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7. Evangelism – How can I share my faith? (Colossians 4v2-6)

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Conclusion

Bible references: Eph. 6:19, Rom. 10:1, Col. 2:2, 2 Cor. 5:14

Colossians 4v2-6 (NIV)

² Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³ And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. ⁴ Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. ⁵ Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Some good books on evangelism (on bookstall):

Rico Tice, "*Honest Evangelism*" (One of the best books on sharing our faith, from the founder of the "Christianity Explored" course).

Mark Dever, "*The Gospel and Personal Evangelism*" (Readable, engaging, practical book to encourage us in evangelism)

Books to give to others:

Tim Keller, "*The Reason for God*" (For any thinking unbeliever, this is the best contemporary, one-stop, introduction to the gospel, while answering common questions; on bookstall)

Resources to help Christians understand the gospel more clearly

Summaries of the gospel in any of the books above

Two Ways to Live (booklets in both Chinese and English on the welcome table)

Bridge to Life diagram (PowerPoint presentation available on the church website under "I'm new here" → "Not a Christian?")