

What is the Gospel?

1. Love of God

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 - “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
- *It's Important to start with the love of God*
 - Love is at the heart of everything that God does.
 - 1 John 4:19
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 - “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. “
 - Why is it important to start here?
 - “People will not _____ how much you know unless they _____ how much you care.”
 - Share from experience

● God

- He wants everyone to go to heaven to be with Him.
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 - “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”
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 - “(God our Savior) wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.”
- God is Holy
 - It means that He is without flaw, perfect.
 - It also means that He is perfectly:
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 - _____
 - This perfect God wants to be with the people that He loves, but we are not perfect.
 - This imperfection is what separates us from God.
 - This then leads us to our second point:
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2. Sin

- Romans 3:23

- “For _____ have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

- Romans 6:23

- “For the wages of sin is _____, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

- Sin is _____

- We have to come to terms with the reality: that we are not good.

- Ask a person if they think they are a good person
 - If they say yes, ask them:
 - Have they lied?
 - Have they stolen?
 - Have you hated someone before?
 - Have you judged someone wrongly before?
- If they say yes to all these, then honestly they are hateful, judgmental/hypocritical, lying thieves.
 - If you then stand before a perfect God, will you be found **innocent or guilty?**

- So what can you do?

- Our culture, and most religions would say you should do more good than bad. Or learn your lesson and don't do it again

- ***But this is problematic***

- Use your own examples in explaining why.

- Some ideas (on your own):

- _____

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- _____

- True _____ demands that each specific wrongdoing must be specifically

_____.

- This is bad news

- All sinned, all deserve punishment, all deserve death, all deserve hell.

- So what's the good news?

3. God's Grace

- Grace means _____

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- "that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, "

- This is the essence of the Gospel

- 1. Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.

- What does that mean?

- Use an analogy.

- Instead of us rightfully receiving the

_____, Jesus

_____.

- 2. Jesus

- Jesus isn't just a good teacher, He is both

_____ and _____ who lived a

perfect life.

- Jesus is _____ man and
_____ God.

- We have to mention this because this is the only way that Jesus Christ can die for all the sins of man.
 - a. Jesus is man, or human. Because only humans can take the place of another human.
 - b. Jesus lived a perfect life, because if He too is guilty, then He needs to face His own punishment, rather than taking on the punishment of another.
 - c. Jesus is God. Only an infinite God can take the punishment of the sins of all of humanity, past, present, and future.
- 3. He rose again on the third day according to the scriptures.
 - The wage of sin is death, or the punishment sin is death.
 - If Jesus stayed dead, not only He didn't fulfill his promises, it just showed that He is incapable of paying for all the sins of humanity.
 - If He resurrected, it proves that He is able to defeat death. If he can defeat death, He can defeat sin, because death is the consequence of sin.

- *God came down as a man in the person of Jesus. He lived a perfect life and took on the punishment of sin and died on our behalf. But He rose again on the third day proving that the punishment of sin is paid for. So that we are made innocent before God, so we can be in eternal relationship with God, not doomed to death, but live on to eternal life.*
 - Now then the question is, how do you have eternal life?

4. Saving Faith

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 - “But as many as received Him to them He gave the power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on His name.”

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 - “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved.”

- John 3:16

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- ** Advice: Be sure to pray*
 - *Pray that the enemy won't create distractions, pray that we would be focused so that people can receive salvation. Pray that God moves on the heart of the person you are sharing with. When you are sharing the gospel, pray.*
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- The simple truth to receive eternal life (salvation):

All you have to do is believe.

- What does it mean to believe?

- ABC Method from Pastor Daniel

- A: _____

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- B: _____

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- C: _____

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- Romans 10: 9-10

- “That if you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

- Pastoral Advice

- Pastor Daniel's Prayer

- *Dear Jesus, I know that I have sinned. I know that I have done wrong things, which means I deserve to be separated from You. But I also know that You died on the cross for my sin. And you did not stay dead. In three days you came back to life. And all I have to do, to have my sin forgiven is to believe in you. Jesus I believe. I receive you as my savior. Thank you for what you did for me.*

- Pastor York's thoughts:

- Lead them through the ABC's, but after that I would just have them talk to God, like a get-real-moment with God. Encourage them to speak out loud so you can pray with them and be witnesses to the process. Be okay with unbelievers swearing.

- You can't put the standard of a mature believer on those who are not yet mature.

- He died for you, and all He asks for you to do is just believe.

- But it is important to encourage and help people to foster and grow their relationship with God.

- Every relationship needs fostering.

5. Christian Growth

- When a person is saved, encourage them these 5 things:

1. Read and Obey the Scripture (Bible)

- i. You need to know what the Lord wants for your life and also get to know Him. Read, learn, and obey is crucial for growth as a Christian.

2. Pray

- i. Praying ultimately should be like breathing to you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says pray without stopping. That sounds intense, but for Christians, praying is just talking to God. Like a friend, like a Father. Now that you're in a relationship with God, talk to Him. The more you pray the more you'll see Him move in your life, and the more you'll recognize when He's speaking to you.

3. Share

- i. Share what Jesus has done for you. Tell them the good news, it really will help you grow closer to God.

4. Live a Christ like Life

- i. There will be plenty of people watching you and unfortunately judging you to see if you really are a Christian. This actually will cause you to run to God more for help.

5. Go to church

- i. This is super important. It matters who influences you. A church that teaches the Bible and obeys it is the best place for you to learn about God. It's also a great place to find people to build this Christian life with.
- ii. The Church is full of imperfect people, people will sin, we are all in process.

How to Share the Gospel (Tips)

1. First things first:

Trust the Holy Spirit

2. Strike a conversation

a. You're not doing cold calls

- b. "Are you religious?" "What do you think about God?" "Do you believe in God?" are great ways to start a conversation with a friend.

3. Verbally Pray for people and use the name of Jesus

- a. _____

4. Take the pressure off of yourself

a. You're not the one doing the saving.

i. 1 Corinthians 3:6-7

1. "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 growth."

b. You are going to run into situations where you don't know what to say or do.

i. Go back to point #1

5. There are many ways to share the Gospel

a. Explain it

b. Live it

c. Share your testimony. You all have one.

6. Don't treat people like a project.

a. _____

