

Ray Comfort Commentary

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- Bio:** Ray Comfort is the best-selling author of more than 60 books. He also co-hosts an award winning television program with actor Kirk Cameron.

Let me share something with you that you may have heard before. The claim of the Bible is that all of humanity has violated the Law of a holy God. He sees lust as adultery and hatred as murder. Lying lips are an abomination to Him. Death and then damnation in Hell are our “just” punishment for our crimes against Him.

But God is rich in mercy and has paid the fine for the Law we violated, through the suffering death of the Savior. Upon our repentance and faith alone in Jesus, God justifies us (He makes us right with Himself) and dismisses our case. He commutes our death sentence, and lets us live—He freely gives us the gift of everlasting life.

That’s the Gospel. That’s the Good News that the Christian heralds, and if it’s true, then it’s the most incredible news that humanity could ever hope to hear.

If I picked up an instruction book that claimed to be for a certain appliance, how can I best prove its claims? I simply put them to the test.

The book says to plug the appliance in. I do that. It says to program it by flicking the left switch upwards. That will make a green light flash. It does. Now it says the right switch will make a red light flash. That happens too. It tells me to push the middle button three times and that will give me a picture. The picture comes on. It then tells me how to adjust the picture. I follow another twelve specific instructions from the book and watch the appliance do everything the book said it would. Logic tells me that this instruction book is the right book for that appliance. Any other conclusion would be lunacy.

This is the claim of God’s Instruction Book, the Bible:

“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest [reveal] Myself to him” (John 14:21).

Either that’s true, or it isn’t. There’s one way to find out. Look at the Commandments for a moment. They will tell you what sin is. Then repent and trust in Jesus. Do what He says, and He will prove Himself to you.

Maybe you’re a Christian and you know people who argue about the inspiration of the Bible. I find that it’s best not to try and convince skeptics that the Bible is God-breathed. I instead take them through some of the Ten Commandments. Jesus didn’t say, “Go into all the world and convince people that the Bible is the Word of God.” He said to preach the Gospel to them, because it’s the *Gospel* that’s the power of God for salvation. And the way to give the arrow of the Gospel its thrust is to put it into the bow of the Law.

We often hear that our argument for Christianity stands or falls on the validity of Scripture. I respectfully disagree. Of course I believe that the Bible is absolutely God’s Word. But my salvation isn’t dependent upon that fact, because I wasn’t converted by the Bible. I was converted by the power of God through the gospel, and when I picked up a Bible it simply explained what had happened to me.

In our efforts to convince a sinful world of the things of God, we tend to use intellectual arguments, when the ultimate proof is *the power of God* transforming the sinful human heart.

I didn’t come to Christ through an intellectual argument, and my faith doesn’t stand on human wisdom, so why should I try to bring others through that door? *For Moody Radio, I’m Ray Comfort, and these are my thoughts.*