

“Well, Let Me Tell You”
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God’s Word is full of blessings and promises. There are countless ways we are blessed.

Out of all these blessings, one of the greatest blessings God has given us is hope...hope in eternal life. We have hope that heaven awaits; that those who have gone before us are with Jesus until the end of the age. We are blessed with the promise that Jesus will come again to make all things right, to renew our hearts, our minds, and our bodies. We have hope of glory – being with God and sharing in the radiance of Christ.

Because of God’s blessings, we are different...and the world notices.

Calling:

The disciple named Peter tells us in 3:15 to
“always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you
to give the reason for the hope that you have.”

Action:

So when Bob down at the coffee shop asks you, “I saw you get run off the road the other day by that teenage punk Robby Fiddlesquire – why didn’t you go over to his house and let the air out of his tires?”
You answer, “Well, let me tell you...I was angry, but I let it go because I’m a Christian and I know Jesus forgave me for all the stupid stuff I’ve done...”

1st Share the Gospel

1 Peter 3:18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

2nd Tell them how to accept it

1 Peter 3: 15...Because “we set apart Christ as Lord in our hearts.”

3rd Teach them to love God

In John 14:15-21 Jesus says, "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-the Spirit of truth. ...Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."