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1. Getting the Gospel right

a. A false Gospel leads to false disciples

Here is the danger: A false Gospel will yield false disciples. A false disciple does not know the Lord and no matter how sincere, that person will hear, "I never knew you; Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness" (Matt. 7:23) on judgment day.

The Stakes are High. Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Pet. 2:1-3; Jude 3-4; Mark 13:5,6; 21-23

b. What is the true Gospel?

The Gospel means good news. Is.40:9

Mark 1:1 ¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (NASB)

Old Testament promise. 2 Sam.7:12,13; Dan. 7:13, 14; Ps. 89:34-37

Things Jesus did. Mark 1:23-36; 5:1-20; 2:5; 4:39; 6:33-44; 8:1-21; 1:29-45; 5:25-34; 5:35-43

Things Jesus taught. Mark 1:15, 38; 2:17; Luke 19:10; John 14:6; 14:9; Mark 10:45

Jesus is both fully God and fully man. He had authority over all that is physical and spiritual. He came to save the lost from their sins, commanding them to repent. He gave His life as a ransom.

2. We are separated from God

a. God's Holy and Righteous Nature

Psalms 5:4 ⁴ For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You. (NASB)

b. Man's Sinfulness

Isaiah 64:6 ⁶ For all of us have become like one who is unclean,
And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment;
And all of us wither like a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. (NASB)

Isaiah 59:2 ² But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God,
And your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear. (NASB)

3. The Atonement

a. The need for the right atonement

Rom. 6:23; Rev. 20:11-15

Colossians 2:14 ¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (NASB)

Atonement: Satisfaction for sin by which forgiveness is had. (Smith's Bible Dictionary). Reconciliation through the vicarious suffering of one on behalf of another. (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE) 4 Volumes, 2nd ed.)

Day of Atonement Lev. 16:1-34, 23:27,28.

Suitable substitute Heb. 10:4; 9:12

2 Corinthians 5:21 ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NASB)

b. Atonement accepted: The Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-58

4. Grace through Faith

Eph. 2:8,9; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Titus 3:3-5

5. Regeneration

a. The Holy Spirit brings us to life

John 3:7,8; 2 Corinthians 5:17 ¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. (NASB)

b. The Holy Spirit empowers us

1 Pet. 1:5; Rom 8:9; Gal 5:1-25

The Gospel handed down 1 Corinthians 15:1-8