

# Communicate a Clear Message

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You are not only responsible for what you say; you are also responsible for what people understand you to say, so make sure that the message is clear. This is true when communicating with a child or an adult. If you have to ask several times, make sure they understand what you're trying to communicate.

A man once said, "I know you think you understood what I said, but I'm not so sure that what you understand is what I meant."

Of course, the most important message to communicate is the Gospel. The gospel message and what one does about it determines whether he or she will spend eternity in Heaven or Hell. So someone's eternity hinges on the message being communicated clearly.

Ephesians 2:8,9 says,

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

Salvation is entirely of grace. Grace means unmerited favor. It means that salvation is a free gift, and all one can do is receive it. If he had to do anything in exchange for it, it would not be grace but rather works.

Romans 11:6 says, “And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.”

There can be absolutely no mixture of works and grace. It has to be one or the other. It cannot be any combination of the two.

In my opinion, more people are lost because of a wrong message than for the lack of any message at all. In Matthew 7:22, 23 Jesus said,

*“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”*

Here were people who evidently were trusting in their good works for salvation; and Jesus said, “I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” The message that we are to communicate to men is the message of salvation by grace through faith. Learn the message and present it clearly. Don’t give men a false hope of Heaven by getting them to trust anything other than Jesus Christ Himself for salvation.

A man is better off with no hope than a false hope. If he has a false hope of Heaven, he will go through life thinking he is saved, only to hear Jesus say, “I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” But if he has no hope at all, there is a better likelihood that he will listen to somebody with the true message and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour.