



Biblical Evangelism Course

A Genuine Compassion and Love for the Lost

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned,^[a] but have not love, I gain nothing.”

-1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Before we begin to take a look at how we can effectively and clearly share the biblical Gospel with the world around us, we must first understand the importance of a genuine compassion and love for the lost. Too often today we see one of two things: Someone who is very kind and is sharing some type of “love message” which contains no biblical truth and has no power to save, or someone who is sharing the biblical gospel accurately but has no actual compassion or love for the people they are talking to. What we need today are men and women sharing the biblical Gospel with an actual love for their hearers and a reality of the Gospel at work in their own lives. Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones once said that great preaching is Logic on Fire, if this is true than great evangelism is “Logic on Fire through tears.”

In the 1740’s the world saw a genuine revival that shook the nations of the day, from England to Scotland to the Colonies. God brought about this revival through the preaching of men like George Whitefield and Johnathan Edwards. It has been recorded that during this time upwards of 30,000 people would come to hear George Whitefield preach out in the fields, rain or shine or in the cold it did not matter. There is an interesting story during this time of a famous atheist/skeptic and philosopher who was seen going somewhere in a hurry early one morning:

*“**David Hume**, a well known Scottish philosopher and historian in the 18th Century, who was also a Skeptic, didn't believe in any inspiration or revelation or the Son of God or in the Bible, but reportedly thought it worthwhile to travel 20 miles to hear **Whitefield** preach. About five o'clock one morning, he was going down the street in London. He came around the corner and went straight into the hands of another man who said,*

*"Why aren't you **David Hume**?"*

"Yes."

"Where are you going at this early hour?"

*"I'm going to hear **George Whitefield** preach," replied Hume.*

"You don't believe a word Whitefield preaches," said the man.

"No," Hume answered, "but he does!"

Isn't it interesting that this famous Atheist philosopher was captivated and even traveled 20 miles to hear Whitefield preach the Gospel? Apparently Whitefield was criticized by some clergy members for crying when he preached, in one of his sermons he was recorded as saying, "Why do you criticize me for my tears, if you will not weep for you own souls than I must weep for you!"

Consider another story:

"The Archbishop of Canterbury once asked a famous actor why so many in his audience were moved to tears yet the people who sat in his churches were cold. The actor replied, " Why my lord, the reason is very plain. We actors on stage speak of things imaginary, as if they were real and you in the pulpit speak of things real as if they were imaginary."

You see you can stand in front of a group of people and tell them of God's wrath, and His Justice, and His love and mercy, and for the most part they will listen to you if they can tell that you genuinely care for them and that what you are saying is more real to you than the very ground you stand upon.

Lesson 1:

The Biblical Gospel and The Law

The Biblical Gospel:

The Gospel is the very specific message of salvation; Paul summarizes it in 1 Corinthians 1:1-4:

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”

However, Paul in various letters takes time to clearly explain and expand upon this so that his readers can clearly understand and not be confused. We also see examples of the Gospel being preached in scripture and the response that was required of the good news. From scripture we see that the biblical Gospel has three parts:

1. The Law

2. The Good News

3. Man’s Response to the Good News

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(What God's Word Say's)

“Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, “so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. –Romans

3:19-20

What are some purposes of the law according to Romans 3:19-20?

“So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith” –Galatians 3:24

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“What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have know what coveting really was if the law had not said, “Do not covet.” –Romans 7:7

1. The Law

(What the greatest preachers of all times have said)

