

The Gospel

God

1- He is Creator & Owner of everything.

- **Genesis 1:1** - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- **Psalms 24:1** – The earth is the Lord's and all it contains.

2 - He is Perfectly Holy.

- **Matthew 5:48** – Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

3 - He requires perfect obedience from us.

- **James 2:10** – For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.

Man

1 – Everyone has broken God's law.

- **Romans 3:10** – As it is written, 'There is none righteous, not even one.'
- **Romans 3:23** – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

2 – The penalty for sin is eternal death.

- **Romans 6:23**- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 – Good works or intentions will not save anyone.

- **Titus 3:5**- He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.

Jesus

1- Jesus came to earth as both God & sinless man.

- **Colossians 2:9** – For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form.

2 – Jesus demonstrated God’s love in dying on the cross to pay sin’s penalty.

- **Romans 5:8** – But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

3 – Jesus rose from the grave and is alive today.

- **1 Cor 15:4-5** – And that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

Sinners Must Repent and Believe

1 – Repent of all that dishonors God.

- **Isaiah 55:7** – Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

2 – Believe in Christ as Lord and Savior

- **Romans 10:9** – That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved

The Essentials

Bible Study

- **2 Timothy 3:16-17** – All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Prayer

- **Philippians 4:6-7** – Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Service

- **1 Peter 4:10** – As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Fellowship

- **Hebrews 10:24-25** – ...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Evangelism

- **Matthew 28:19-20** – Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Worship

- **Psalms 95:6-7** – Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. ⁷ For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you would hear His voice,

God's Resources

His Strength

- **Isaiah 41:10** – Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

His Steadfast Love

- **Lamentations 3:22-23**- “The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

His Peace

- **Isaiah 26:3** – The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You.

His Help in Temptation

- **1 Corinthians 10:13** – No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

His Sovereign Care

- **Romans 8:28** - And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Christian Living

A New Life in Christ

- **Galatians 2:20**- I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

A Disciplined Life

- **1 Timothy 4:7b-8** - On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; ⁸ for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

A Life of Purity

- **Philippians 4:8** - Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

A Life of Love

- **John 13:34–35** - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

The Process for Biblical Change

- **# 1 – Set your Mind on Things Above**
 - **Colossians 3:1–2** - Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.
- **# 2 – Put off Sin**
 - **Colossians 3:8** - But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.
- **# 3 – Put on Righteousness**
 - **Colossians 3:10** - and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

James 3

¹Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment.

²For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.

³Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will obey us, we direct their entire body as well.

⁴Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the pilot desires.

⁵So also the tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire!

⁶And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

⁷For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race.

⁸But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison.

⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;

¹⁰from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

¹¹Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water?

¹²Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.

¹³Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom.

¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

¹⁵This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.

¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.

¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

¹⁸And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Books of the Old Testament

The Pentateuch

- **Genesis** – Beginnings
- **Exodus** – Redemption
- **Leviticus** – Holiness
- **Numbers** – Wilderness Wandering
- **Deuteronomy** – Second Law

History

- **Joshua** – Conquer and Divide
- **Judges** – Disobedience and Defeat
- **Ruth** – Kinsman Redeemer
- **1 Samuel** – Transition from Judges to the Monarchy
- **2 Samuel** – David's Reign as King
- **1 Kings** – United and Divided Kingdom
- **2 Kings** – Fall of Israel & Judah
- **1 Chronicles** – God's view of David
- **2 Chronicles** – God's view of Judah's Kings
- **Ezra** – Rebuilding of the Temple & People
- **Nehemiah** – Rebuilding of the Walls
- **Esther** – Preservation through Providence

Poetry

- **Job** – Suffering and Sovereignty
- **Psalms** – Pattern of Personal Worship
- **Proverbs** – Wisdom for the Details of Life
- **Ecclesiastes** – Vanity of Life in a Fallen World
- **Song of Solomon** – The Joy of Married Love

Prophecy

- **Isaiah** – Salvation
- **Jeremiah** – God's Final Warning
- **Lamentations** – Lament over Jerusalem
- **Ezekiel** – Condemnation, Consolation, and Restoration
- **Daniel** – God's Sovereignty over Human History
- **Hosea** – God's Loyal Love
- **Joel** – The Day of the Lord
- **Amos** – Social Injustice in Israel
- **Obadiah** – Edom's Judgment
- **Jonah** – God's Mercy on Repentant Gentiles
- **Micah** – The Justice of God vs. the Social Injustice of Judah
- **Nahum** – Nineveh's Destruction
- **Habakkuk** – Faith and Doubt in the Face of Judah's Exile
- **Zephaniah** – Future Global Judgment
- **Haggai** – Call to Restart the Rebuilding of the Temple
- **Zechariah** – Israel's Comfort and Glory
- **Malachi** – Call for Repentance

Books of the New Testament

The Gospels

- **Matthew** – Jesus as King/Messiah
- **Mark** – Jesus as Servant
- **Luke** – Jesus as the Son of Man
- **John** – Jesus as the Son of God

History

- **Acts** – Birth and Growth of the Church

Paul's Letters

- **Romans** – The Gospel of God
- **1 Corinthians** – Correction and Condemnation
- **2 Corinthians** – Defense of Apostleship
- **Galatians** – Justification by Faith Alone
- **Ephesians** – In Him: Our Position in Christ or The Eternal Plan of God
- **Philippians** – Joy & Unity or Basic Christian Living
- **Colossians** – All-Sufficiency of Christ
- **1 Thessalonians** – Growth of a New Church
- **2 Thessalonians** – Comfort and Correction
- **1 Timothy** – A Manual for Church Life
- **2 Timothy** – Ministry as Spiritual Combat
- **Titus** – Adorning the Doctrine of God
- **Philemon** – Manual on Forgiveness

General Letters

- **Hebrews** – Superiority of Christ
- **James** – The Effects of True Saving Faith
- **1 Peter** – Standing Firm through Suffering
- **2 Peter** – Genuine and False Christianity
- **1 John** – Tests of Eternal Life

- **2 John** – Christian Hospitality and False Teachers
- **3 John** – Christian Hospitality and Faithful Ministers
- **Jude** – Beware the Pretenders

Prophecy

- **Revelation** – Revelation of Jesus Christ