

# Unit 7 The GOSPEL: GOD and CHRIST

**GOSPEL OUTLINE** —

Listener: Before class check circle ○

Trainer: During class check square □

## INTRODUCTION

- □ **Their Secular Life**
- □ **Their Church Background**
- □ **Our Church**
- □ **Testimony (Church and Personal)**
  
- □ Transition: May I ask you a question?

### Two Diagnostic Questions

- □ **#1** - Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where you know for certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?
  - □ 1 John 5:13
- □ May I share with you how I came to know for certain that I have eternal life and how you can know also?
  - □ Before I share with you, let me ask you another question....
- □ **#2** - Suppose you were to die today and stand before God and He were to say to you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" what would you say?
  - □ Repeat and confirm answer
- □ Transition: When you answered that first question, I thought I had some really good news for you. But after hearing your answer to this second question, I know that I have the greatest news you have ever heard.

## GOSPEL

### GRACE

- □ **Heaven is a free gift**
  - □ Romans 6:23
- □ **It is not earned or deserved**
  - □ Ephesians 2:8-9
  - □ Friend's Gift
- □ Transition: This can be seen more clearly when we understand what the Bible says about man.

### MAN

- □ **Man is a sinner**
  - □ Romans 3:23
  - □ Sin Defined
  - □ Three Sins a Day

- □ **Cannot save himself**
  - □ Matthew 5:48
  - □ Omelet with Bad Egg
- □ Do you see why it is impossible for anyone to get into heaven by their good works?
  - □ Transition: This comes into sharper focus when we look at what the Bible says about God.

### GOD

- □ **God is merciful** - therefore does not want to punish us.
  - □ 1 John 4:8b
- □ **God is just** - therefore must punish sin.
  - □ Exodus 34:7b
- □ Transition: God solved this problem in the Person of Jesus Christ.

### CHRIST

- □ **Who He is** - the infinite God-Man
  - □ John 1:1,14
- □ **What He did** - He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and to purchase a place in heaven for us.
  - □ Record Book of Sin
  - □ Isaiah 53:6
  - □ *Tetelestai* - John 19:30
- □ Transition: This gift is received by faith.

### FAITH

- □ **What it is not**
  - □ Mere Head Knowledge
  - □ Mere Temporal Faith
- □ **What it is** - Trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life

## COMMITMENT

### Transition

- □ Does this make sense to you?

### Commitment

- □ Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life now?

### Clarification

- □ Let me clarify what this involves:
  - □ Transfer trust
  - □ Receive the resurrected and living Christ as Savior
    - □ John 10:9
  - □ Receive Christ as Lord
  - □ Repent

### Prayer

- □ If this is what you really want, I can lead us in prayer and we can tell God what you just now told me.
  - □ Pray for them - that God would give them faith and repentance
  - □ Pray with them - in short phrases of the GOSPEL OUTLINE, allowing them to repeat after you
  - □ Pray for them - that the Holy Spirit will grant them assurance

### Assurance

- □ I would like you to read something Jesus says about what you have just done.
  - □ John 6:47
- □ Two diagnostic questions
- □ Welcome to the family of God

## IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP

## EVALUATION

- □ Excellent
- □ Good
- □ Needs work

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**Transition from MAN to GOD:** "This comes into sharper focus when we look at what the Bible says about God."



## GOD

### General considerations regarding the GOD portion of the presentation.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is left out of many presentations of the Gospel.
- Most theological heresy is caused by a misconception of God's nature.
- Many people hold a Christian Science concept of God as merely love.
- In a time when heresy is so rampant, we need to stress the true nature of God:
  - ♦ Not only that He is kind and loving and merciful . . .
  - ♦ But also that He is holy and cannot condone sin.
- It is the nature of God that makes the whole concept of Christ's person and work meaningful.

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### God is \_\_\_\_\_ - therefore does not want to punish us.

- This deals, in the first place, with the \_\_\_\_\_ that God is merciful.
- The Scripture used for this truth is 1 John 4:8b.
- He loves us in spite of what we are because of Who He is!
- Many arguments on the justice and righteousness of God can be avoided if we deal first with the great biblical truth that God is merciful.
- Complete this section with the following phrase: "The same Bible that tells us God is merciful also tells us that . . ."

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### God is \_\_\_\_\_ - therefore He must punish sin.

- This deals with the \_\_\_\_\_ that sinful men must stand before a Holy God at the judgment.
- While most people know that God is love, few understand that He is also just.
- The Scripture used for this truth is Exodus 34:7b.

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### Transition: "God solved this problem in the Person of Jesus Christ."

- The word "problem" used here does not mean some impossible-to-solve difficulty that caught God off guard, but an apparent dilemma in the mind of man that must be resolved.

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## CHRIST

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### Who He is – the infinite God-Man

- While many people know many facts about Jesus, few know that He was and is God.
- We must underscore the truth that Jesus is none other than the Word of creation, the infinitely mighty God who created and sustains all things.
- By infinite we mean \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in His attributes.
- The Scripture used for this truth is John 1:1,14.
- Use questions to avoid a monologue: “Who do you understand Jesus Christ to be?”
  - Ask questions when the person is quiet and passive.
  - Ask fewer questions if the person is very talkative.
  - Build on their reply with a positive response.

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### What He did – He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and to purchase a place in heaven for us.

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- Most people know about Christ’s death on the cross, but few people understand its \_\_\_\_\_ significance.
  - One must see that their sins were laid on Christ.
  - One must realize that Christ assumed their guilt.
  - One must realize that Christ paid the debt for sin.
- Hence, we explain this great \_\_\_\_\_ about which the whole Bible was written.
- To accomplish this, the Record Book of Sin illustration, card #10, Isaiah 53:6, and John 19:30 (*Tetelesta*) are used.
  - Important communication points when using this illustration:
    - Personalize it by making the book a record of your life.
    - Keep your eyes on the book as you transfer it from one hand to the other.
    - Speak of the meaning of the Greek word, but don’t pretend to be a Greek scholar.
    - Don’t leave Christ dead on the cross or in the grave.
    - Use the “*Tetelesta*” (John 19:30) concept to highlight that our debt of sin to God was paid in full in the cross by Jesus Christ.
- Who receives this gift? How can we get this gift?

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**Transition:** “This gift is received by faith.”