

Helpful Analogies to Use in Witnessing

If the person to whom you are witnessing seems to be having trouble understanding a spiritual truth, you may find these analogies helpful. (See *The Evidence Bible* for these and many others.)

You Don't Just "Believe" in a Parachute

A churchgoer may need help understanding the difference between just "believing in Jesus" and being "born again." Say, "If you and I were on an airplane and we knew we were about to crash, and I had my parachute on and you didn't, what is the most loving thing I could do for you? It would be to tell you to put on your parachute! If you told me you already believed in the parachute under your seat, but you didn't put it on, I'd plead with you to strap it on right away—because I know what will happen to you if you jump without the parachute. Simply believing in a parachute will not help you; you must put it on for it to do you any good. That's what the Bible says you must do with Jesus. It's not enough to simply 'believe' in Jesus (even the demons 'believe'); you must 'put on the Lord Jesus Christ' in order to be saved. You do that by repenting and placing your trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior. It's called being born again."

The Good Judge

A person may say that, although he's sinned against God, he will go to heaven anyway. This is usually because he thinks that God is "good," and that He will therefore overlook sin in his case. Point out that if a judge in a criminal case has a guilty murderer standing before him, the judge, if he is a good man, can't just let him go. He must ensure that the guilty man is punished. Say, "If the judge just let him go, he'd be a corrupt judge and should himself be brought to justice. If he's a good judge, he will do everything in his power to see that justice is served. Likewise, if God is good, He must (by nature) punish