The Gospel Defined – What is the Gospel?
Questions

1. From what Greek word is the word “gospel” derived and what is its primary meaning? -

2. The Gospel is a message or “good news” of the ________ and work of Jesus Christ, God the _______, come to the earth to fulfill God’s eternal plan of salvation.

3. The Gospel includes the proclamation of all of God’s __________ to mankind in Christ, as well as His ______________ to those who continue in their sin and __________ of God’s way of salvation provided “freely” through Jesus Christ.

4. This message of the Gospel is at its core rather ________, and yet at the same time as many __________ elements and nuances that are very important to understand.

5. The Gospel can be defined with four basic elements. They are.... 1. ________ 2. ________ 3. ________ 4. ________

6. God is our righteous _________ and sovereign ________.

7. Man therefore separated __________ from God's holy and satisfying presence, and incurred His ______________ displeasure.

8. Christ’s death was the __________ payment for the penalty that we deserved for our sin. His death is God’s ________ provision for the forgiveness of man’s sin and the __________ of God’s wrath against him. His ________ provides a perfect righteousness _______ in the sight of God.

9. We are called to respond to this good news in __________ and belief - turning away from our ______ and self-sufficiency toward God, and __________ in the shed blood of Jesus Christ as the substitute penalty that we deserved for our sin.

10. Please try to restate the basic elements of the Gospel in one sentence. For help look to the top of page 64......

11. The Gospel message is __________ and not subject to modernity, or __________ or any other influence that would change its ________ until Christ returns in power to establish His Kingdom physically upon the earth.

12. The Gospel is not only simple but in another sense very __________.
13. In fact, the Gospel is the central ____ in History and the crowning achievement of God's work in creation. The creation was created so that the ______ story could be accomplished by God and this is what we call __________ History.

14. Therefore, the ______ message of the Gospel is ______ and ______, but the ramifications behind what it is proclaiming is ______ and involved in a very awesome way.

15. The Gospel confers on us a ______ and a ______ which has now broken into time and space in a certain spiritual way, but has not yet reached its ______.

16. 1 Corinthians 15:22-28 - 22 For as in Adam all die, so also ____ Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each in his own ______: Christ the first fruits, ______ those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 ______ comes the ______, when He delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father, _______ He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

17. The Kingdom is ______ but ______ ______!

18. Acts 10:42-43 - 42 "And He ordered us to ______ to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as ______ of the living and the dead. 43 "Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name _______ who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins." NASB

19. Notice how both Peter and Paul tell us that the ______ or Gospel they are preaching contains this ______ of judgment to come as well as forgiveness of sins.

20. Another example of elements in the Gospel is that the Gospel proclaims to us the ____ true and living God who is the ______ of all things. Christianity is ________, as there is only one God and there is no other. See Isaiah 45:5-6

21. It was important when Paul was preaching to the pagan ______ (many Gods) people in Lystra and again in Athens, for Him to lay the foundation of ______ before He could proclaim the _______ Gospel to them.

22. This is not unlike the pagan ______ culture we find ourselves in here in ______ America. Many people do not have a monotheistic _______, so we must lay that foundation in their understanding so as to make sense out of; - God, Man/Sin, Christ, Response.

23. In fact, all of the ______ of doctrine in the Christian faith are inseparably ______ to the Gospel and provide for it a foundation and _______. All of these great doctrines have important ramifications to the support of the Gospel and work together to weave the tapestry of God's amazing redemptive purpose as He unfolds it in the History of the world.

24. Jesus the Gospel! Jesus IS my _______ ....Jesus IS my rightstanding with God.....Jesus IS my _______ before God....and Jesus IS my redemption, ______ personal _______ for my personal horrendous sins!