- “I do not believe that any man can preach the Gospel who does not preach the Law.”- Charles Spurgeon
- “Unless we see our shortcomings in the light of the Law and Holiness of God, we do not see them as sin at all.” –J.I. Packer
- “A Gospel which merely says, ‘Come to Jesus,’ and offers Him as a friend, and offers a marvelous new life, without convicting of sin, is not New Testament evangelism.(The essence of evangelism is to start by preaching the Law; and it is because the Law has not been preached that we have had so much superficial evangelism.) True evangelism.... Must always start by preaching the Law.”
- -Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones
- “It is a great mistake to give a man who has not been convicted of sin certain passages that were never meant for him. The Law is what he needs...Do not offer the consolation of the Gospel until he sees and knows he is guilty before God. We must give enough of the Law to take away all self-righteousness. I pity the man who preaches only one side of the truth, always the gospel and never the Law.”
- –D.L. Moody
- “The man who does not know the nature of the Law, cannot know the nature of sin.”- John Bunyan
- “Ignorance of the nature and design of the Law is at the bottom of most religious mistakes.”
- -John Newton
- “The trouble with people who are not seeking for a Savior, and for salvation, is that they do not understand the nature of sin. It is the peculiar function of the Law to bring such

an understanding to a man's mind and conscience. That is why great evangelical preachers 300 years ago in the time of the puritans, and 200 years ago in the time of Whitefield and others, always engaged in what they called a preliminary law work."

- -Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones
- "The highest service to which a man may obtain on earth is to preach the law of God."- John Wycliffe
- "The only way we can know whether we are sinning is by knowing His Moral Law."- Jonathan Edwards

- "People will never set their faces decidedly towards heaven, and live like pilgrims, until they really feel that they are in danger of hell..Let us expound and beat out the Ten Commandments, and show the length, and breadth, and depth, and height of their requirements. This is the way of our Lord in the Sermon on the Mount. We cannot do better than follow His plan.....Without thorough conviction of sin, men may seem to come to Jesus and follow Him for a season, but they will soon fall away and return to the world."
- -J.C. Ryle
- "I have found by long experience that the severest threatening of the Law of God have a prominent place in leading men to Christ. They must see themselves lost before they will cry for mercy. They will not escape from danger until they see it." -A.B. Earl
- "The unsaved are in no condition today for the Gospel till the Law be applied to their hearts, for 'by the Law is the knowledge of sin.' It is a waste of time to sow seed on the ground which has never been ploughed or spaded! To present the vicarious sacrifice of Christ to those whose dominant passion is to take fill of sin, is to give that which is Holy to the dogs." -A.W. Pink
- "They will never accept grace until they tremble before a just and holy law."- Charles Spurgeon
- "Lower the Law and you dim the light by which man perceives his guilt; this is a very serious loss to the sinner rather than a gain; for it lessens the likelihood of his conviction and conversion. I say you have deprived the Gospel of its ablest auxiliary(its most

powerful weapon) when you have set aside the Law. You have taken away from it the schoolmaster that is to bring men to Christ.." -Charles Spurgeon

- "They must be slain by the law before they can be made alive by the Gospel"-Charles Spurgeon
- "The law can only chase a man to Calvary and no further. -D.L. Moody
- "Before you can speak peace to your hearts, you must be made to see, made to feel, made to weep over, made to bewail, your actual transgressions against the Law of God..."
- -George Whitefield

As we have seen the biblical gospel must always start with the Law of God. Here are the Ten Commandments:

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

Whenever I preach the Gospel I start out by running them through numbers 9,8,7,6 and 3. A typical conversation starts like this:

"The bible says that all men have broken Gods laws. Do you think that you have broken any of His laws? Let's take a look at a couple of them and see."

"One of Gods laws says that we should not lie. How many lies have you told in your life? What do you call someone who tells lies?"

"Another one of Gods laws says that we shouldn't steal. Have you ever stolen anything? What do we call people who steal things?"

“Jesus said that if you hate someone then you are guilty of murder because He judges the heart. Have you ever in your life had any hatred towards someone?”

“Jesus said that whoever looks upon a woman to lust after them has committed adultery already in his heart. Have you ever looked with lust?”

“Let’s look at one more law. God says that you cannot take his name in vain. Have you ever used His name as a cussword?”

“The bible says that it is appointed man once to die and then the Judgment. So if you were to die today and stand before God, do you think that you would be guilty or innocent of breaking His laws?”

Lesson # 2

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"The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty..."

-Nahum 1:3

What does this verse mean?

