

Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series
Element 6: Receiving Jesus Christ / Responding to the Gospel

Element 6A: Receiving Jesus Christ - Introduction to the Biblical Vocabulary of Salvation

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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. Messages 21- 49: Element 5: Bridging the Gap: Christology / Jesus: Only Solution, Mediator, and 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: Ontological Christology & 5I to 5Zd: Economic Christology: The Ministry of Jesus

Recommended Books - Element 6 : (1) *The King Jesus Gospel: The Original Good News Revisited* by Scott McKnight; (2) *Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic* by Walter Chantry; (3) *The Great Omission: Reclaiming Jesus's Essential Teachings on Discipleship* by Dallas Willard; (4) *Grounded in the Gospel: Building Believers the Old-Fashioned Way* by Gary Parrett and J.I. Packer (5) *Ancient-Future Faith* &/or (6) *Ancient-Future Evangelism* by Robert E. Webber

Note 1: None of these books address all of the concerns expressed in this series.

Note 2: Next Message: List of GCF Foundational Articles regarding rethinking or rediscovering the Biblical Gospel.

IV. Last Week: Element 5Zd: Ministry of Jesus: Eternal Judgment (Who's Voice?) (Matt. 3:17; Eph. 1:6; Jn. 5:25)

V. Today - Element 6A: Receiving Jesus Christ: Introduction to the Biblical Vocabulary of Salvation

(John 1:11-13) ¹¹ He came to His own, and his own people did not receive Him. ¹² But to all who did receive (λαμβάνω) Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right (authority) (ἐξουσία) to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. (ESV) (Matt. 11:12)

Note 3: English "receive" in verse ¹² is Greek λαμβάνω (lambánō); to take; choose, select, admit, seize, lay hold of; to associate with as a companion; apprehend and nor let go; reach after; not to refuse or reject. (action verb) (254 X's)

Note 4: Receiving Jesus Must Include 2 Inextricably Intertwined Processes. (Regeneration & Conversion)

VI. Biblical Vocabulary for the Concepts, Process & Reality of Salvation: Soteriology 101 (28 to 30 Key Words)

(Matthew 16:19) I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." (NASB) (Cf. ESV)

(Matthew 16:19) ... ¹⁹ and I will give to thee the keys of the reign of the heavens, and whatever thou mayest bind upon the earth shall be having been bound in the heavens, and whatever thou mayest loose upon the earth shall be having been loosed in the heavens.' (YLT) (Explain Greek Verb tenses & conjugations. Cf. Spanish)

1. Salvation, Save, Saved: Most common word that is misused for Regeneration and Conversion (Explain) **(Matt. 1:21)** "... She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He Himself will save His people from their sins." (NASB Literal) **Note 5**: Jesus is Ἰησοῦς (Iēsoûs) in Greek. YHWH is Salvation. (Cf. "Prego" Principle)

Note 6: "save" is verb σώζω (sōzō) in Greek. To rescue or deliver from danger or destruction; make well; restore

(Titus 2:11-14) ¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. (Explain Underlined portions.) **(Cf. Ephesians 2:8-10)**

Note 7: "salvation" is adjective σωτήριον (sōtēriōn) in Greek. He who embodies defense, rescue, deliverance, etc. **(Romans 1:16-17)** ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power (δύναμις / dýnamis) of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." **(Cf. Habakkuk 2:4)**

Note 8: "salvation" is feminine noun σωτηρία (sōtēría) in Greek. Deliverance from the molestation of enemies; preservation, safety; health; material and temporal deliverance from danger and apprehension.

2. Draw, Drawing

(John 6:44) No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

(John 12:32) And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself. (Discuss Both Verses)

Note 9: "draw" is ἔλκω (helkō) To draw, drag off; Metaphorically to draw by inward power, lead, impel.

(Cf. T., I. & P. in "Tulip" - Total Depravity; Irresistible Grace & Perseverance of the Saints in Reformed Theology)

3. Conviction, Convince

(John 16:7-13) ⁷ But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; ¹¹ and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. (Cf. Matthew 18:15; Luke 3:19; John 3:20; Eph. 5:11)

¹² "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. (Remind of Context. **Cf. John 15:26-27; Acts 5:31-32)**

Note 10: "convict" is ἐλέγχω (elénchō) in Greek. To convict, refute, confute; to bring to the light, to expose; to find fault with, correct by word or reproof; admonish, reprove; all to account, show one his fault, demand an explanation; chasten. Same root as convince (explain).

VI. Next Week: Element 6 Continues: More Biblical Vocabulary for Receiving Jesus Christ.

(Some Upcoming Biblical Words: Foreknowledge; Elect; Chosen; Regeneration; Confession; Repentance; Renunciation; Faith; Kingdom; Church; Grace; Ask; Reconciliation; Lord; Restitution; Redemption; Adoption)



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