

The Good News Bracelet

I. Introduction - Greeting or Approach Questions

- A. (Example): "Hello! How are you doing today? My name is _____; what is your name? It is nice to meet you today."
- B. "Have you ever seen a bracelet like this?" and/or "Have you ever heard the story of the Good News Bracelet?"

II. Colored Beads

A. Yellow/Gold Bead

1. Represents Heaven (Revelation 21:21).
2. Who is in Heaven?
3. God/ Creator (Genesis 1:1). We are not a cosmic accident. God made us. He loves us, and has a plan for us.
4. But there is something that God cannot allow into Heaven. That brings us to the next bead.

B. Dark Bead

1. Represents sin.
2. Anything that displeases God - Disobeying or breaking God's law is sin.
 - a. Ten Commandments
3. All have sinned (Romans 3:23).
4. Breaking any law has a penalty.
5. Sin's penalty is death (Romans 6:23a).
 - a. God created man with a spirit, soul, and body.
 - b. Death is not that we cease to exist, but it is a separation.
 1. First death is the separation of our soul and spirit from our body.
 2. Second death is the separation of our soul and spirit from God (Revelation 20:4, 21:8; Isaiah 59:2).



C. Red Bead

1. Represents the Remedy - Good News.
2. Jesus died for our sin (Romans 6:23b, 5:8; John 3:16).
3. Salvation is a gift received, not a goal achieved.

- a. You cannot work for a gift.
- b. A true gift, once given, can never be taken away.
- c. Just knowing about a gift does not make it yours. There must be a day you acknowledge and accept it as your own.

D. Clean Bead

- 1. Personal Response (Romans 10:9 -10, & 13).
- 2. Pray (I John 1:9).
- 3. Represents our cleansed heart after Jesus forgives us.

E. Green Bead

- 1. Represents Growth.
- 2. True Christianity is not a religion, but a relationship.
- 3. A good relationship needs good communication.
 - a. Read Bible - God speaks to you.
 - b. Pray - you speak to God.
- 4. Obey what God says in this Word, the Bible.

F. Clear/Blue Bead

- 1. Represents Baptism.
- 2. Symbol of the Gospel.
 - c. Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again.
 - d. Like a wedding ring. The ring doesn't make you married, it is only a symbol. Baptism is only a symbol, not a requirement for salvation.
- 3. Who did Jesus go to when He was baptized?
 - a. John the Baptist (Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-34).
 - b. This is something we can do just like Jesus did that pleases God the Father: to be baptized by a Baptist.
 - c. Not for salvation. Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ (John 3:16; I Cor. 15:1-4; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 1:5).
 - d. It is to follow His example.
 - i. Jesus is the only Way for salvation.
 - ii. Jesus' example should be the only way of service. John 21:22 *"Jesus saith... follow thou me."*