The fallen sinner thinks that he can justify himself and that because God is a loving God he can just say sorry and God will have to let him go. Fallen humanity has a wrong view of God and a wrong view of himself and for the most part has created an idol that approves of his or her sin. Therefore, we must strive to explain the goodness and justice of God and give them a correct view of God and their current state before Him. The conversation looks like this:

"The bible says that it is appointed man once to die and then the Judgment. So if you were to die today and stand before God, do you think that you would be guilty or innocent of breaking His laws?"

(No matter what the person you are talking to says here you need to illustrate Gods Just nature. The following illustration is helpful)

"Imagine for a second that I go and rob a bank today at gun point and I hit the lady in the face and take \$100,000 dollars. Now imagine I take off running and the cops are chasing me and they eventually catch me and ask me where I got the money. Now imagine I lie to them and say, "it's not mine I don't know where this money came from." Now imagine I get arrested

and I have my day in court. I am standing there in my orange jump suit with my handcuffs on and I tell the judge that I will represent myself.

Now imagine it is the opening statement and the Judge says to me, "Sir, you stole money at gun point, you assaulted the cashier, you ran from the police, and you lied to the police. You broke these four laws, what do you have to say in your defense in front of the court?"

Now imagine I look up at the judge and I say, "Judge, I'm sorry. Look lots of people rob banks I am not the first one and everybody tells lies. I mean aren't you a good judge and a loving father to your children. I'm not as bad as Hitler right?"

Now imagine the Judge looks down at me and says, "You're sorry? You know what I am a good judge and I am a loving guy, bailiff give this man his money and his gun back he is free to go and the murderer after him as well."

What would you say about a judge like this?

Would he be a good judge or a bad judge?

If a judge did this in real life he would be the worst judge on the face of the earth. In fact, he would be evil and corrupt and would get fired after making national headlines.

You see your biggest problem is that God is not like this judge. God is a good judge and you are a criminal and it's not that He won't let you go but that by His very character and nature He cannot let you go.

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If you were to stand before God this very day He would give you justice and there is nothing that you could say.

This is a crucial part of the gospel message. Men's hearts want to flee from God and find every avenue of escape. But we must cut off every escape route and leave men guilty in front of the cross, so that they just might cry out with the great hymn writer, "nothing in my hands I bring only to the cross I cling."

“The preacher’s work is to throw sinners down in utter helplessness, that they may be compelled to look up to Him who alone can help them”

-Charles Spurgeon

Lesson # 3

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“God put forward (Jesus) as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness...so that he might be just and justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

-Romans 3:25-26

At this point the redemptive work of Christ will really be good news to your hearer. Paul Washer of Heartcry missionary society once put it this way, “when you woke up today were did the stars go? They are still there but because of the light of the sun you cannot see them. In the same way a sinner cannot see the brilliance of Christ because of the light of his own self-righteousness. But through the preaching of the law his sky begins to grow dark and the single star that is Christ bursts through the darkness.”

When the sinner has nowhere left to run we present the Good news:

“But there is good news. God is not only a God of Justice but He is also a God of Love and mercy. And God has decided to redeem for Himself a people from every nation, tribe, and language on the planet. He has decided to forgive their sins and to adopt them as sons. To no longer look upon them as enemies but to look upon them as objects of His affection and love. And He came up with a way to legally dismiss criminal’s cases and still be a good judge. You see if some innocent substitute would live the perfect life and pay our fine on our behalf then He could legally dismiss our case. But could any human being live a perfect life? God can. So 2,000 years ago God the son came down to this earth in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. He was truly God and truly man. He lived under the law. He lived the perfect life for His people. When you lied, he didn’t. When you looked with lust, he didn’t. And on that cross all the sins of those who would believe were placed upon Him. And the sun darkened and the earth shook and the full justice and wrath of God against sin was poured out upon him. On that cross He cried out, “It is finished.” He died and three days later He rose Himself from the grave. He burst forth a victorious risen savior and it was Gods public declaration to the nations that the sacrifice of Christ was sufficient. 40 days later He ascended into heaven and He now sits at the right hand of God the Father and He has been made King and Lord of all.

