

Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series  
Element 5: Jesus Christ the Only Mediator / Introduction to Christology  
**Element 5W: The Resurrection / The Lynchpin of Our Lives**

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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 22 Messages: Element 5: Bridging the Gap: Christology / Jesus: Only Solution, Mediator, Ministry  
(1 Timothy 2:3-6) "... one mediator ... Christ Jesus" (Matthew 16:13-18) "But who do you say that I am?"**

**5A to 5H: Elemental Christology:** (A & B) Logos & "I am" Statements; (C) Crucial Role of Christology; (D & E) Deity & Humanity of Jesus; (F) Conceived by Holy Spirit & Born of Virgin Mary; (G) Growth in Grace & Baptisms of Christ; (H) Wilderness Temptation; **5I to 5V: Ministry of Jesus:** (I) Pattern & Proclamations; (J) Disciple-Making Models; (K) Building His Covenant Community; (L) Miraculous Salvation: Practical Enemies; (M) Cessationism vs. Continuationism; (N) Continuation to Completion of Conquest By Holy Spirit; (O) Continuation to Kingdom City Dominion; (P) Fulfilled All Law & Prophets; (Q) Quintessential Christ: Prototypes; (R, S & T) Prophetic Prosecutor; (U) The Atonement: Entering Into 8 Exchanges (V) The Atonement: Beauty & Necessity

**IV. Today (5W): The Resurrection as the Lynchpin of Our Lives (Every Day)**

**A. Some Scriptural Priorities: (Locus Classicus of the Bible) (See Bulletin Insert / All 4 Gospels & Acts)**

**(1 Corinthians 15: 1-8)** Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,<sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,<sup>4</sup> that He was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,<sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.<sup>6</sup> Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.<sup>7</sup> Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.<sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. (ESV)

**(1 Corinthians 15:14, 17)** And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain (void, futile) and your faith is in vain (void, futile). ... <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile (worthless, vain, useless) and you are still in your sins. (ESV, NASB, NKJV & NET - cf. Ecclesiastes)

**(1 Corinthians 15:20-22)** But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.<sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. (Cf. Romans 5:6-21) (Cf. 1 Corinthians 15:32-33, 45-46, 51, 56-58)

**(Matthew 21:31-32)** And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God:  
<sup>32</sup> 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not God of the dead, but of the living." (Cf. Luke 24:5; Acts 23:8) (Cf. "Main Stream" Protestant, Roman Catholic & Eastern Orthodox)

**(Acts 1:3)** To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing (Infallible, certain) proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God. (NASB, NKJV, YLT) **(Discuss Briefly: Evidential Apologetics)**

**B. Intro Books on Evidential Apologetics:** More Than A Carpenter Josh McDowell / The Reason for God Tim Keller The Case for Christ Lee Strobel (Audio) / Who Moved the Stone by Frank Morison (\$2.99 Kindle) & Five Views on Apologetics: from Counter Points Bible and Theology Series

**(Acts 4:33)** And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony (witness) to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. (Cf. John 15:26-27; Acts 5:31-32, Etc.)  
(Cf. Acts 2:31; 4:1-2; 17:18, 32; 23:6, 8; 24:15, 21)

1. The Women:
2. The Doubters:
3. The Dedication Unto Death: "Who Would Dis for A Lie?"
4. The Documents: See The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable by F.F. Bruce (\$2.99 Kindle)

(Cf. Other Ancient Documents)

**C. The Lynchpin of Our Lives:** (See 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8 Above) " ... as of first importance ..."

1. AKA Foundational, Structural (Load-Bearing), Central, Primary, Preeminent
2. Lynchpin (aka Linchpin): A pin inserted through the end of an axletree to keep the wheel on.

Something that holds the various elements of a complicated structure together:

**(Hebrews 6:1-2)** Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,<sup>2</sup> and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. (**Explain Context**) (Colossians 2:8-10)

**(Romans 1:1-5)** Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,<sup>2</sup> which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,<sup>3</sup> concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,<sup>4</sup> who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,<sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,<sup>6</sup> among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; (Cf. Matthew 28:18-20) (Cf. Matthew 21-25)

3. Vanity, Vanity ...

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**(Hebrews 2:14-15)** <sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,<sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. (Cf. Ephesians 2:1-8)

**(Acts 13:26-43)** "Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation.<sup>27</sup> For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize Him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning Him.<sup>28</sup> And though they found in Him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have Him executed.<sup>29</sup> And when they had carried out all that was written of Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb.<sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead,<sup>31</sup> and for many days He appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now His witnesses to the people.<sup>32</sup> And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers,<sup>33</sup> this He has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written ... <sup>34</sup> And as for the fact that he ... <sup>38</sup> Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, ...

4. Preview on the Purposes of Pentecost: Inextricable Intertwined w/ Resurrection: "The Promise"

**V. Next Week: More on Christology:** The Ascension, Glorification, Coronation & Present Reign / Pentecost



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