

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