

OUR WITNESS

1. Ways of witnessing
 - 1.1 Your life--**James 1:22; Col 4:5,6; 1 Peter 3:16** *"What you are speaks so loudly I can't hear what you say."* Emerson
 - 1.2 Your word--**1 John 1:3; 1 Peter 3:15**
 - A. Direct testimony/evangelism--for example the use of *The Four Spiritual Laws*--**2 Tim 1:8**
 - B. Indirect testimony--share your own experience of the power of God in your life.
 - 1.3 Your concerned prayer for a friend's need or problem--**Acts 28:8**
2. Who is responsible for saving people? (Also see appendix pages 21,22)
 - 2.1 Jesus Christ--**1 Tim 1:15**
 - 2.2 We are **ambassadors** of Christ--**2 Cor 5:19,20**
 - 2.3 The Gospel--the power of God for salvation **Rom 1:16**; Define **gospel** in your own words--**1 Cor 15: 3,4**
3. An example of witnessing; Philip and the Ethiopian--**Acts 8:26-40**
 - 3.1 He communicated verbally - he spoke - **Acts 8:35**
 - 3.2 In the process he used the Scriptures - also **Acts 8:35** The Plan of Salvation from the Bible will help us do the same. (this is a variation of the Roman Road that we have seen in Step One):

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

- A. All have sinned--**Rom 3:23**
 - B. The wages of sin--**Rom 6:23**
 - C. Christ died for us--**Rom 5:8**
 - D. Salvation is a gift--**Eph 2:8,9**
 - E. You have to receive it--**Rev 3:20; John 1:12**
 - F. You must receive Him as Lord--**Rom 10:9**
 - G. The assurance of salvation--**1 John 5:11,12**
- 3.3 He was prepared and knew the Scriptures--**1 Peter 3:15,16**

(Responses to exercise on bottom of page 12: A-3, B-5, C-1, D-2, E-4)

4. Personal testimony
 - 4.1 What is a personal testimony? **1 John 1:3; Acts 4:20**
 - 4.2 Pauls testimony--**Acts 26:4-23; 22:1-21** This testimony can be divided into three parts:
 - A. **B.C.** How life was Before knowing Christ--**Acts 26:4-11**
 - B. **M.C.** The Moment Paul came to know Christ--**Acts 26:12-18**
 - C. **A.C.** How life has been After knowing Christ--**Acts 26:19-23**
5. Christians living in unity -- a powerful witness--**John 17:21,23; 1 Cor 12:20,25**
6. The scope of our witness is seen in Jesus' last words known as the *Great Commission*--**Mt 28:19,20**. The importance of these can be seen when we compare them to the first words he spoke to his disciples--**Mt 4:19**. Remember his command to pray--**Mt 9:37,38**. This witness starts at home and extends outward in ever larger circles to include the whole world--**Acts 1:8**

- HOMEWORK: Memorize 1 John 1:3
- Write your own personal testimony, using the three parts mentioned in section 4.2 as they apply
- Memorize the Plan of Salvation in 3.2
- Be able to explain the Bridge illustration (see p. 23)