

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

**Element 6E: Receiving Jesus Christ - More Intro to the Biblical Vocabulary of Salvation  
Confess (Confession)**

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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 0 - 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

**IV. Main Theme Verse(s) for Essential Element 6 of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series: Receiving Jesus**

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

**(James 2:19-20)** <sup>19</sup> You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. <sup>20</sup> But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? **(1 Timothy 3:15)**

**V. The Importance of Biblical Vocabulary: Element 6**

Jargon: Noun; Vocabulary that is Peculiar to a Particular Trade, Profession or Group: (1 Corinthians 2:6-13)

Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; ... <sup>13</sup> which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those (words) taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

**VI. Review: Elements 6A, 6B & 6C: Receiving Jesus Christ: Intro to Biblical Vocabulary of Salvation: Key Words**

Words So Far: Salvation, Save & Saved; Draw; Rescue &/or Deliver; Receive, Right (ἐξουσία / Authority & Power) Regeneration (Includes: New Birth; Born Again; Made Alive; Quickened; New Creation); **Experience vs. Knowledge** Conversion (Includes: Convict, Confess, Repent, Renounce, Believe, Trust, Follow, Obedience, Discipleship, Etc.)

**VII. Last Week: Element 6C Receiving Jesus - Convict (Conviction)**

Convict / Conviction: (Translated as: convict, convicted, reprove, rebuke, convince, expose, show fault.)

(John 16:7-13) (John 3:20) (Eph. 5:11-13) (2 Tim. 4:2) (Hebrews 12:5) (Romans 2:1-16) (Psalm 14, 32, 43, 51)

**Note 1**: Because we are "dead in our trespasses and sins," which includes, therefore being born blind & death, we are unable to convict ourselves, but rather we blame-shift, excuse make, try for self-improvement, etc.

**VIII. Today: Element 6D Receiving Jesus - Confess (Confession) & Contrite (Contrition)**

A. **Confess / Confession**: Opposite of "the Great Cover Up;" Blame-shifting, Excuse Making, Etc.

**Two Uses of Confess in Scripture**:

**(James 5:16a)** Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

**(Explain**: Mark 1:5, Matt. 3:5-6; Proverbs 29:5 / Stepping Stone vs. "The fear of man brings a **snare**." / Gal. 1:10)

**(Acts 19:18-19)** Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing (exomologéō) and disclosing their practices. <sup>19</sup> And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they counted up the price of them and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

**(Matthew 11:25)** At that time Jesus said, "I praise (exomologéō) You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants (children, babes).

**Greek:** ἐξ • ομο • λογέω. ἐξ (ek or ex): out of or from / ὁμοῦ (homoû) together, same / λόγος (lógos) to say

**Definition:** To confess, profess, acknowledge openly and joyfully, celebrate, promise, agree. Say the same as.

**(Matthew 10:32)** "Therefore everyone who confesses (ὁμολογέω / homologéō) Me before men, I will also confess (ὁμολογέω / homologéō) him before My Father who is in heaven. (Law of Reciprocity / Lifestyle.)

(NASB & NKJV = confesses / confess / ESV & NET = acknowledge / will acknowledge.) (Same as Vs. Below)

**(Matthew 7:21-23)** <sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare (homologéō) to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

**(Romans 10:8-10)** <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, <sup>9</sup> that if you confess (ὁμολογέω / homologéō) with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; <sup>10</sup> for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. (1 John X5)

**(Titus 1:16)** <sup>16</sup> They profess (ὁμολογέω / homologéō) to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed. (Lifestyle: Discuss John Mark) (Rev. 3:5)

**Greek:** ομο • λογέω. ὁμοῦ (homoû) together, same / λόγος (lógos) to say (See: John 12:42-43) (Gal. 1:10)

**Definition:** To confess, profess, acknowledge openly, declare, celebrate, promise, speak out. Say the same as.

### **Discuss & Break Down Genesis 3:7-13**

C. **Contrite / Contrition:** (This will deliver your soul from ...) (Beyond Remorse / Step Toward Repentance)

**(Psalm 51:17)** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit (heart); A broken and a contrite (τεταπεινωμένην / afflicted) heart, O God, You will not despise. (Isaiah 58:10; Lamentations 2:5)

**Definition:** τεταπεινωμένην: To humble, abase, afflict, fast to afflict our souls, attain a lower rank, reduce, disparage, minimize, violate, regret, showing sincere remorse; filled with a sense of guilt and the desire for atonement; penitent; remorseful for past sin and resolved to avoid future sin.

**(Psalm 35:13)** But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled (afflicted) my soul with fasting, And my prayer kept returning to my bosom. (Leviticus 23:26-32 Day of Atonement: Afflict w/ Fasting)

**(Isaiah 57:15)** For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite."

**(Isaiah 66:2)** "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the Lord. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word."

**(Jeremiah 44:10)** "But they have not become contrite even to this day, nor have they feared nor walked in My law or My statutes, which I have set before you and before your fathers."

**(Matthew 3:3-8)** <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the gentle (meek), for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (3 + 3 + 3) (Only 6 listed here.)

**Note 2:** Life is a War for Insight, Wisdom, Vision, & Perception. Contriteness of Spirit Begins to Restore Sight.

### **IX. Next Week: Element 6E: More Vocabulary for Responding to the Gospel - Repent & Renounce**

(Some Upcoming Biblical Words: Restitution; Foreknowledge; Election; Chosen; Faith; Kingdom; Church; Grace; Ask; Reconciliation; Lord; Restitution; Redemption; Adoption)



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