



THE GOSPEL

“Good News”

Greek: Euaggelion (yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on)

The good news concerning Jesus Christ and the way of salvation.

“Every decision we make stands in the shadow of where we will spend eternity.”

“Everyone’s life intersects the Gospel of Jesus Christ; either in acceptance or rejection.”

There is a great challenge among believers today in knowing & understanding the Gospel.

Where are we on the Gospel?

- Never heard the Gospel.
- Heard of the Gospel.
- Know about the Gospel.
- Know the Gospel.
- Conversationally Literate in the Gospel.



1. What are the dangers of NOT KNOWING the Gospel for a Believer?

- a. Lack of an assurance of their salvation.
- b. More likely to believe the lies of the enemy.
- c. Unlikely to share their faith with others.

2. What are the benefits of KNOWING the Gospel for a Believer?

- a. Knows they are saved, sees doubts as the lie of the enemy.
- b. Stronger filter to know the truth of scripture vs. the lies.
- c. More likely to be bold in their faith and to stand for Christ.

3. What is the importance of having an ASSURANCE of SALVATION?

- a. Believes that the Bible is true for everyone, not just for others
- b. Stands firm in the truth of scripture in a dying world.
- c. Knows that eternal life is not dependent on their works.
- d. Sees the completed work of Christ on the cross as sufficient.

4. What is the connection between knowing the Gospel and assurance of salvation?

- a. Critical to know what it is that we believe unto salvation.
- b. Reckons that it is what Jesus did, not what we do.
- c. Accepts that it is who Jesus is, not who we were.

5. What is the Gospel?



Narrative Summary, Voddie Baucham:

What we do in the midst of this sin sick age that has rejected the gospel and perverted the Gospel and replaced the Gospel with that which is not the Gospel is that we call out the wickedness we call it by name and we remind people of the good news of the Gospel again and again and again until it tastes sweet to them.

When people say no our problem is this, our problem is that; we say no our problem is that: God created the world and God created man and He put man in the garden to keep the garden and He gave the man a command and He held that man to perfect perpetual obedience to that command and he promised him (man) life if he kept it and death if he (man) didn't keep it.

And he didn't keep it. He ate and because he ate. Because of that one man, sin entered the world and death through sin and everyone born from that man through ordinary generation inherited that man's sin nature and because of that sin nature: sins proceed from it. And our world is broken because of that sin. And we stand guilty before a holy and righteous God. And we know that He's holy and we know that He's righteous. And we crave justice. But the problem is that if God gives us justice - we all die!

And so that God, in His goodness and His mercy, sent forth His Son who was not born of ordinary generation. But was born of a virgin. Yes the Virgin birth matters! Why? Because if He's born of ordinary generation He is born in sin. But because He's not born of ordinary generation He's NOT born in sin. He's clean of sin. His record is clean.

And He keeps His record clean. He obeys God's law. And because He's fully God and and fully man. He obeys God's law on our behalf in His active obedience. And then in His passive obedience, God made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us. All we like sheep had gone astray. Each of us had turned to his own way.

But God laid upon Him the iniquity of us all. And Christ died for sin once for all. The just for the unjust. And God imputes our sinfulness on Him. And He nails our sinfulness to the tree. And Christ dies and raises again on the third day for our justification. And there's another imputation. The righteousness of Christ is actually imputed to us. So that God can be both just and justifier for the one who places faith in Jesus Christ. So that all those who come to Christ may enter in. So that all those place faith in Christ might be saved.

But not only saved, but sanctified. Because He's the first born of many brethren. We are justified and we are adopted into the family of God. And we are sanctified. And as His children we begin to begin bear the family resemblance. And we are further sanctified throughout this life by the very same Gospel that saves us.

Until one day when it is all said and done, we are not just saved from the penalty of sin. We are not just saved from the power of sin. But one day, we are glorified and saved from the very presence of sin. That's the Gospel that we preach. That's the Gospel that we need. That's the Gospel that's more than enough.

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60 Second Sermon

Point #1, Life is short and death is certain. When a man gets between 35 and 40 years of age, he realizes he is entering into the second half of life. If he's honest he will admit that it's going by in a blur and even an atheist must admit he will some day die.

Point #2, Life treats all of us differently, death treats all of us the same. No one chooses his parents or many or the circumstances that shape their lives. A few different situations in my life and I could be in prison rather than a pulpit, a drug addict rather than a doctor, etc. Death treats all of us the same, rich, poor, white black, young, old, male female, educated or illiterate, when you're in the coffin, you're just dead.

Point #3, Where are you going to go when you die, and upon what do you base that hope? I've written a book, "You Must Be Born Again". It explains from Holy Scripture God's only provision to escape his wrath and spend eternity in heaven.

60 Second Sermon – Follow Up

I think you believe in God, I think you believe in life after death. Surely you must think there is more to life than a house, a car, a profession, and some clothes. I think you are a good guy, but if your hope of heaven is that you hope you are good enough, I must cut to the chase and tell you no one is good enough. Heaven is not for those who hope they are good enough it's for those who know they are not. If you and I could be good enough to get to heaven, God would never have sent his Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. It only takes one sin to keep us from being right with a holy God, ask Adam.

