

# This treasure in Jars of Clay

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For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 2Co 4:6-7

**We have** this treasure – who?

Jesus want us to focus on eternity. God's enemy, Satan, does not want you to focus on eternity.

**To bring people from death to eternal life ... we can use a little help.** I am offering 5 'helps'

1. First of all it helps to know \_\_\_\_\_people come to Jesus.

Survey says: Crusade . . . . . 0.25-0.50%  
Special Need . . . . . 1-2%  
Visitation . . . . . 1-2%  
Church Program . . . . . 2-3%  
Walk-in . . . . . 2-3%  
Sunday School . . . . . 4-5%  
Pastor . . . . . 5-6%  
Friend/Relative . . . . . 75-90%

17000 surveyed ... USA and CANADA 1980

2. Secondly it helps to compare this survey with how it how people came to Christ in the beginning John the Baptist was an effective Evangelist.

Jesus Himself was a traveling evangelist. But in the gospels we soon see the power of family influence. John 1:45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

John 1:41 He (Andrew) first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

Paul lead \_\_\_\_\_Christ, who then shared with his whole family.

Paul \_\_\_\_\_ to faith. She brought her whole household to Christianity.

3. It helps .. \_\_\_\_\_... to know the basic gospel I Corinthians 5:3,4

4. **It helps to know how \_\_\_\_\_ Canada in the 21st century.**

A. Is there a God.?

B. Is Genesis History? (Is the Bible God's word?)

C. What is sin? 1Jo 3:4 ¶ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

Eze 18:20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

D. How did God plan to take care of the sin problem?

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should

not perish but have eternal life.

Ro 5:6 ¶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

2Co 5:21 For our sake He (God)made Him (Jesus) to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ro 10:13 For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

**5. It helps to use your \_\_\_\_\_ of a changed life.**

Ro 12:1,2

This is what your family must see ...

**Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.**

**Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.**

**Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. On the contrary:**

**“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;**

**if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.**

**In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”**

**Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Ro 12:10-21**

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