

Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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Please pray for me this week. As you read this newsletter, I will be preaching an Evangelism Conference in Georgia. Pray that the people will be encouraged and clearly instructed in how to witness to others, and how to follow through in one-to-one discipleship.

This has been one of our primary emphases since I started Abiding Above Ministries about six years ago. We have been encouraging discipleship with people all over America, Puerto Rico, and within the Russian prison system. We do this with Bible lessons through the mail and, for more than two years, we have been doing this one-to-one here in Memphis. There is now a wave of discipleship sweeping across our country in local churches and ministries. Praise the Lord for this return to what Jesus did, making disciples.



Accepted In Christ

I believe the main reason Christians do not share their faith is because of the fear of being rejected. To overcome this fear, my friend, you must continually remind yourself that you are accepted, “In Christ!”

“At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me and I in you.” **John 14:20**

Now, think this through. Since God accepts me because I stand now and forever inside of Christ, this cancels out any human rejection of me. You can rightfully think and say, “*If they reject me, I am still in Christ and Christ is in me.*”

Your fear of being rejected will change to your fear of them rejecting Jesus and missing heaven. When you know this, my friend, you are free to be a Spirit-filled witness for God. God’s acceptance of you is eternal. Human rejection of you is temporary.

“For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.” **2 Corinthians 4:17-18**

Robert Murray McCheyne once said, *“What matter in eternity, the slight awkwardness in time.”*

Another reason Christians do not share their faith is because they honestly do not know how. They are not sure what Bible verses to take others to, or how to use those verses to make clear the way of salvation. They have never learned a simple prayer they can suggest for someone to pray as they receive Jesus into their hearts.

These two reasons for not sharing one’s faith I have personally experienced and overcome by knowing I am accepted in Christ, and then by learning the Romans Road as a way of leading others to Jesus Christ.

I was in seminary and I was looking through the books of one of my classmates, Rev. John Compere. I saw his Scofield Reference Bible and knew that one to be what Dr. R. G. Lee preached from many years ago at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. I picked it up to look through it and out dropped a laminated card that said, *“Romans Road.”* Instantly, I knew it was a simple guide to leading someone to Christ.

Here are those verses: Romans 3:23; 5:8; 6:23; 10:9-10 & 13.

These verses very naturally progress in a way that will lead someone to pray and ask Christ to come into their heart.

You can write these verses in the margin of your Bible and this will prompt you to the chapter and verse to turn to next. You only need to remember to start at Romans 3:23.

I personally wrote this prayer out so I could suggest it to the individuals I might witness to. Remember, a lost person does not know how to pray. It’s ok to help them in their first prayer.

“Dear Lord, I know I’m a sinner. I know I need a Savior. I put all of my trust in this fact alone, Jesus died for me personally. I believe that with all of my heart. I ask you now to come into my heart and save me. Thank you now for saving me. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.”

Write to us, my friend, at the address below and we will be happy to send you a laminated copy of The Romans Road with this prayer included.

We love you and thank God for you. Continue to walk along in His Spirit and God will make you a fisher and a discipler of men, women, boys, and girls.

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3