

APOLOGETICS 101 – PART 3 for Discipleship Class

The Gospel: The Message We _____.

If we can't explain the Gospel clearly, we can't defend the _____ clearly.

Apologetics is not mainly about "winning arguments." It's about lifting up _____ and sharing the **saving message** that changes lives.

Key Scriptures (NKJV References)

- **1 Corinthians 15:1–4** — The Gospel: Christ died, was buried, rose again.
- **Romans 1:16** — The Gospel is the power of God to _____.
- **Ephesians 2:8–9** — Saved by grace through faith, not works.
- **Romans 3:23** — All have sinned.
- **Romans 6:23** — Wages of sin is death; gift of God is _____.
- **Romans 10:9–10, 13** — Confess, believe, call on the Lord.

Chapter Teaching: What Is the Gospel?

The word "gospel" means _____.

And here is the good news: **Jesus** _____ **sinner**s.

The Gospel is not:

- "Be a good person and hope God accepts you."
- "Try harder."
- "Clean yourself up first."

The Gospel is:

- Jesus took our _____.
- Jesus paid our _____.
- Jesus rose again.
- Jesus offers forgiveness and _____ to anyone who believes.

The Gospel in One Simple Sentence

Jesus died for my sins and rose again, so I can be _____, made new, and _____ with Him forever.

Biblical Points (Write These in Your Heart)

1. The Gospel is the core _____ of Christianity. (1 Corinthians 15:1–4)
2. Everyone needs the Gospel because everyone has _____. (Romans 3:23)
3. Sin leads to death, but God offers a _____: eternal life in Christ. (Romans 6:23)
4. We are saved by grace through _____ not by works. (Ephesians 2:8–9)
5. The Gospel has power because it comes from _____. (Romans 1:16)
6. The right response to the Gospel is repentance and faith. (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9–10)
7. We share the Gospel clearly, and we _____ God with the results. (1 Corinthians 3:6–7)

Definitions (Must-Know for Ministry Workers)

- 1) **Gospel** -The good _____ that Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again so we can be _____.
- 2) **Sin** - Missing God's mark, rebellion, disobedience, and falling _____ of God's holiness.
- 3) **Repentance** -A change of mind and _____, turning from sin to _____.
- 4) **Grace** -God's unearned _____, salvation is a gift, not a paycheck.

5) **Faith** -Trusting Jesus, believing who He is and what He has _____.

6) **Salvation**- Rescue from sin and judgment into forgiveness, new life, and _____ with God.

7) **Atonement** -Jesus paying the price for sin. He took _____place.

8) **Justification**

Being declared righteous before God by faith in _____.

The “Gospel Hand”

Let’s remember the Gospel with five quick points -one for each finger:

1. **God is** _____(He is perfect and righteous)
2. **People Have** _____(we all fall short)
3. **Sin Has a** _____ (death and separation)
4. **Jesus Paid the** _____(cross + resurrection)
5. **We** _____ (repent + believe)

Write one Scripture reference beside each “finger”:

- God is Holy: _____
- People have sinned: _____
- Sin has a cost: _____
- Jesus paid the price: _____
- We respond: _____

(Tip: Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, 1 Corinthians 15:1–4, Romans 10:9–10 fit great here.)

QUESTION Check-In (Fill-In Section)

1) The Gospel means “good _____.”

2) 1 Corinthians 15 teaches that Christ _____ for our sins and rose again.

3) We are saved by _____ through _____.

4) True or False: People earn salvation by being good.

5) Romans 6:23 says the wages of sin is _____, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ.

Quick Review

The Gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again, and He offers salvation as a _____
Every _____ needs this message because all have sinned and the cost of sin is death. We receive salvation by _____ through faith, responding with repentance and belief in Jesus.

Reflection Questions

1. How would you explain the Gospel in your own words (in 2–3 sentences)?
2. What part of the Gospel is easiest for you to share? Hardest?
3. Why do you think people try to “earn” salvation?
4. How has Jesus changed your life personally?
5. Who is one person you can pray for and share Jesus with this week?

Practice Section: “Say It Simple”

Write your own Gospel message below in a clear, kind way:

My Gospel Message (3–5 sentences):

One Scripture reference I can share: _____

GUIDED PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for saving me. Help me never get tired of the Gospel, never water it down, and never be ashamed of it. Give me wisdom, boldness, and love to share the truth clearly. Prepare hearts to receive You, and use my life as a witness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Write your extra notes below!

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