

Lesson 2 **The Gospel Presentation** **Part 1**

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Objectives

- Establish in us a biblical foundation for evangelism
- Equip us with a clear and complete Gospel presentation
- Encourage us to make the most of evangelism opportunities

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

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Requirements

- Attend each class and complete homework
- Memorize the Gospel presentation
- Read 'What is the Gospel?' by Greg Gilbert
- Pray for three unbelievers and for open doors to reach them

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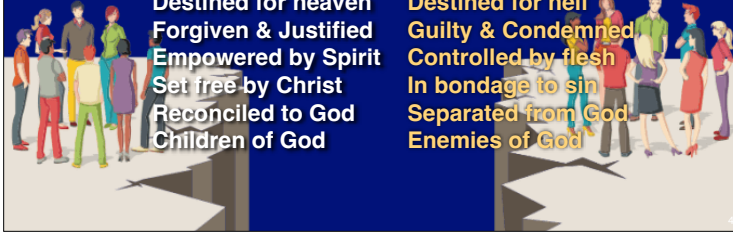
The Gospel Divides All of Humanity

Believers are...

Alive in Christ
Under God's grace
Destined for heaven
Forgiven & Justified
Empowered by Spirit
Set free by Christ
Reconciled to God
Children of God

Unbeliever's are...

Spiritually dead
Under God's wrath
Destined for hell
Guilty & Condemned
Controlled by flesh
In bondage to sin
Separated from God
Enemies of God



Review of Lesson I

**I. The Mission: God's Ultimate
purpose for evangelism is to
glorify Himself**

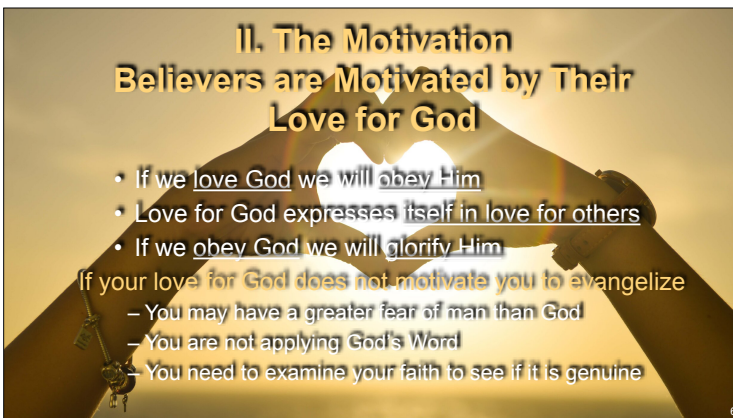


II. The Motivation Believers are Motivated by Their Love for God

- If we love God we will obey Him
- Love for God expresses itself in love for others
- If we obey God we will glorify Him

If your love for God does not motivate you to evangelize

- You may have a greater fear of man than God
- You are not applying God's Word
- You need to examine your faith to see if it is genuine



III. The Message: The God-centered Gospel presentation emphasizes God's justice and man's sinfulness.

1. God's Perfection - He is Holy
2. Man's Problem - He is a sinner
3. God's Provision - A Glorious Savior
4. Man's Part - Repent and Believe the Gospel

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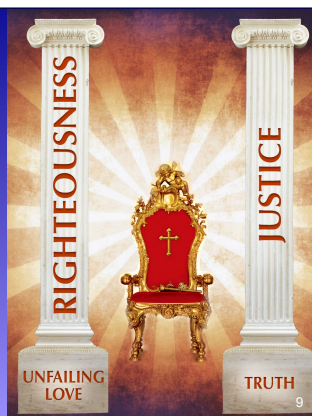
IV. The Method: We evangelized with a transformed lifestyle and a biblical presentation

- Live a transformed life
- Maintain a lifestyle of prayer
- Present the Gospel with wisdom and innocence
- Rely upon Scripture as the supreme authority

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1. God's Perfection - He is Holy

Our Eternal Creator is majestic in holiness (Ex. 15:11). Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne (Ps. 97:2). He is a righteous judge and cannot let the guilty go unpunished (Psalm 7:11). Divine justice must be satisfied.



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2. Man's Problem - He is a Sinner

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). The lake of fire is the second death (Revelation 20:14).

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3. God's Provision - A Glorious Savior

The Lord Jesus Christ, God's eternal Son, left the glory of heaven, to be conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of a virgin to take on human flesh. He lived in perfect obedience to the God's Law, then was crucified as the perfect sacrifice to satisfy divine justice for sinners. He bore man's sins, suffered God's wrath, died in man's place and was raised on the third day to show divine justice was satisfied.

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4. Man's Part - Repent and Believe the Gospel

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation (2 Cor 7:10). 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 with your mouth that you confess and are saved (Rom. 10:9-10).

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A good question to ask...
How would you describe the God you worship?

I. God - *It is important to begin with the person and character of God.*

A. God is Creator and Owner of everything

God created man in His own image to have a relationship with Him and to honor, worship and obey Him. Man will be held accountable to God on judgment day.

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1. The person of God revealed in creation

Eternal Power - For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities, all things have been created through Him and for Him...in Him all things hold together (Col. 1:16-17).

