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Dear family in Christ, thank you so much for your prayers and support! “Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.” 2 Cor 2:14



Chris broke his back snowboarding 6 years ago, but he recovered and now skateboards and snowboards again. I asked him what he thinks happens after death, like if he had died (thank God he didn't) where would he have gone?

He said he thought about it a lot and that since energy can't be created or destroyed, maybe our soul will continue on and kind of float around the universe.

I asked him, “What if God created you with an eternal soul that will go one of two places? If there is a Heaven what do you need to do to make it in there?”

“I guess the golden rule, you know? Do unto others as you'd have them do to you.” “So how are you doing with that?” I asked. “Okay, I try to do good to others,” he replied.

“That's good,” I replied. “And God wants us to do good, but will doing good get us into Heaven? More specifically, what do you think it is that keeps us out of Heaven?”

“Maybe not being truthful to yourself and others?”

“You mean lying?” I asked. “Yeah,” he replied.

“Well I think you hit the nail on the head,” I said. “The Bible calls that sin. God says that it's our sin that separates us from Him. Sin is a disease that all of us have. It causes us to lie, steal, cheat and much worse. Jesus taught that good works can't take away sin, but that there are two things we need to do to have our sin-disease cured. Do you know what they are?” “No. What?” he asked.

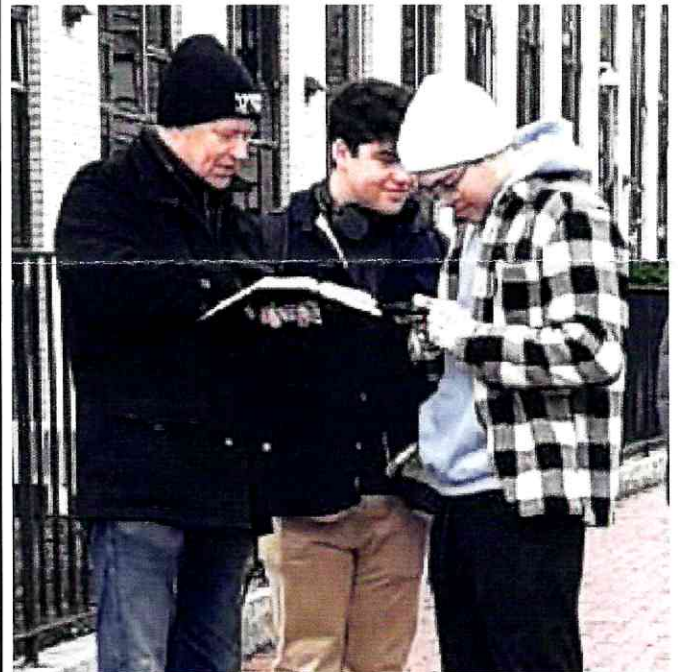
“Jesus said we need to repent and believe the Gospel, turn away from our sin and trust in the cure He provided for us in His perfect blood, shed on the cross for us. Does that make sense?” “Actually, yes,” he said.

I asked if he ever read the Bible and he said “not really,” so I gave him a copy of the Gospel of John and encouraged him to read a little every day. Please pray that he does, and comes to faith in Jesus Christ as is Savior.

“Ami and Harrison are Jewish students who had some great questions. My favorite one was, “If you know the Bible, and believe that the Jews are God's chosen people, then why are you a Christian and not Jewish?”

I said, “That's an excellent question! Let me show you.” I opened a Bible to Isaiah 53 and had Ami read out loud, “He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

I commented how Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be wounded and striped because of our sins, 700 years before Jesus was crucified.



Then I brought him to Psalm 22 and he read “For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.”

I asked him, how could King David have painted this picture of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ 1000 years before it happened? He specifically wrote that the Messiah's hands and feet would be pierced!”

They were very interested and wrote down the scripture references for later study. I encouraged them that Jesus is truly the Jewish Messiah, the final sacrifice who gave his life so that our sins could be washed away permanently. I encouraged them to trust in Jesus and to study Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22 again in their own Tanakh (Jewish Bible/Old Testament). Please pray that they do.



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What an awesome community outreach put together by South Shore Baptist Church in Hingham, MA! I got to share a paint board message on the resurrection of Jesus with a great group of kids and their parents, and had some wonderful conversations as well.

One person you can pray for is named Romit. He is Hindu, but his children go to a Christian school. He knows about Jesus but hasn't fully placed his trust in Him for salvation. What a blessing to be able to explain the Gospel to him, give him a Gospel of John, and encourage him to follow Jesus. He thanked me afterwards for explaining the message of Christianity to him. Please pray that he would encounter Christ as he reads God's word.



I love sharing the Gospel at the Boston Marathon! So many great conversations and tons of tracts and Gospels of John were planted in people's lives. Please pray that there would be fruit unto salvation through faith in the Messiah, Jesus Christ.



"What do you think happens when someone dies?" I asked a very interestingly dressed girl.

"I think that right before you die, you choose your destination. Like, if you want to be a planet, you'll become a planet. Or maybe you'll just become part of the Earth."

I asked how that works. She didn't really know, so I asked, "If there is a Heaven, what does someone need to do to make it in there?"



"Having good intentions and doing good things," she said.

"If that's the case, then what is it that keeps us out of Heaven?" I asked.

"I guess just not righting our wrongs," she replied.

I explained that most religions in the world teach the same thing, that doing enough good will fix the bad things we do, but that Jesus taught something different. He taught us that good works can't take away sin. Sin is a disease that we all have, and our good works can't cure it. I asked her, "Do you know what God did to cure our sin disease?"

"Nope."

"He sent Jesus to be the perfect sacrifice for our sins on the cross. The blood of Jesus is the only cure for sin. What we need to do is repent of sin and trust in Christ's sacrifice to save us. If you do that, God will adopt you as His child. You'll be born again and become a daughter of the King. What do you call a daughter of a king?"

"A princess."

"Exactly. So I use that illustration to show how radical of an identity change it is to be born again. What's your name by the way?" "Sar," she replied.

"Really? Did you know that in Hebrew your name phonetically means 'Prince?' So as a girl, it would mean 'Princess.' What a coincidence!"

I shared my testimony of getting delivered from witchcraft and encouraged Sar that following Jesus is like finding a limitless treasure that you can share with the world. She thanked me for the conversation and as she was getting on her train I gave her a copy of the Gospel of John and said, "This is the treasure map. Read a little every day."

Please pray that Sar (short for Sarah) would be saved and adopted by the King of Kings!

We go out to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to where the people are because **people matter to God!**
With love in Christ, *Chris, Bonnie, Chloe & Bella*



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