

The Gospel in Six – in a “Snapshot”

The Gospel is: The announcement that the kingdom of God has come to Earth in the person of Jesus Christ to save sinners.

GOD God created the universe to be God-centered, or dependent on him and to show off his awesomeness. We know this because God chose to speak to us through the Bible, and because of the world around us screams, “Creator!”



MAN God also created Adam and Eve to be God-centered, or dependent on him, meaning he created the first man and women so that he would be their king and what they treasured most. God created Adam and Eve as perfect beings able to live with their perfect God in the perfect Garden of Eden. They were created to never die. They were created to live forever with God.



FALL Adam and Eve instead chose to be self-centered, or independent, meaning they became their own kings and what they treasured most. Their sin made them imperfect beings and because of that, unable to live with their perfect God in the perfect Garden of Eden; they had to leave. Their sin made them dead spiritually (separated from God) and they would die physically one day as payment for their disobedience. They would not live forever with God. (Since we're born outside the Garden and separated from God, the problems from the Fall are ours too.)



OFFER God offers to make us God-centered, or dependent on him, meaning he offers to be our king and what we treasure most. God offers to make us perfect beings able to live with our perfect God in the perfect Heaven. God offers to pay for our death sentence himself so death does not mean physical and spiritual separation from God forever. God offers to take us to Heaven when we die to live forever with him.



JESUS God's offers come only through Jesus Christ. Jesus is God. He is therefore worthy of our dependence and of being our king and what we treasure most. Jesus is fully God and fully a man. He lived a perfect life in our place. He never sinned as a man on earth—something impossible for all mankind. Jesus died on the cross in our place to pay the death penalty for our sins against God. Jesus was raised from the dead to defeat death. He is alive in Heaven with God.



RESPONSE We accept God's offer by telling him we're sorry of our sin against him and by asking him to make us dependent on Jesus, which means Jesus becomes our king and what we treasure most. God accepts Jesus' perfect life in place of the imperfect lives of Christ-followers; God sees them as perfect beings who will live with Jesus in the perfect Heaven. God accepts Jesus' death on the cross as payment for the penalty owed by Christ-followers. They will not have to die spiritually for their sin. No separation forever. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, he is in Heaven and will raise Christ-followers from the dead to take them to live with him in the perfect heaven forever.



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GOD

- *Genesis 1:1* - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- *Colossians 1:17* - And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- *Psalms 29:3* - The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.
- *2 Timothy 3:16-17* - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
- *Romans 1:19-20* - For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.



MAN

- *Isaiah 43:7* - “Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”
- *Deuteronomy 6:14-15* - “You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you—for the Lord your God in your midst is a jealous God—lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth.”
- Also: *Genesis 1:27*



FALL

- *Genesis 2:16-17* - And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”
- *Romans 3:23* - For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- *Mark 7:21-22* - “For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.”
- Also: *Ephesians 2:4-5 Colossians 1:21a, & John 3:36*



OFFER

- *Acts 26:20* - “But declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.”
- *Romans 5:1* - Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Also: *John 17:3, 1 Corinthians 6:19b-20, Deuteronomy 6:5, Psalm 73:25, John 10:28, & Mark 8:34*



JESUS

- *John 14:6* - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”
- *John 3:16* - “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”
- Also: *John 1:1, Romans 2:16, Colossians 1:22, 1 John 1:9, II Corinthians 5:21, & Hebrews 10:14*



RESPONSE

- *1 John 1:9* - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- *Romans 10:9* - Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- Also: *Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5, Romans 10:3, I John 2:3, James 2:26, & 2 Corinthians 5:17*

