

The Fundamentals of the Gospel
Gospel: εὐαγγέλιον, euangelion, The Good Announcement

I. **God**

- A. God is Creator, Sustainer, Giver of LIFE. (Genesis 1:1)
- B. He is holy, righteous, just. He dispenses love and wrath (I Peter 1:16)
- C. He hates sin (Psalm 7:11)
- D. Nothing defiled and unrighteous will ever be in God's heaven. (Rev. 21:27)

II. **Man**

- A. Man is a sinner by nature and is always under the power of sin, (Ro. 3:23)
- B. Sin is anything that is not in total conformity with God's Perfections (Mat 5:48)
- C. Man cannot save himself (Titus 3:5, Eph. 2:8-9, Gal. 2:16)
- D. Man does not deserve heaven, but HELL (Ro. 6:23; Rev. 20:15)

III. **Christ**

A. **Who Christ is**

- 1. The eternal Son of God (John 1:1; I John 4:14)
- 2. The Son of God became man (John 1:14, I Tim 3:16)
- 3. He is now the God-Man. Fully God (Col. 2:9; John 20:28) and fully Man (Matthew 1:23)
- 4. He is the Mediator between God and man (I Tim 2:5)

B. **What Christ did**

- 1. He lived a sinless life (I John 3:5)
- 2. He died on the cross (Ro. 5:8; I Cor. 15:3-4)
- 3. He paid the penalty for my sin (II Cor. 5:21, I Peter 3:18)
- 4. He rose from the dead. (Matthew 28:6)
- 5. Eternal life (heaven) is now available to all who believe, (John 3:16))

IV. **Man's Response**

- A. Hear, Learn, Understand and Believe the Gospel. (Ro. 10:17)
- B. **Acts 20:21** "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."
- C. **Repentance** - μετάνοια Change of mind. Change of thoughts about yourself, about God, about the world, about Christ, about the Bible about other people, about church. Humble yourself and ADMIT you have been WRONG. (James 4:6)
(Acts 3:19; Luke 5:31-31, Luke 24:47, Acts 20:21)
- D. **Saving faith, belief:** Who Christ is (His identity), and that He died as your substitute on the cross. (John 3:16, John 3:3,7; John 5:24; John 6:47. Ro. 10:9-10.)
 - 1. **Salvation is:** Deliverance from the Wrath of God. (John 3:36; II Thess. 1:8-9)

V. **Twofold Substitution (II Corinthians 5:21)**

- A. Christ took on my sin (Is 53:5-6)
- B. I, the sinner, received Christ's righteousness.
- C. Now, my sins have been forgiven (Eph.1:7), I am clothed in R+, and I am FIT for heaven to be in the presence of Christ, my Lord and my God.