jesus did everything I need. <sup>4</sup>

He rose from the grave, breaking the hold death has on me. <sup>5</sup>

God forgives my sin and promises me a home in Heaven if I believe (have faith) in what Jesus did for me. <sup>6</sup>

**CHOOSE:** This is the step I take to receive the free gift of forgiveness and eternal life. Because I am willing to **A**dmit that I have sinned and cannot earn or deserve forgiveness, and because I **B**elieve that Jesus fully paid for my sins and rose from the dead, I now **C**hoose to trust in Jesus and to ask God to give me the free gift of salvation. <sup>7</sup>

By telling the gospel in autobiographical terms (**I** sinned, **I** believed, **I** chose) the defensiveness others might have can be lessened. In turn, this might keep the conversation gospel centered and avoid side issues or tough questions. We should not be afraid of tough questions, for Christianity has been successfully answering tough questions for 2,000 years. But if you want to keep the focus on the gospel then telling **your own grace story** using ABC can be a simple yet powerful witness. This is what we mean when we say to present the gospel in autobiographical terms ("this is what Jesus did for **me**").

Remember, God is the One who changes hearts. You don't have to worry about that. All you need to do is humbly speak the truth in love. If you do that, then in God's eyes you will have been successful and He will be well pleased with you. The results are in His hands, so don't worry about it.

Let William Tyndale's definition of gospel inspire you: "Gospel comes from a Greek

word and signifieth good, merry, glad and joyful tidings, that maketh a man's heart glad and maketh him sing, dance and leap for joy."

## VERSES FOR ABC

1. *"For all have sinned and fall short of God's glory." (Romans 3:23)*
2. *"I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained by keeping the law, Christ died for nothing." (Galatians 2:21)*
3. *"but God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)*
4. *"Therefore He (Christ) is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them." (Hebrews 7:25)*
5. *"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.' " (John 11:25)*
6. *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)*
7. *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13)*