

Before You Begin

How to Use and Share These Letters

This book is not written only to be read. It is written to **be used**.

If you would like to share these letters, please refer to the section **“Accessing Additional Letters and Resources”** after Letter 12. There you will find information about where to download individual letters and related resources.

Each chapter is designed as a letter that can be shared with someone who is curious about Christianity or beginning a journey of faith.

You do not need to be a pastor, teacher, or theologian to use this book. You only need a heart that cares and a willingness to share the gospel.

1. The Purpose of This Book

The purpose of this letter series is simple: to introduce the gospel of Jesus Christ clearly, gently, and faithfully.

Many people are interested in spiritual questions but feel hesitant to attend church or read a full Christian book. Short, personal letters can open doors that formal teaching sometimes cannot. This series allows you to share the gospel step by step, giving readers time to reflect and respond.

Each letter focuses on a core theme of Christianity and includes examples from history to help readers connect faith with real human experience.

2. Who These Letters Are For

Although this series was originally developed for college students and faculties, it can be used with people of any age or background.

These letters are especially suitable for:

- Seekers who are curious about Christianity
- New believers
- Friends, family members, coworkers, or anyone with whom you desire to share the gospel

3. How to Use the Letters

For best results:

- Send one letter at a time, ideally once a week
- Fridays often work well, as many people are less busy
- Do not rush or overwhelm the reader

You may send the letters by email, messaging apps, or printed copies. The format matters less than the consistency and care with which you share them.

4. Relationship Comes First

This series works best when it flows from a genuine relationship. Before sending the letters, take time to:

- Listen to their story
- Build trust
- Show sincere care

A healthy relationship encourages thoughtful reading. When people feel respected, they are more willing to engage deeply—even with challenging spiritual truths.

5. Pray Before You Send

Prayer is essential. Before sending each letter:

- Pray for the reader by name
- Ask God to prepare their heart
- Trust the Holy Spirit to guide them

Remember, your role is to love, care, and faithfully share the good news. Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, Jesus Christ (Revelation 7:10). Your calling is faithfulness, not results.

6. Invite Response, Not Pressure

After sending a letter, you may gently ask:

- “What stood out to you?”
- “Did this raise any questions?”
- “How did you feel while reading?”

Do not argue or pressure. Be patient. Allow space for reflection. Honest questions are often signs that God is already at work.

7. Trust God with the Results

You may not see immediate fruit. Some readers may respond quickly, while others may remain silent for a time.

Do not be discouraged.

The gospel works in ways we cannot always see. A farmer does not expect a harvest the day after planting seeds. As you share these letters, do so with humility, prayer, and hope—trusting that God will use His Word in His time.

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. — 1 Corinthians 3:6,7

Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them. — Psalm 126:5–6 (NIV)

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day,

whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” — Mark 4:26–29 (NIV)