

The Four Pillars of the Gospel

(Bible Insert)

The gospel is the good news about what God has done in and through Jesus Christ to reconcile sinners to Himself.

GOD. There is only one true God and He has revealed Himself to us in His word (the Bible). He is the holy and just Creator of all things, sovereignly ruling over His creation. All praise, honor, and glory are due Him

Psalm 5:4 "For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; no evil dwells with You."

Psalm 89:14 "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; lovingkindness and truth go before You."

1 Timothy 1:17 "Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

Revelation 4:11 "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."

MAN. God created man in His image and likeness, meaning we share certain characteristics with God and manage the earth under God's kingship. However, we have sinned against God by breaking His holy commandments, seeking to live life in our own rebellious way. Man is therefore separated from God, spiritually dead, and will one day physically die. Since God is holy and just, there will come a day when God will judge mankind for their sins.

Mark 7:21-23 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

Romans 5:12 "Therefore, just as through one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned."

1 John 3:4 "Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness."

Revelation 21:8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

CHRIST. In light of the previous two pillars, what mankind needs is a holy and righteous mediator (one who reconciles two parties). Jesus, the eternal Son of God in human flesh, is this holy and righteous mediator between God and man. He did what we could not do.

He lived in perfect obedience to God's law, suffered and died on the cross in the place of sinners (bearing their sin, guilt, and judgment), rose in victory from the grave (defeating sin and death), and now sits at the right hand of God the Father where He reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords. There is salvation in no one else.

John 1:1, 14 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Galatians 4:4-5 "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:21 "He [the Father] made Him [the Son] who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Acts 2:24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power."

Romans 4:25 "He [Christ] who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification."

1 Timothy 2:5 "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

COMMAND/RESPONSE. Do you recognize that you have lived a life of sin against God, thus deserving His just wrath and judgment? Are you broken over these things? Do you desire to be forgiven of your sins and reconciled to God? Then repent and believe the gospel. To repent is to have a radical change of mind regarding sin and God. It's a change from loving sin and hating God to hating sin and loving God. To believe means to trust in the promises of God as revealed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. It's to believe that Jesus is who the Bible says He is and that He has done what the Bible says He has done. Believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior and you will be saved!

John 3:36 "He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Romans 5:1 "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 8:1 "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."