

The role of the plan of salvation

- ◆ Whether you follow a logical or psychological order of topics, always present the plan of salvation as the basis of Christianity. In areas where people come from a religion other than Christianity, you'll probably have to start with studies dealing with the role of religion in life, or some other introduction to Christianity itself.

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- ◆ In areas where people worship several gods, you may need to include some studies on monotheism and the reasons for worshipping just one God.

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- ◆ Introduce doctrinal topics after the student has made a commitment to Jesus as Lord and Savior.
- ◆ Present the distinctive teachings of Seventh-day Adventists after people have accepted Jesus and made a commitment to follow Him.

Order of topics

- ◆ Most Bible studies present topics in a logical way, usually beginning with a study about the Bible itself, then moving on to the plan of salvation and the doctrines of the church.

Order of topics

- ◆ Dr. K.S. Wiggins, psychologist and Adventist evangelist, offers the following advice on the order of the topics for Bible studies and public evangelism presentations.

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- ◆ « Seventh-day Adventist evangelists are accustomed to arrange their subjects in a logical order. The only drawback with this method is that the human mind doesn't work logically. Much better results are obtained if subjects are arranged in a psychological order. » - Soul-winning made easy, p. 37

Order of topics

- ◆ The psychological order helps in two important ways:
 - ◆ It keeps interest high throughout the series.
 - ◆ It makes decisions easier.

Order of topics

- ◆ The idea is to include a few particularly interesting studies at certain points in the series to keep interest high.

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- ◆ The suggestion is that the topics be arranged in three main blocks:
 - ◆ Salvation in Christ alone.
 - ◆ What Christ wants us to believe and do.
 - ◆ The decision to enter the church of Christ in the last days.

Order of topics

- ◆ The subject arrangements that follow are suggestions and their use should be adapted to the various target audiences to whom the studies are presented. Choose an order of topics that meets the needs of the students.

The typical order

- ◆ The following is a typical order that can be used in a variety of meetings.
- ◆ Note that in this order, the plan of salvation appears only far down the list. This is done intentionally to serve the decision-making process.

The typical order

1. The Word of God
2. Daniel 2
3. The second return of Jesus
4. Signs of Jesus' second return.
5. The millennium
6. The destiny of the wicked.
7. The home of the redeemed.

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8. Daniel's prophecies
9. Christ our high Priest
10. The investigative judgment
11. Law and Gospel
12. The Sabbath
13. The Sabbath on the New Testament
14. The origins of Sunday observance.

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15. The origin of bad angels
16. The work of the good angels
17. The state of the dead
18. Spiritism
19. The great controversy between Christ and Satan
20. The seal of God and the mark of the beast
21. Jesus saves the lost

The typical order

22. Faith

23. Precious promises

24. Church ordinances

25. Christian standarts and duties

26. The human body as temple

27. Prayer

28. The work of the Holy Spirit