

Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series
Element 5: Jesus Christ the Only Mediator / Introduction to Christology
Element 5I: Ministry of Jesus: Declarations & Disciple-Making

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I. Eight Essential Elements: Outline & Overview

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: 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

II. Messages 1 - 20: Elements 1 - 4: Defining Bad News (Gap): God, Man, Decalogue & Christ as Israel (Telos)

III. Last 8 Weeks: Element 5: Bridging the Gap: Christology / Jesus, The Only Solution, Bridge, Mediator
(1 Tim. 2:3-6) ³ ... God our Savior,⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,⁶ who gave Himself ...

IV. Last 8 Weeks - Element 5: Introduction to Christology / Parts 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 5G & 5H

5A & 5B: "I am" Statements in John as Archetypical & Quintessential "Logos" (Ex. 3:13-15) (Jn. 1:1-14)

5C: The Crucial Role of Christology: Why Our Understanding of Who Jesus is - is Critical or Vital.

(Matthew 16:13-18) ¹³ Now ... Jesus ... was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ And they said, "Some say ..., and others" ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **(1 Jn 5:12)**

5D & 5E: Deity & Humanity of Jesus Christ in Didactic Biblical Perspective:

Didactic Defined: In Scriptural usage, straightforward or plain language teachings (doctrines / statements) that contain Theological, moral or exhortative instruction to which aesthetic & literary considerations are subordinated.

5F: Conceived by the Holy Spirit & Born of the Virgin Mary: Explanation & Vital Importance

5G: Life Pattern, Growth in Grace & Baptisms of Christ: (Jn 13:12-17) (Lk 2:52) (Hebs. 5:7-10) (Matt. 3:13-17)

5H: Wilderness Temptation: Fast Forty Days for Preparation (Hebs. 4:15-16) (Luke 4:1-13) (Matt. 4:1-11)

V. Today: Element 5I: Ministry of Jesus: Declaration, Disciple-Making, Community Building, Full Salvation

A. Two Preliminary Reminders: The Reason the Ministry of Jesus Will Take Multiple Weeks

1. Magnitude of the Master & His Ministry:

(John 21:25) And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written. (Acts 1:1)

(2 Corinthians 2:15-16) For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; ¹⁶ to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life.

And who is adequate for these things? (NASB & NET) Who is sufficient for these things? (ESV & NKJV)

2. Jesus As Principle Pattern: Primal, Primary, Archetypical, Quintessential – Model, Example, Copy
(John 13:12-17) ... ¹⁴ If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I gave you an example (pattern, copy) that you also should do as I did to you. ¹⁶ Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. (NASB, EXB) (Note: Exodus 25:8-9, 40; Acts 7:44; Hebs. 8:5) (ὑπόδειγμα / hypodeigma - a suggestive sign, representation, figure, copy, example: of the thing to be imitated, for a warning. Translated as copy(ies) in Hebs. 8:5; 9:23) (Note: 1 Chronicles 13:1-10; 15:13) (1 Tim 1:15-17)
(1 Peter 2:21) called ... Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ...

B. Jesus Ministry Begins w/ Declarations: Announcements, Proclamation - In the Synagogue & Elsewhere

1. Jesus Declares His Identity & Mission in the Synagogues of Nazareth & Capernaum:

(Luke 4:31) ³¹ And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; ³² and they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority.

(Luke 4:14-21) ¹⁴ And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. ¹⁵ And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. ¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, ¹⁹ TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD." ²⁰ And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Explain)

2. Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom of God has Arrived Now & In His Person

(Matthew 4:12, 17) Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; ¹³ and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, ... by the sea, ... Zebulon and Naphtali. ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (has come near / ἐγγίζω / engízō)

3. Jesus Declares Who the True People of God Were, Are & Will Be: (Luke 4:25-30)

C. Jesus Calls Disciples to Follow Him: Leave & Cleave, 3 Kinds of Discipleship, 3 Ministries (Explain)

1. Must Leave, Be Severed from, Renounce, Redefine & also Cleave, Hold Fast To, Follow Hard After

(Matthew 4:18-22) ¹⁸ Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. ²¹ Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him. (Leave & Cleave) (Cf. Rich Young Ruler, Zaccheus) (Maple Heights Principle) (**Jn 14:30**) (**Luke 5:11, 27-28**) ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him. ²⁷ After that He went out and noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me." ²⁸ And he left everything behind, and got up and began to follow Him. (See Gen. 2:24; KJV, ESV, YLT, Etc.)

2. Three Kinds of Discipleship: Information, Formation; Impartation (Note: Character Before Charisma)

a.) Information: Examples: See Matthew 5-7, 13, 24-25; or John 3, 6, 13-16, Etc. Etc.

b.) Formation: Study Jesus w/ Peter: Call w/ Manifesting His Glory (Luke 5), 1st Sending, Walk on Water, Mount of Transfiguration, Two Drachma Tax; Prediction of Denial, 3 Time Restoration; 3 Time Vision, Etc.

c.) Impartation: (See Luke 11:1) (Deuteronomy 34:9) (1 Cor. 2; 3:3 – Apply After Peter Below)

(Luke 9:1-2, 6) And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. ² And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing. ... ⁶ Departing, they began going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere. (Cf. Matt. 17:16; Acts 1:6) (**Matt. 28:18-20**) ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, ... ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (**John 20:19-23**) (**2 Timothy 3:10ff**)

VI. **Next Week: Element 5J: More on the Ministry of Jesus: Full Salvation, Miracles**

VII. **Two Weeks: Element 5K: Still More on the Ministry of Jesus: Community & Continuation**

VIII. **Three Weeks: Element 5L: Sinless Life: Tempted W/Out Sin / Mercifull & Merits Exchanged / Gospel Priest**

IX. **Upcoming: Elements 5M – 5?: Critical Christological Characteristics Continued: Prophetic Witness; Passion & Atoning Death; Resurrection; Ascension; Glorification; Present Ministry & Reign & 2nd Coming**