

## Frequently Heard Objections or Arguments

### Lesson 7

- I. I am too sinful, or I have done something too horrible.
  - A. Point out that this conviction comes only from the Holy Spirit (John 16:7-10) and is proof of the Lord's interest.
  - B. God saved the worst (1 Timothy 1:15).
  - C. Jesus came for sinners (Matthew 9:12-13).
  - D. Never give false comfort by suggesting his sin is not so bad; it necessitated the death of God's Son (Romans 5:6-8).
  
- II. I have gone too far.
  - A. I will in no wise cast out (John 6:37).
  - B. Testimony of a murderer (Psalms 32).
  - C. The dying thief (Luke 23:39-43).
  
- III. I must get better first; undo some sin; fix some situation.
  - A. The prodigal son (Luke 15:18-24).
  - B. The publican (Luke 18:10-14).
  
- IV. I could not hold out.
  - A. The Lord will keep you (Jude 1:24; 1 Peter 1:5; John 10:28-29).
  - B. The Lord will help you (Isaiah 41:10-13; Hebrews 13:5-6).
  
- V. I cannot give up this particular sin or the way I am living.
  - A. You will give it up when you reach hell.
  - B. Is it worth more to you than your soul?
  - C. God has the power to take it away AFTER you are saved (Philippians 4:13; John 8:36; Matthew 28:18; Hebrews 7:25).
  
- VI. I tried before but failed.
  - A. You did not understand salvation was from sin, not from life's troubles.
  - B. Going back to sin is the fault of your flesh, not of Jesus.
  - C. A newborn baby is not a grown man.
  
- VII. The Christian life is too hard.
  - A. Hell is harder.
  - B. All life has difficulties. Jesus is there to help the believer (Job 14:1; Matthew 11:30; 1 Peter 1:7).
  
- VIII. There is too much to give up.
  - A. Name it (Mark 8:36).
  - B. It is nothing compared to what you gain (Philippians 3:7-8)
  
- IX. It will hurt my business
  - A. The whole world is not worth one soul (Mark 8:36).

- B. You can get another job.

X. I will lose my friends.

- A. If they want you in hell, they are not worth having.
- B. The friend of the world is the enemy of God (James 4:4).
- C. It will prove a blessing (Psalms 1:1-2).
- D. Gain true friends in Christ.

XI. I am afraid of ridicule.

- A. Get with a crowd that will be happy for you.
- B. Better shame now than at the judgement (Mark 8:38; Matthew 5:11-12).

XII. I do not have a feeling (tears, joy, excitement).

- A. Such is not required.
- B. Believe the word (Isaiah 55:7; John 1:12; Acts 16:31).

XIII. Christians are hypocrites.

- A. We are not asking you to trust them but Jesus.
- B. This is proof you know right from wrong and are without excuse.
- C. You will not answer for them (Romans 14:12).

XIV. A Christian did me wrong.

- A. Probably so.
- B. Me too.
- C. That is a bad reason to go to hell.

XV. I have my own religion.

- A. Tell me about it.
- B. All religions may be good to live by, but only one leads to heaven (John 14:6).

XVI. Those who doubt the authority of the Bible.

- A. Point out to them that they believe lesser authorities (Romans 3:3-4).
- B. Point out that all men lie, but God is true (Romans 3:3-4).
- C. Challenge them to rise above the level of perishing fools (1 Corinthians 1:18).

XVII. Those who believe in purgatory or some kind of second chance.

- A. There is a gulf that cannot be crossed (Luke 16:19, 26).
- B. A fallen tree remains where it fell (Ecclesiastes 11:3).
- C. Character is fixed at death (Revelation 22:11).

XVIII. Those who deny the deity of Christ.

- A. Jesus claimed that He was equal with God (Philippians 2:6).
- B. He proved these claims by doing the works of God.
  - 1. Creation (John 2:6-11; Mark 6:41-44).

- 2. Healing (Matthew 4:24) .
- 3. Raising the dead (Mark 5:35-42; Luke 7:11-16; John 11:33-45).
- C. If He was not God, He was not a good teacher, prophet, man, etc...but a liar and an egotist.
- D. His friend's testimony.
  - 1. John the Baptist (John 1:29).
  - 2. God the Father (Hebrews 1:8).
  - 3. Nathaneal (John 1:49).
  - 4. Peter (Matthew 16:16).
  - 5. Multitudes (Matthew 21:9).
  - 6. Thomas (John 20:28).
- E. His enemies' testimony.
  - 1. Officers (John 7:46).
  - 2. Unclean spirits (Mark 3:11; Luke 4:41).
  - 3. Pilate (Luke 23:4).
  - 4. Pilate's wife (Matthew 27:19).
  - 5. Judas (Matthew 27:4).
  - 6. The centurion (Mark 15:39).
- F. The warning.
  - 1. Failing to believe Christ's deity makes one a liar (1 John 2:22).
  - 2. It is the chief sin (1 Timothy 1:15).
  - 3. It will cause one to die in his sins (John 8:24).

### **Dealing with False Hopes and Beliefs**

- 1. The hope of being saved by a good life is refuted by:
  - Galatians 2:16.
  - Galatians 3:10.
  - James 2:10.
  - Matthew 22:37-38.
  - Romans 3:10.
- 2. That God is too loving to send anyone to hell is refuted by:
  - Mark 9:44-48.
  - Luke 16:19-31
  - Matthew 25:41, 46
- 3. I feel in my heart that God loves me is refuted by:
  - Jeremiah 17:9.
  - Proverbs 14:12.
- 4. I want to wait (I am not ready etc...) is refuted by:
  - Isaiah 55:6.
  - Proverbs 27:1.
  - Proverbs 29:1.
  - Matthew 25:10-12.
  - Luke 12:19-20.
  - Matthew 24:44.
  - James 4:13.
  - Job 36:18.
  - 2 Corinthians 6:2