Have you ever had a time when you've told God that you accept the provision of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as your only hope of heaven? Have you ever had a time when you have confessed your sin to him and asked him to forgive you, to come into your life and be your savior? God desires to place his Spirit in all those who will humbly ask for mercy and receive him into their life. Have you ever been born again? If you would like to do that right now I can help you with a simple prayer from the Bible.

Sinner's Prayer: Oh Lord, have mercy on me. I confess I am a sinner, and that Jesus died for my sins. He alone is my only hope of eternal life. Right now I ask you to come into my life and save me.

-Tom Harmon

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VERSES FROM THE 60 SECOND SERMON:

James 4:14

14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

Hebrews 9:27

27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

1 Corinthians 4:7

7 For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

Ecclesiastes 2:16

16 For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, Since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the fool!

10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one;

11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God.

12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."

Ecclesiastes 7:20

20 For there is not a just man on earth who does good And does not sin.

John 17:3

3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

John 14:6

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

VERSES FROM THE 60 SECOND FOLLOW UP SERMON:

Genesis 3:6-11

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

Luke 18:19

19 So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

Ephesians 1:7

7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Luke 18:13-14

13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

John 1:12

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

John 4:10

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."



Read this. Then Watch [Episode 7, Season 1](#) of the Chosen. Then read this again!

NICODEMUS ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS BY NIGHT:

John 3:1-19

1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?

11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.



ROMANS ROAD (Bibles verses in the book of Romans that layout the plan of salvation):

1. The Human Problem

“As it is written: “There is no one righteous, not even one;” (Romans 3:10)

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Romans 3:23)

“For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

2. Humanity’s Hope in Christ

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

3. The Sinner’s Response

“If you declare 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 profess your faith and are saved.” (Romans 10:9-10)

“For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’” (Romans 10:13)

4. The Result of Salvation

“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.” (Romans 5:1-2)

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,” (Romans 8:1)

A Roman's Road Prayer

God, I know that I am a sinner and that the wages of sin are death. I believe that you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, as a payment for my punishment. I declare that Jesus is my Lord and profess my faith for salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus. Thank you for your grace, forgiveness, peace, and gift of eternal life. Amen!”

WRITE THESE BIBLE VERSE REFERENCES INSIDE THE COVER OF YOUR BIBLE. THEN HIGHLIGHT THESE VERSES IN YOUR BIBLE. NOW YOU CAN WALK SOMEONE THROUGH THESE VERSES IN ORDER – “when you are asked” [1 Peter 3:15]



WHAT THE GOSPEL IS NOT:

- Know what the Gospel is not:
- The Gospel is not confession, or repentance, or obedience, or worship.
- The Gospel is not church, or missions, or discipleship, or baptism.
- The Gospel is not prayer, or faith, or commitment, or surrender.
- The Gospel is not election, predestination, foreknowledge, or sovereignty.
- The Gospel is not a sect, or a creed, or a catechism, or a sacrament.
- The Gospel is not a day, or a duty, or a denomination, or a religion.
- The Gospel is not Apollos or Paul, Calvin or Wesley, Luther or Knox.
- The Gospel is not a dispensation, a cessation, or reformation.
- The Gospel is not pre-trib, mid-trib, post-trib, a-trib.
- The Gospel is not my disciplined self denial, or my believing or receiving.
- The Gospel **IS** the declaration of God's love demonstrated when He offered His only Son a sacrifice for my sin. Which He did in Himself, by Himself, for Himself; that He would be glorified in redeeming all who would hear and believe.
- **The Gospel is NOT salvation. Salvation is what occurs when you believe the Gospel.**
- **But the Gospel is the Gospel whether you believe it or not.**
- **The Gospel is God's doing. I had nothing to do with it.**
- **He designed it. He ordained it. And by His Spirit, reveals it.**
- **He reveals that Jesus is the Christ, the only Savior of the world.**
- The Gospel is not about taking a good man; mixing in a little religious behavior and making him a better man.
- That's NOT the Gospel.
- The Gospel is about taking a person who is dead in his trespasses and sin; and making him alive.
- It's about taking a man who is born blind and cannot see the light of day; and giving him sight.
- It's about taking a man who is sentenced legitimately to life in prison; and God kicking those doors open and setting him free.
- That's what the Gospel's about.
- And that's what happens when the Gospel is preached and people believe the Gospel - cause that will never change.

