

Gospel Outline

Wordless Book and E3



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Gospel

Grace:

Heaven is a free gift.
It is not earned or deserved.

Man:

Is a sinner.
Cannot save himself.

God:

Is merciful - therefore does not want to punish us.
Is just - therefore must punish sin.

Christ:

He is 100% God and 100% Man.
He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and to purchase a place in heaven for us.

Faith:

It is not - head knowledge or temporary faith.
It is - trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life (A.B.C.).

Commitment

Clarification
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Expanded Gospel Outline

Introduction

Hi my name is _____. What is your name?

How old are you?

Do you go to church anywhere?

What I like the most about going to church is it helps me answer the 2 most important questions in all of life.

I would love to hear what you think, may I ask you these questions?

Two Diagnostic Questions

Question 1 - Are you 100% certain that if you were to die today you would go to heaven?

[1 John 5:13](#)—I write these things to you...so that you may know that you have eternal life.

May I share with you how I came to know for certain that I have eternal life and how you can know also?

Before I do, let me ask you the other question.

Question 2 - Suppose you were to die today and stand before God and He were to say to you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" what would you say?

Repeat and confirm answer

Transition: May I share with you what God says is a good answer to this question?

Let me use this bracelet (book) to help explain. (if using the book point out how this book is special because it has no words—only colors that tell a story).

Grace

This GOLD color reminds us about heaven. The Bible say in heaven the streets are made of gold, and that is not even the best part about heaven. God is in heaven and He has told us...

Heaven is a free gift

[Romans 6:23](#) - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It is not earned or deserved

[Ephesians 2:8-9](#) - For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.

Friends Gift

No amount of personal effort, good works, or religious deeds can earn a place in heaven for you because eternal life, like any genuine gift, is free.

Suppose your best friend were to surprise you with an expensive gift and let's suppose your response would be that of immediately digging into your purse or wallet for a couple of bills to help pay for the gift. What an insult that would be! You must accept gifts freely. If you pay even a penny, it is no longer a gift.

It is the same with eternal life.

The Bible say there's one thing that can never be in Heaven. Can you think of what that might be?

Man

It is sin! That is what this DARK color reminds us of. We know that...

Man is a sinner

[Romans 3:23](#) - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

Sinned Defined

Sin is anything you think, say, or do that does not please God, like lying, cheating, being selfish, or hurting others (big sins and little sins). Sin is anything that falls short of God's perfect standard.

Three Sins a Day

Suppose I sinned only ten times a day, or even five, or even just three. Why, I would be practically a walking angel! If I had one bad thought said an unkind word, and did one wrong action -- I would be a pretty good person, would I not? Even if I were this good, I would still have over 1,000 sins a year! I am _____ years so at the least I have sinned _____ times during my life. Imagine if I stood before a judge with that many parking tickets. I would have a serious problem.

Not only am I sinner, but my sin is a very serious issue.

One sin would keep me out of heaven, and I have sinned thousands of times. This shows that man

Cannot save himself

The only way we can save ourselves is by being as good as God - living a perfect sinless life. - It is too late for me...I bet for you too.

[Mathew 5:48](#) - Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect

This comes into sharper focus when we look at what the Bible says about God.

God

Is merciful - therefore doesn't want to punish us.

[1 John 4:8b](#) - God is love

Is just - therefore must punish sin.

[Exodus 34:7b](#) - Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished

We have a problem we can't solve so God solved this problem for us in the person of Jesus Christ.

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Christ

This RED color reminds us about Jesus Christ who shed his blood you and me

Jesus is 100% God and 100% Man

[John 1:1,14](#) - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (14) The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

What did Jesus do?

He died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for our sins and to purchase a place in heaven for us.

Record Book Of Sin

Let's say that this book is the record book of my life. In it is recorded everything that I have ever done —the good and the bad. In fact, the Bible says that all of us have a record book being kept of our lives. This is mine. The front cover is my birth certificate and the back cover is my death certificate. I am convinced that if I were judged on the contents of this book alone, I would spend eternity in hell, separated from God.

Here then is the problem: my sin separates me from God (place the book on your left hand). Let this hand (right hand held high) represent God.

