



WALKING ACROSS THE JESUS BRIDGE

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- Before your life can have eternal significance, you must have a relationship with an _____ God.
- *“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*
John 14:6
- Jesus is the bridge to heaven!
- The question is, “Have you walked across the Jesus Bridge?”
- True meaning will never come to your life until that issue is settled. Every person must walk across the Jesus Bridge. Why is this so crucial? Let’s look at Ephesians 2.

First, because of the _____ that exists between mankind and God.

- Did you know that a huge gap exists between mankind and God? All of mankind is:
 - Walking the wrong _____. 2:2

- Possessing the wrong _____ . 2:2
- Born in the wrong _____ . 2:3
- Jesus came to span the _____ between sinful mankind and a holy, righteous God. He came to be the _____ that we could walk across to get to God.

Second, because true _____ doesn't begin until you walk across the Jesus Bridge.

- When you walk across the Jesus Bridge you get a new life.
- *"...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."* **John 10:10b**
 - You have a new life free from your _____ . 2:4-6
 - You have a new life of purpose in the _____ . 2:10
 - You have a new life that will _____ for eternity. 2:6-7

- The way you walk across the Jesus Bridge is by simple _____ . 2:8-9
- Romans 6:23 expresses it perfectly:
 - *"For the wages of sin is _____..."*
 - *"...but the _____ of God is eternal life..."*
 - *"...through Jesus Christ our _____."*



Becoming a Bridge for Others to Get to Jesus

- Jesus is the bridge for all mankind to get to God.
1 Timothy 2:5-6
- But how will people come to Jesus? They need a _____!
- Did you know that God has left some natural bridges for people to cross to get to Jesus? They are the bridges of _____ relationships.
- No matter who you are, or what your personality type, or what your background, you are **someone's** _____ to Jesus.
- How can you become a bridge for others to get to Jesus?

First, you can become a bridge for your _____.

- *“So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his **whole house.**” John 4:53*
- The ruler's son was healed and he became a bridge for his entire family.
- The Philippian jailor became a bridge for his entire family. Acts 16:30-34

Second, you can become a bridge for your

_____.

- *“Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy **friends**, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.” **Mark 5:19***
- *“...And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near **friends**.” **Acts 10:24***

Third, you can become a bridge for your

_____.

- These are people you see and rub shoulders with _____.
- *“And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him. And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him.” **Mark 2:14-15***
- You need to be like Jesus and be a friend of _____.

God created you in Christ Jesus to become a bridge for others to come to Jesus. How do I become a bridge for others?

- _____.
- Be a _____.
- _____.
- Tell them what Christ has done in _____ life.



- If every believer on this planet won everyone in their sphere of influence, would there still be huge gaps? There would, in fact, still be millions who have never heard about Jesus.
- There are still gaps all over this world that need a bridge.
 - _____ billion people have never been confronted with the good news of Jesus Christ.
 - Organized Christianity has no contact with _____ million people in the world today.
- This is where we must understand the concept of _____.
- While you can't possibly reach the 1.8 billion people that have never heard of Jesus, you can help **other** people build bridges to reach those people.
- How can we accomplish this?

First, by understanding the _____ of Jesus Christ.

- Our Savior has a heart of _____.
Matthew 9:36-38

- Our Savior has a heart of _____. Luke 19:1-10
- Our Savior has a heart for _____ people. Acts 26:16-18
- *“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” 1 Timothy 2:4, 6*
- *“The Lord is...not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9*
- Jesus is the supreme bridge builder, and He is looking for people who will help build spiritual bridges in this world.

Second, by leaving your _____ zone.

- God sent _____ to the house of a Gentile named Cornelius. He needed a Savior. Acts 10:2
- God had to prod Peter out of his _____ zone and eventually Peter did go, and Cornelius and his entire household believed Peter’s message about Jesus.
- These people were saved because _____ man left his comfort zone and went and built a bridge to these people.

Third, by laying aside all _____.

- Philip laid aside all prejudice and became a bridge to the _____ people. Acts 8:4-5
- We serve a God who is not prejudiced in any way. He equally _____ every person in the world and desires for every one to live with Him eternally.