Tom Harmon

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jor1CmV4X08> (full sermon)



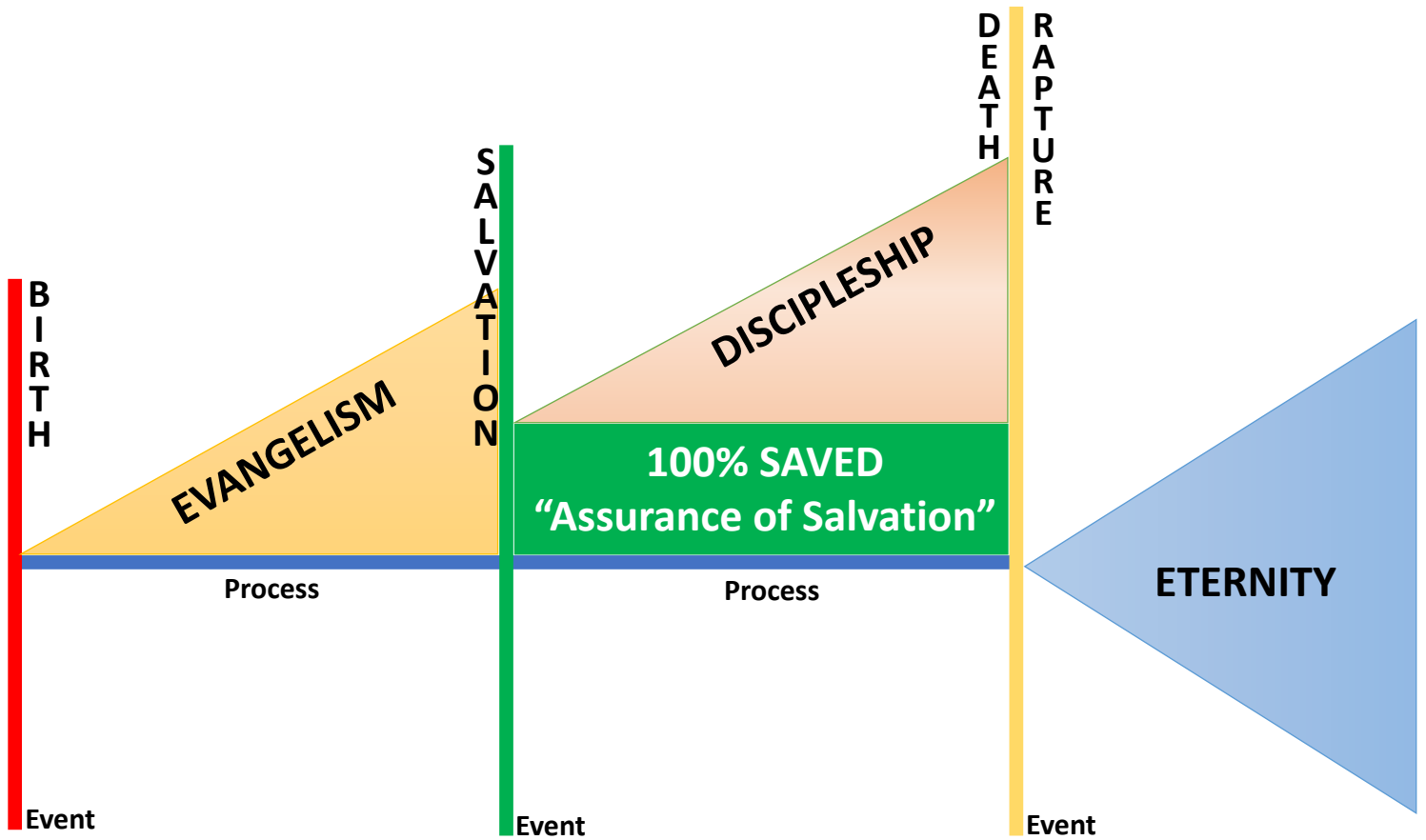
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HOW SAVED ARE YOU?

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Life: Evangelism – Salvation – Discipleship - Eternity





GOSPEL MESSAGES:

The Gospel, Voddie Baucham: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fdom3sGIGAI>

The Simple Gospel, Tom Harmon:

<https://tdharmon.com/assets/sermons/Tom%20Harmon%20-%20Silver%20Birch%20Ranch%202004%20-%20Gospel.mp3>

The Thief on the Cross, Tom Harmon:

<https://tdharmon.com/assets/sermons/CampBarakelMensRetreat2013-10-18/TheThiefOnTheCross.mp3>

The Gospel, John Piper:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NUB4I5vO12o>

The Gospel of Righteousness, Tom Harmon:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VszAdPiyTU4>

Imputed Righteousness, Tom Harmon:

<https://tdharmon.com/assets/sermons/Gospel%20Sermons/03-25-06%20Imputed%20Righteousness.mp3>

What is the gospel ? - Voddie Baucham:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utemKmrWW2M>

The Very Hope of the Gospel, Tom Harmon:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqCA6X04MAk>

Hope of the Gospel, Tom Harmon:

<https://tdharmon.com/assets/sermons/Gospel%20Sermons/02-26-06%20Hope%20of%20The%20Gospel.mp3>

The Gospel, Tom Harmon:

<https://tdharmon.com/assets/sermons/First%20Baptist%20Church%20Russellville%2010-02-11/EstablishingAChristianHomeTheGospelTomHarmonFBCR2011.mp3>

The Glorious Gospel, Conrad Delatorres:

<https://tdharmon.com/assets/sermons/Summit%202007/The%20Glorious%20Gospel-Conrad%20Delatorres-01-13-07%20HQ.mp3>