

Gospel

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Gospel [G2098] Greek Evangelion - meaning "Good News"

To the degree that one understands the "bad news" will be the degree that they appreciate the "Good news". Both are equally important to understand and communicate properly!

I. [Why?] To Be Shared

A. Everyone needs to know the good news.

1. Could there be any better news . . . ever? Answer: Only if they comprehend it.
2. Our responsibility is to share the good news the way God intended it.
3. So, the Gospel is only as good as it is shared; and shared the right way!

B. Full dose! [We have the antidote]

1. The gospel only works when the full dose of medicine is given.
 - a) "God loves you" = 1/2 dose.
 - b) "You are a sinner and sin separates you from God for eternity, but God loves you, He sent His Son to die in your place, He will forgive you if you repent!" = Full dose!!
2. Why would someone give a 1/2 dose?
 - a) Fear of rejection.
 - b) Religion

c) Don't understand themselves.

3. The good news is only as good as the bad news is understood! [Do they understand?] [How can we know?]

a) "Where are you going to go when you die?" Why?

b) Gratitude!!!!

C. Only by those with compassion

Luke 4:18 (NKJV) 18 "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;

II. [How?] Elements of the Gospel Message

A. We are **Separated from God**

1. By sin and rebellion. Independence from God.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

2. Everyone has sin - name it! Drugs, alcohol, sexual immorality, lying, stealing, envy, bitterness, etc.

B. There is a **Price / Penalty**

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. Death is eternal separation from God . . . in hell.

2. We owe God a debt that we cannot pay.

C. But God has **Grace / Mercy / Forgiveness through repentance**

1. Jesus paid for your sins on the Cross.

2. Confess / Repent = change of mind.

III. [Goal] Bring to a decision

A. The Gospel draws a line:

1. **“Do you want to pray a prayer of repentance?”**

a) Yes? “Pray this prayer . . .” [Sinner’s Prayer]

b) No? “Please come visit our church . . .”

2. Our job is to bring them to a decision and ask.

B. God’s Spirit will do the supernatural.

C. Example: Share the Gospel . . .

“You and I are separated from God because of our sin. Our choice to live independent from God ruined our relationship with Him. The penalty/ price for sin is death, eternal separation from Him in hell. We can never do enough good to pay the price of sin. But God sent His Son Jesus to pay for our sin/debt on the cross with His life. He took our place because of His grace and mercy. In order to receive that gift you must repent of your sin and give Jesus your life. Do you want to pray a prayer of repentance and ask Jesus to come into your heart and forgive you? Yes? No?”