

# Verity Baptist Church

## Soul Winning Seminar

Lesson 7:

### The Gospel

#### 1. The Gospel is the most important part of the presentation

- A. At this point we have showed the person that we are \_\_\_\_\_ sinners
- B. That our sin has a payment which is “*the second death*” or hell
- C. That salvation is the \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal life and as a gift it is free—we cannot earn it or work for it
- D. Now we’ll show them how this gift was \_\_\_\_\_ for us

#### 2. What is the Gospel?

##### A. What the word “\_\_\_\_\_” means

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are bound*,” — Isaiah 61:1

“The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,” — Luke 4:18

FYI: The Gospel = Good Tidings (or Good News)!

##### B. What the “Gospel” is

- [<sup>1</sup>] “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; [<sup>2</sup>] By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. [<sup>3</sup>] For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that (#1) Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; [<sup>4</sup>] And that (#2) he was buried, and that (#3) he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:” — 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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The Gospel Is:

#1. The \_\_\_\_\_

#2. Burial

#3. And \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ

**C. The “Gospel” is how our salvation was \_\_\_\_\_**

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.” —Acts 20:28

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:” — Galatians 3:13

Redeemed (definition): To buy back; to purchase by payment of ransom.

“And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;” — Revelation 5:9

### 3. How this conversation may go:

#### A. How to explain the Gospel

#1. Read the passage:

Script (Set up for the verse):

Soul Winner:

Let me go back to the gift illustration. Let's say I want to give you a gift – I'm the giver and you are the receiver, who pays for the gift?

Sinner:

You do.

Soul Winner:

Okay, now let's say that God wants to give you a gift, He is the giver, and you are the receiver – who pays for the gift?

Sinner:

God does.

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### Soul Winner:

*Exactly, let me show you how God paid for the gift:*

### Romans 5:8:

*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

## **#2. Reveal the truth:**

***FYI:** Usually at this point I like to take my time to explain the Gospel and also to make statements and ask questions to see what the person knows and believes about the Lord Jesus Christ.*

### Soul Winner:

*I'm sure you have heard the story of Jesus Christ, right? The Bible says that he was born of a virgin. Have you heard that before? (See how they respond.) The Bible says that Jesus was the Son of God, meaning He was not just man like you and I, but He was God in the flesh! Have you heard that before? (See how they respond.) The Bible also says that Jesus dies on the cross to pay – not for his own sins, because He had no sins – But He died to pay for...our sins (usually I ask this as a question and allow the person to finish the statement. Most people will answer: "To pay for our sins.")*

***Note:** Depending on their answers to the questions above, I respond differently. If they seem familiar with what I am saying and agree I continue on. If they say something like, "I didn't know that Jesus was God" or "I didn't know that Jesus was sinless" then I take the time to prove that to them from the Bible.*

### Explaining the Gospel even further (if needed):

- 1) The Bible says that Jesus was born of a virgin (Matthew 1:23-25)*
- 2) The Bible says that Jesus was God in the flesh (Philippians 2:6-8)*
- 3) The Bible says that Jesus never sinned (2 Corinthians 5:20-21)*
- 4) The Bible says that Jesus died for our sins (Colossians 1:14)*
- 5) The Bible says that Jesus paid for our sins (1 John 3:5)*
- 6) The Bible says that Jesus went to Hell to pay for our sins (Acts 2:31)*

***Note:** At this point I also like to read John 3:16 to them and review the Gospel.*

### Script (Set up for the verse):

*Let me show you the most famous verse in the Bible. I'm sure you have heard it before. John 3:16.*

### John 3:16:

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

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### Script:

*“For God so loved the world” – that’s you and I.*

*“[T]hat he gave his only begotten Son” – that’s Jesus Christ.*

*“[T]hat whosoever” – that means anyone.*

*“[B]elieveth in him” – that means to put your faith or trust in Jesus.*

*“[S]hould not perish” – that means they will not go to Hell.*

*“[B]ut have everlasting life” – that means you will go to Heaven.*

*See the Gospel is this: I’m a sinner and you are a sinner. And our sin has condemned us to Hell. But God loves you and He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for your sins. Jesus died, was buried and He rose from the dead as a payment for our sin! So, I don’t pay for my sins by living a good life or going to church or doing anything! Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins!*

### **#3. Review the concept:**

#### **Question:**

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ? Do you believe that he was born of a virgin, that he was the sinless Son of God that he was God in the flesh and that He died, was buried, and rose from the grave as a payment for your sins? Do you believe that?*

### **B. Let’s review the importance of the Gospel**

- 1) The Gospel is the death, burial, and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ**
- 2) The Gospel is how we were \_\_\_\_\_ (purchased or ransomed) from our sins**
- 3) Salvation \_\_\_\_\_ comes through the preaching and understanding of the Gospel**
- 4) The message of the \_\_\_\_\_ truly is the Good Tidings (Good News) for mankind**

**Action Step:** *Mark and highlight Romans 5:8 and John 3:16 in your Bible.*

