

M3 – SHARING JESUS WORKSHOP

Components of the Gospel

It would be foolish to think that we could exhaust the Gospel in its entirety, or even to explore every facet of it. This document is not intended to be a complete study (that would be impossible), but rather a help in understanding the foundational elements of the Good News of Jesus so that we can more easily share it.

1) God is holy

- Isaiah 6:3: *“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”*
- God is 100% holy, which means that He is completely sinless, totally separated from sin and can have nothing to do with it.
- Additional Scriptures: Psalm 5:4; 1 John 1:5

2) Man is sinful

- Romans 3:23: *“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*
- Each and every human being has fallen short of the standard of God’s character. We have all sinned.
- Additional Scriptures: Romans 3:10-12; 1 John 1:8

3) Sin separates man from God

- Isaiah 59:1-2: *“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”*
- Since God is perfectly holy and we are sinners, we can’t be in His presence. For God to ignore our sin would not be just, right, or fair; He would be denying His own character in doing so. Left to ourselves we are totally and eternally separated from Him with no hope.
- Additional Scriptures: Romans 6:23a; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

4) Jesus IS the Good News

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

- Jesus, who is 100% God and 100% man, came to the earth and lived a sinless life, fully meeting God's holy standard, which qualified Him as the only acceptable payment for our sin-debt. He did this willingly, and because of His sacrifice on the cross and the shedding of His blood, we have been offered forgiveness of our sins. He was crucified, buried, and rose again on the third day just as He said He would be. His resurrection validates His claim and the truth that He is the Son of God.
- Additional Scriptures: Romans 6:23b; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 14:6

5) Repent and believe

- Proverbs 28:13: *"He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."*
- To receive the free but very costly gift of salvation, we must be willing to repent of (turn away from) our sins, believe that Jesus is who He says He is, and place our trust in Him and Him alone to secure our eternal salvation. It is Jesus plus or minus nothing.
- Additional Scriptures: Ephesians 2:8-9; John 1:12; Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 14:25-33

Summary of the Gospel (Quick version)

1. **God** – is holy
2. **Man** – is sinful which separates us from God
3. **Jesus** – came to earth and paid the penalty of sin
4. **Response** – turn from sin and believe