

GOSPEL SIMPLIFIED

What is the gospel? The gospel is a biblical account of God’s loving and gracious act of saving a sinful man through the redemptive work of Christ.

I. GOD: _____

A. Old Testament Concept of Salvation

Exodus 14:30 "That day the Lord saved Israel from the hand of the Egyptians and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore."

Exodus 15:2 "The Lord is my strength and my song and he has become my salvation."

Grace ` kesed ` – steadfast love, stands for God’s continuing faithfulness to his covenant people

Psalms 136:1 " Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good "

INTER-TESTAMENTAL (400 SILENT YEARS waiting for the Jesus the Messiah-Christ)

B. New Testament Concept

Romans 1:16 "I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes first for the Jews then to the Gentiles"

Grace ` charis’ – underscores God’s redemptive gift of love which is always active in rescuing unbelievers and restoring them to his wealth and favor.

Anyone can now be justified freely by God’s grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus

Romans 3:20-22 "Therefore no one will be declared righteous in His sight by observing the law we become conscious of sin. But now righteousness from God apart from law has been known to which the law and the prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe."

II. MAN : _____

Romans 3:23 " For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God "

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord "

Three Basic Spiritual Needs of Man

1. He needs to be _____to God’s fellowship – man is guilty before God and somehow he must find forgiveness

Sin is any failure to conform to the moral law of God in _____, _____ or _____

Act – Exodus 20:13 " You shall not murder "

Attitudes – Exodus 20:17 " You shall not covet your neighbor’s house ; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife "

Nature – Ephesians 2:3 " . . . by nature objects of wrath "

2. He needs power to _____

Titus 3:5 "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit"

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone the new has come "

Romans 12: 2 "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind "

3. He needs _____ .

III. CHRIST : _____



Ephesians 2:8-10 "For it is by grace you have been saved through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works so that no man can boast. For we are God’s Workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do"

A. Dynamics of Salvation

1.) _____ - (Initiation)

We _____

1 John 4:19 "We love because He first loved us."

John 15:16 "You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that would last."

Romans 5: 1-2 "Therefore since we have justified through faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

John 3: 5 "Jesus answered: I tell you the truth no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh but the Spirit gives birth to the spirit."

2.) _____ (Christian Growth)

Colossians 2:6-7 "So then just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthen in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness."

John 17:3 "Now this is eternal life that they may know you the only true and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

Philippians 2: 12-13 "Therefore my dear friends as you always obeyed – not only in presence but now much more in my absence –continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose."

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3.) _____ – (Completed Salvation)

1 John 5:11 "And this is the testimony : God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son . He who has the Son has life , he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

B. The Gospel Calling:

Romans 8:30 " Those whom he predestined He also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified "

JUSTIFICATION – salvation past

SANCTIFICATION – salvation present

GLORIFIED – salvation future



1. _____ (New Belief) – is trust in Jesus Christ as a living person for forgiveness of sins and for eternal life with God

Ephesians 2:8-9 " For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves , it is the gift of God – not by works , so that no one can boast "

John 3:16 " 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 "

John 5:24 " Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life "

2. _____ – (New Commitment) is our willing response to the gospel call, in which we sincerely repent of sins and place our trust in Christ for salvation.

John 6:63 " The Spirit alone gives eternal life, Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life "

3. _____ – (New Life) is a secret act of God in which he imparts new spiritual life to us.

4. _____ - (New Status) is an act of God whereby he makes us members of his family and declared us as sons .

"But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God" (John 1:12).

5. _____ –(New Standing) is an instantaneous legal act of God in which he thinks of our sins as forgiven and Christ's righteousness as belonging to us, and declares us to be righteous in his sight

Romans 5:1-2 " Therefore , since we have been justified through faith , we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ , through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand "

6. _____-(New Character) is a progressive work of God and man that makes us more and more free from sin and like Christ in our actual lives.

1 Corinthians 6:11 "But you were washed, you were sanctified you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God"

1 Peter 1:15-16 " But just as he who called you is holy , so be holy in all you do. For it written , " Be holy , because I am holy "

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Hebrews 6:4 " It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift , who have shared in the Holy Spirit , who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age , if they fall away to be brought back to repentance because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjected him to public disgrace."

Hebrews 10:26-31 26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. 28Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? 30For we know him who said, "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." 31It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.



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