Lesson # 4

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“Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. And saying, ‘the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.’ Mark 1:14-15

“Truly these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” -Acts 17:30-31”

“John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.” Mark 1:4

“Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” -Luke 24:46-47

“Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” –Acts 2:37-38

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life”-John 3:16

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” –Acts 16:31

Based on the bible verses you have just read, what is the required biblical response to the Gospel?

When we read through scriptures we see that the biblical response to the Gospel is **repentance** and **belief**:

Repentance and belief or faith goes together. You cannot have faith without repentance. You see to truly believe and trust in Christ you have to first change your mind(repent) about the sin you once loved. R.C. Sproul put it this way, “But the individual who trusts in Christ simultaneously turns away from sin. In believing he repents and in repenting believes.”

Whenever we read in the letters of the New Testament about believing in the Lord Jesus, repentance is always considered a part of true belief. In a sense whenever we see the word repent by itself we understand belief to be a part of it and whenever we see belief without the word repent we know that repentance is part of it. Charles Spurgeon said that faith and repentance were inseparable

After presenting the good news, the third and final part of the biblical gospel is letting your hearer know what they must do to be saved. The last part of the conversation looks something like this:

“Now the greatest question in your life is this: How can you be saved? How can you have your sins forgiven? How can you have your case legally dismissed before the courts of heaven this day?”

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“Repentance starts by accepting that what God says about us is true, that we have sinned. We should feel shame and even sorrow for what we have done and then realize how good God really is. Repentance literally means a complete and total change in mind which leads to a change in direction. It means that we are willing to turn away from our self-governed sinful lifestyle and bow the knee to Christ. To turn our back on our sin and live for him, instead of our selves. Now it doesn’t mean that we won’t sin, but it does mean that we will start to hate it when we do. Since I have been sharing the gospel with you, if you have started to feel sorry about your sin, if you believe what God says about you is true, if you are willing to turn from your sin, then believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved. Confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Him from the dead and you will be saved. Has what I have said today made sense?

(Note: it is important to understand that when we speak of repentance we are not saying that a person has to stop sinning and start doing good in order to be saved. This would be salvation by works. But they must realize that what God says about them is true, that they have sinned and they are deserving of hell. Furthermore they must change their mind about their sin and be willing to turn from it. We are saved by faith in the finished work of Christ alone, apart from works.)

God of my salvation, hear, and help me to believe:

Simply would I now draw near, thy blessings to receive.

Full of guilt, alas I am, but to thy wounds for refuge flee;

Friend of sinners, spotless lamb, thy blood was shed for me. .

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Putting it all Together:

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What will you say when you stand in front of Him on that day?

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Lesson #5

Extra Illustrations:

(These illustrations will be helpful to add into your 3 part Gospel presentation, depending on the time you have)

1. The Doctrine of Imputation
2. The Seriousness of Sinning against a Holy God
3. The Fall of Mankind (A beginning)

1. The Doctrine of Imputation:

(Extra Illustrations)

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God”

-2 Corinthians 5:21

Another important thing we must understand is what exactly happened on that cross two thousand years ago. The dictionary defines the word impute as crediting something to a person or account.

On that cross that cross the sins of His people were imputed or “credited” to Christ, they were put on Him. However, in the same manner Christ’s righteousness was imputed or “credited” to all those who place their faith in Him. When I am talking with someone I sometimes share an illustration that I read in a book by Paul Washer called, *The Gospels Power and Message*. I think it really helps to illustrate this important doctrine:

