

The Gist of the Gospel

Five Key Points on Preaching the Gospel

I. God

1. One God: Pantheism and Atheism
God's Existence: Psalm 19:1-2, Romans 1:20
One True God: Psalm 86:10, Mark 12:29, 1 Corinthians 8:4-6
2. The Creator: Relationship with the creatures
Creation of all things: Genesis 1:1, Genesis 2:7, Psalm 33:6, Isaiah 41:5
3. Righteousness: Do not overlook any sins
Justice: Exodus 34:7, Psalm 97:2
4. Kindness: Loving, redeeming, and saving people
Compassion: Psalm 86:5, Psalm 103:8-13, John 3:16

II. People

1. Created by God: Relationship with God
The Father of Life: Genesis 2:7, Matthew 6:32
2. Everyone is guilty: Penalty delayed till death
Unrighteousness: Romans 1:18-32
All sinful: Romans 3:10-22, Romans 3:23
3. Curse for sinning: Bitter consequences of sin
Labor and Sorrow: Genesis 3:16-19, Psalm 90:7-10, Ecclesiastes 1:3
4. Death: Consequence of sin
Death enters through sin: Rom 5:12, Rom 6:23
5. Judgment after death: Eternal fire in hell
Retribution: Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 20:12-15
6. Cannot save ourselves: Rely on Jesus Alone
The only way to salvation: Proverbs 14:12, John 14:6, Acts 4:12

III. Christ

1. Birth: Active demonstration of love in taking the initiative to save the world
God loves the world: John 3:1, 1 John 4:9-10
The Incarnation: John 1:14

Saving sinners: 1 Timothy 1:15

2. Death: Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins
Scapegoat: Isa 53:5, John 1:29
The blood washes away sins: Hebrews 9:22
Propitiation: 1 John 4:10
3. Resurrection: Proved to be the Son of God with power
Resurrection on the third day: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
Resurrection from the dead: Romans 1:3-4
4. Second Coming: To judge the world and bestow eternal bliss for believers
Ascended on high: Ephesians 4:8
Will come again: John 14:3, Acts 1:11, Revelation 22:20

IV. Choices

1. Calling: Invitation/Challenge to make the right choice
Repentance: Matthew 4:17

V. Decision

1. Repent: Sincerely admit your sin and abandon it.
Repentance is necessary: Luke 13:3, Acts 2:38
2. Accept Jesus as Savior/Lord of Life/Follow Him for Life
Believe and accept: John 1:12
3. Pray: Pray out loud in faith
Call on the name of the Lord: Romans 10:13
By faith: Ephesians 2:8-9
Assurance: Cultivate and apply the truth to strengthen your faith
Gaining eternal life: John 5:24, 1 John 5:12-13
Be saved: Romans 10:9-10

Forms can be different, but they will not deviate from the "core". When preaching the gospel, the content will basically not deviate from these five key points.

The mystery of the gospel: Romans 11:25-36, Ephesians 3:1-13

1. The gospel is God's plan of grace and salvation, especially to show mercy to people: Rom 11:32

2. The Gospel is the rich wisdom of God: Rom 11:33
3. The gospel is that through the gospel the Gentiles are fellow heirs with the Jews, are members of the same body, and are partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus.
4. The gospel is the unfathomable riches of Christ: Eph 3:8
5. The gospel is the eternal purpose of God in Christ: Eph 3:11
6. The gospel is that God enables people to come boldly to God through faith in Jesus: Eph 3:12