- God loves me (point to the hand under the book).
- But God hates my sin (point to the book).
- He doesn't want to punish me (point to the hand under the book).
- But He must punish my sin (point to the book).

My sin has made a separation between me and God. It is a problem that I cannot solve. Oh, I try a couple of things...

- I try to turn my life around (turn the book around).
- I try to turn over a new leaf (turn the book over).

To solve this problem that we cannot solve, God sent Jesus into the world (bring right hand parallel to the left hand). The Bible says, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (As this verse is being quoted, transfer the book from the left to the right hand, making sure you are looking at the book as you do this motion.)

All of our sin has been placed on Jesus. When the last sin had been paid for, Jesus said, "It is finished!" In the language that Jesus used, this word means "the debt is paid in full."

After dying on the cross, Jesus was buried and remained in the grave for three days. (At this point lay the book aside.) Then, He rose from the dead to prove that He has purchased a place for us in heaven. Now He offers heaven and eternal life to us as a gift.

This gift is received by faith.

Faith

This CLEAN color reminds us that by faith we can be made right with God.

Saving faith is not - head knowledge or temporary faith.

Keys to Heaven

Faith is the key that opens the door to heaven. On this key ring are a number of keys. They are all made of metal and have grooves and notches on them. Yet, only one key on this ring will unlock the door to my house. It doesn't matter how sincere I may be in believing that a different key will unlock the door. The fact is that only the right key will unlock it.

The right key to heaven is saving faith. Before we talk about saving faith, I want to talk about two keys that people often think will open the door to heaven.

Head Knowledge

Many people know certain historical facts about Jesus. They believe in Jesus the same way they believe in George Washington or Abraham Lincoln. Yet, they are not trusting Him for anything in their lives.

In fact, the Bible says the devil has head knowledge. "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble." (James 2:19)

Temporary Faith

Temporary faith—now faith—is another mistake people make for saving faith. We pray when a loved one is sick—that is health faith. We pray for safety when driving hundreds of miles on a vacation—that is traveling faith. These are temporary matters. Saving faith is trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life.

Faith

Saving Faith is - trusting in Jesus Christ alone for eternal life (A.B.C.)

The Boat

Imagine you are out on a big lake in a boat. Your boat springs a leak and it is going down quickly. To make matters worse you forgot your life jacket and do not know how to swim. A coast guard boat sees you need and comes alongside your boat to save you. You now have three options. #1 Stay in your boat (you like it after all) and drown. #2 Put one foot in the rescue boat and keep one foot in your boat; when your boat goes down what happened? You fall in the water and drown. #3 You can jump totally out of your sinking boat and get into the rescue boat and be saved. Let's name these boats. The sinking boat is the _____ (their name) boat, the rescue boat we will call the Jesus boat. To go to heaven we must leave our sinking boat and trust in Jesus alone for our eternal life

When I asked you earlier what you would say to God if He were to ask you, "Why should I let you into My Heaven?" you said, (repeat their answer back to them).

Who is the only person you referred to in your answer? Which boat does that put you in?

To receive eternal life, you must transfer your trust from yourself to Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. The ABC's tell us what we must do.

A- Admit you are a sinner.

B - Believe in the Lord.

Acts 16:31 - "Believe (trust) in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved..."

C - Call on Him to receive the gift of eternal life.

Transition - Does this make sense to you?

Commitment - Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life?

Commitment

Clarification - Let me clarify what this involves:

- Transfer trust - our way of living (boat) to Jesus way
- Receive Christ as Savior
- Receive Christ as Lord
- Repent

Prayer - If this is really what you want, I can lead us in prayer and we can tell God what you now just told me.

Assurance - I would like you to read something Jesus says about what you have just done.

- John 6:47
- Ask the two diagnostic questions again
- Welcome to the family of God

Growth

This last color GREEN stands for things that grow. When you trusted Jesus Christ alone for your eternal life, God forgave you and saved you--you become His child. God wants you to get to know Him better and to grow to become more like Him.

G - Go to church

R - Read your Bible and pray everyday (1 verse per year old)

O - Obey what the Bible says

W - Witness to others—tell them the great news about Jesus

Give printed material and info about church

Arrange follow-up meeting