

Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series
Introduction to Eight Essential Elements: Parts A, B & C

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I. Introduction to Proclaiming the Gospel: (Part A of Audio Podcast: 9:30 Sunday 5/17/15)

- A. Lifestyle-Evangelism & Proclamation Evangelism: (Meaning of εὐαγγελίζω / *euaggelizō*)
- B. Pre-Evangelized?: Jerusalem, Athens or Somewhere in Between: (Acts 2:5-40) vs. (Acts 17:16-34)
- C. The GCF Methodology of (or Approach to) Proclaiming / Sharing the Gospel:
 - 1. Planting, Watering, Preparing & Cultivating Soil vs. the Reaping Mentality

(1 Corinthians 3:5-9) ⁵ What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ⁷ So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. (See Matthew 13: 20-21)

Book: Grounded in the Gospel: Building Believers the Old-Fashioned Way by J. I. Packer and Gary A. Parrett

- 2. Net Fishing; Pole Fishing & Evangelistic Investigative Bible Studies:

(Romans 10:17) So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

(1 Thessalonians 2:13) For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not *as* the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work (which also effectively works) in you who believe. (NASB / NKJV) (Effectual Call) (Acts 13:48-49) When the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

(Romans 8:29-30) ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; ³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

- D. The GCF Kingdom Gospel Message Content vs. Modern American Content: 3 Versions & Materials
 - 1. 7 Essential Elements of the Biblical Gospel
 - 2. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God
 - 3. 7 Missing Elements of the Americanized Gospel

II. 5 Diagnostic Tools to Map Progress in the Process: (Part B of Audio Podcast: 9:30 Sun. 5/24/15)

- 1. Five Vital Signs of Life: (See 5, 5, 5 Principle Outline)
- 2. Regeneration & Conversion Followed by Sanctification & Maturation
- 3. Born "Out of" the Spirit: The Absolute Necessity of Getting Them On Our Turf **(Read John 3:3-5)**

(1 John 3:14) We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. (John 6:37, 44 & 65) (Romans 8: 29-30)

- 4. EPDC: Evangelism, Pastoral, Discipleship Continuum.
- 5. Five First Steps in Entering the Kingdom of Christ / God: (See 5, 5, 5 Principle Outline)

III. Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview (Part C of Audio Podcast: 10:30 Sun. 5/24/15)

- 0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
- 1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
- 2. Man: **Essential Biblical Attributes**: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
- 3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
- 4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warning(s) of Eternal Judgment Day: The Gospel Presentations in Acts
- 5. Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology: Bridge / Solution / Ministry / Atonement / Reign
- 6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
- 7. The First 5 Steps Into the Kingdom of Christ: Acts 2:37-47 (See Pt. I, E, 3 Above)
- 8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship

The 5-5-5 Deal Principle

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I. The 5-5-5 Deal Principle – Titles, Objective, Outline & Overview

1. Naming Principles from Pop Culture – Provides an Easy Way to Remember Biblical Principles
2. The 5-5-5 Deal:
 - a. Five First Steps to Enter the Kingdom of God
 - b. Five Vital Signs of Life
 - c. Five Biblical Examples / Five Biblical Patterns

II. The 5-5-5 Deal Principle Examined & Explained

A. Five First Steps Into The Kingdom of God / Christ

1. Receiving Jesus Christ – John 1:12-13
2. Water Baptism – Mark 16:15
3. Baptized in the Holy Spirit – Acts 1:8 (7 Passages in N.T. use “Baptized in the Holy Spirit”)
4. Deliverance & Healing – Addictions, Demons - Luke 10:18-20; Matthew 15:21-28; Acts 19:11-20
5. Entering a New Testament Community Lifestyle – Acts 2:37-47

B. Five Vital Signs of Life: Observable Outward Ways of Determining if New Birth has Occurred

Note: Diagnostic Tools for: Pastoral, Evangelistic or Self Examination

(2 Corinthians 13:5) Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you--unless indeed you fail the test?

1. Hunger for God’s Word – 1 Peter 2:1-3 and John 8:30-32
2. Lifestyle Changes – Repentance, Lordship, Renunciation, New Kingdom Life

Matthew 3:8-10; James 2:17-18; 1 John 2:3-6; 1 John 3:5-10

3. Desire for All the “Things of God” or All God’s Will, Ordinances, Etc. Acts 8:36

Contrasted with minimum down payment, low upkeep mentality – The Sugar Coated Gospel.

(This Includes; Water Baptism; Baptism in the Holy Spirit; Worship, Obedience, Study, Giving, Serving, Etc.)

4. Desire for Biblical Christian Fellowship & Accountability - 1 John 3:14 and James 5:16
5. Witnessing or Proclaiming Christ - Luke 24:33; Acts 4:20; Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:17

C. Five Biblical Examples / Five Biblical Patterns – Historical Models / Principles

(Actually Seven for Receiving Christ and Water Baptism, Five for Baptism in the Holy Spirit)

1. Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:5-16; Acts 2:37-37 (Both – Also New Testament Lifestyle, Etc.)
2. Acts 8:1-18 (Both – Also Deliverance, Healing, Etc.)
3. Acts 8:25-40 (Water Baptism)
4. Acts 9:1-19 (Both)
5. Acts 10:44-48 ; Acts 11:12-18 (Both)
6. Acts 16:25-33 (Water Baptism)
7. Acts 19:1-6; Acts 19:11-20 (Both - Also Deliverance, Etc.)

III. Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel – See Other Side of Page



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