

The Gospel Defined – What is the Gospel? Questions

1. From what Greek word is the 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!