“Let me help you to understand what happened on that cross. Imagine for a second that you are standing in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before Jesus was to be crucified. Now from the moment Christ was born he made God the Father smile. Every thought, every deed, that Christ did from the moment of His birth made God exceedingly happy. When God the father looked at the record of Christ’s life He was so delighted that during His baptism he cried out from heaven, “Behold my son in whom I am well pleased.” On the contrary, from the moment you were born God the father looks down at all your thoughts and deeds and is exceedingly angry. He is anything but pleased with the record of your life, and one day He will give you the justice you deserve. Now I want you to imagine for a second that you are standing in that garden and you are holding the record of your life in your hands. In front, of you stands Christ and He is holding the record of His perfect life in His hands. Now Christ walks up to you and takes the record of your life out of your hands and on that Cross He was treated accordingly. He was crushed for your record. However, upon placing your faith in Him He hands you the record of His perfect life and you now hold it in your hands, so that for the first time in your life God the father looks down on you from heaven and says, “behold

my son in whom I am well pleased.” You see the record of Christ’s perfect life has now been imputed to you.”

When the doctrine of imputation is understood, the beauty of what Christ did for us on the cross becomes clear.

2. Whom we have sinned against:

(Extra Illustrations)

*“Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that **you** may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.”*

-Psalm 51:4

Another thing that is important to understand is whom we have sinned against. I sometimes use an illustration that I heard from a preacher a couple years ago:

Depending on whom we sin against the consequences for that sin change. Let me give you an example. I am going to commit the same sin against five different things or beings and the consequences will change each time.

Imagine that I slap a table, what would be my consequences? There would be no consequences because it is a table right?

Now imagine that I slap my best friend, what would be my consequences? He would probably wrestle me to the ground but then we would laugh because he is my friend.

Now imagine that I slap my wife in the face, what would be my consequences? She would probably divorce me.

Now imagine that I slap a police officer, what would be my consequences? He would arrest me.

Now imagine that President Trump comes into town and I run past the secret service and slap him in the face. What would be my consequences? The secret service would kill me before I got there. My consequences would be death.

It's the same sin but the consequences rise depending upon whom I sin.

Now imagine that I slap God in the face? What would be my consequences? Someone once told me that my consequences should be death. But this is illogical because if I slap the president the consequences are death. Is the president and God on the same level? Absolutely not, so what should my consequences be?

You see sinning against and infinitely Holy God is deserving of Infinite punishment. And when you lied, and stole, and committed adultery in your heart you were sinning against God. These are a slap to His Holy face.

3. The Fall of Mankind, A Story of Redemption That Begins in the Garden

(A possible start to your gospel conversation, depending on time)

Depending on how much time I might have with someone when sharing the gospel, I find it is important to start at the beginning and lay out the whole plan of redemption before my hearers eyes. Here is how I usually begin the conversation and lead into the law:

The Gospel is a story of redemption that begins in the very first book of the bible with the very first man and woman God created, “Do you know their names?”

That’s right God created Adam and Eve in His image, you see Adam and Eve knew God face to face, but the thing was that they wanted nothing to do with Gods rule and reign over their lives. They wanted to be self-autonomous and they wanted to do things the way they wanted to do them and did not want God telling them what to do. Adam and Eve wanted the benefits that God could give them, but they did not want God Himself. And every man and women born since has followed in the first man and woman’s footsteps, you see we all know God exists we just do not want Him telling us what to do. We want to do things our way, we want to decide for ourselves what is good and evil.

The bible says the moment that Adam sinned, sin and death entered the world. That a sin nature has been passed on to all humanity through the act of conception from parent to child and parent to child. And this sin nature that resides in all of us is not merely the absence of good but the presence of something evil. It is an energetic force like a fire burning out of control in a windy field. So that all men and women are born in a state of rebellion and separation from God. It has been well said before, that the heart of the human problem is the human heart. The bible says that the evidence of this sin nature is that we break Gods laws constantly. So the first question to understand the gospel is this, “Do you think you have broken any of Gods laws?”

The bible says we all have. Let’s take a look at a couple of Gods laws and see. Have you ever heard of the 10 commandments? Now God didn’t give us the ten commandments and say,” follow these so you can get into heaven.” In fact, God gave us these commandments as a mirror to show us our sin nature and our need of a savior. One of Gods laws says.....

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