Divine Nature - God's grace to all men. "He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Mat. 5:45).

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2. The law of God revealed in man's conscience.

- God inscribed His law on each man's conscience. Guilt is activated when man sins and man flees temptation when conscience is pricked. Biblical examples include Cain committing murder and lying about it (Gen. 4:9). Joseph refused adultery with Potifar's wife (Gen. 39:10)
- **The conscience** is an alarm system designed to warn you against danger, to keep you from breaking God's law. It is a guard against sin, not a guide through life.

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B. God is perfectly holy

He is without sin, completely good, pure and perfect.

"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."
(Mat. 5:48)

C. God requires perfect obedience to His law.

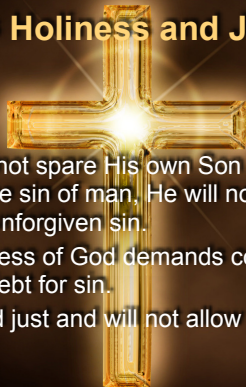
Since God created us, He sets the standard by which we are to live.

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

Note: We must instruct people to trust the God of the Bible, not the God of their imagination or religious tradition.

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God's Holiness and Justice



- Since God did not spare His own Son when He was imputed with the sin of man, He will not spare anyone who dies with unforgiven sin.
- The righteousness of God demands complete payment of the eternal debt for sin.
- God is holy and just and will not allow sin to go unpunished.

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II. Man - Sin taints all of our works, thoughts and actions

A. Everyone has broken God's law.

Definition of sin. Sin is disobedience against God; it is refusing to do what He commands and doing what He forbids. There are sins of both commission and omission.

"There is none who understands, there is none who seek for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is none even one." "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:10-11,23).

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Use the Law for Conviction of Sin

- Before anyone is a candidate for salvation, the Law must bring them knowledge of sin and condemnation under God's wrath (Rom. 3:20).
- The Law was given so that every mouth may be closed and the whole world may become accountable to God (Rom. 3:19)

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II. Man

B. The consequence for sin is separation from God.

Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God (Isa. 59:2). The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). The soul who sins will die. (Ezek. 18:4). He (God) will also say... 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire' (Mat. 25:41).

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We Must Tell People the Truth

Hell is the place of punishment where the wages of sin are paid. It is the place of despair and desperation. It is called the lake of fire, burning with brimstone. It is a place of terrible torture, dreadful agony, and soul-racking remorse. Hope never enters there. Light never shines there, only pain, gloom, restless agony, and indescribable torment! There is weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth forever!

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II. Man

C. Good works and intentions cannot save anyone.

No just judge would allow anyone on death row to go free because of good behavior.

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 (Titus 3:5).

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast (Eph. 2:8-9).

But if it is by grace, it is no longer [fn]on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

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The Nature of Man

He is born enslaved to sin

(Ps. 51:5; Rom. 6:20)

separated from God

(Is. 59:2)

spiritually dead (Eph. 2:1)

condemned (Rom. 5:18)

under God's wrath

(John 3:36)

hopelessly lost

and helpless

(Rom. 5:6, 9)

man

God

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The Natural Man

- cannot see the light of the Gospel (2 Cor. 4:4)
- cannot understand the things of God (1 Cor. 2:14)
- does not seek after the *true* God (Rom. 3:11)
- cannot come to Jesus unless the Father draws him (John 6:44)
- is held captive by the devil to do his will (2 Tim. 2:26)

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Who Then Can Be Saved?



Jesus said: "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Mat. 19:26).

God is the one who gives men life (John 5:21), draws men to Jesus (John 6:44), heals man's spiritual blindness (John 9:39) and grants repentance (Acts 11:18) and faith (Phil 1:29), and His truth sets men free (John 8:31).

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1. The Gospel is the Greatest News - because it speaks of the greatest gift anyone could ever receive.

- Jesus promised: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:27-28).
- "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life (John 5:24).

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2. It is Exclusive - Because of the Lord Jesus

- Jesus said “no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6).
- Peter said, “there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved ” (Acts 4:12).
- Paul said, “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:5).

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The Exclusivity of the Gospel

Jesus said you must “Enter by the narrow gate...For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. (Mat. 7:13-14)

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3. The Gospel is According to Scripture - no other source is needed to know the truth about salvation

- “Now I make known to you, brethren, the Gospel... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
- “...from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 3:15).

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4. The Gospel is the Power of God to Save - no one can attain salvation in their own power

- “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the **power of God for salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek” (Rom. 1:16)

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5. The Gospel is By Grace Alone – nothing can be added to the unmerited, undeserved favor of God.

- “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8-9).
- “If it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace” (Rom. 11:6).

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6. The Gospel Must Not Be Distorted - nothing can be added or removed from it.

- “...there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!” (Gal. 1:7-8).
- It is distorted when baptism, religious rituals, good works or law keeping are required for salvation.

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Evangelism is a Discipline

- pray for divine appointments
- make a list of unsaved family, friends, neighbors and co-workers
- sow the seed of God's Word with Gospel tracts. Keep them in your purse or pocket.
- mail tracts along with payments of your bills, place them in strategic locations.
- engage solicitors in spiritual conversations before they make their pitch
- develop a lifestyle of evangelism



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