

Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series
Element 6: Receiving Jesus Christ / Responding to the Gospel
Element 6F: Receiving Jesus Christ - More Biblical Vocabulary of Salvation
Contrite (Contrition)

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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 & Warnings 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) 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)

V. The Importance of Biblical Vocabulary: Jargon - Element 6 (1 Corinthians 2:6-13)

Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; ... ¹³ 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 - 6E: Receiving Jesus Christ: Intro to Biblical Vocabulary of Salvation: Key Words

Note: Must Be Combined w/ Experience vs. Mere Theoretical Knowledge: (James 2:19-20) (Heb. 11:1-33-40)

Words So Far: Salvation, Save & Saved; Draw; Rescue &/or Deliver; Receive, Right (ἐξουσία / Authority & Power)

Regeneration Words: New Birth; Born Again; Made Alive; New Creation. **Conversion Words:** Convict & Confess

Words to Come: (More Elements of Conversion): Repent, Renounce, Trust, Follow, Obedience, Discipleship, Etc.

VII. Last Two Weeks: Element 6C Receiving Jesus - Convict (Conviction) & Confess (Confession)

A. 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) **(Psalm 141:5)** Let the righteous smite me in kindness and reprove me; It is oil upon the head; Do not let my head refuse it. (Prayer: "Kindness or Not. May I Seek, Receive, Embrace & Cherish Reproof" vs. "Don't Judge")

B. Confess / Confession: (Gen. 3:7-13) Opposite "the Great Cover Up;" Blame-shifting, Excuse Making
2 Uses of Confess: Negation (Confession of Sin, Misdeeds, Motives, Attitudes) & **Affirmation** (Testifying Truth)

1.) Deliverance from the Fear of Man: (Proverbs 29:5) "The fear of man brings a **snare**." (Gal. 1:10) (James 5:16) "confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that" (Mark 1:5) (Matt. 3:5-6) (Matthew 10:32) "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. (NASB / NKJV) (ESV & NET = acknowledge / will acknowledge.) **(Law of Reciprocity)**

2.) Affirmative Confession (Acknowledgement) Must Be Affirmed by Corporate Lifestyle. **(Rev. 3:1)** (Matthew 7:21-23) ²¹ "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*. ²² Many will say to Me on that day ... ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.' **(Titus 1:16 "deeds deny")**

VIII. Today: Element 6E Receiving Jesus - Contrite (Contrition)

A. **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. (NASB, ESV & NKJV) (Is. 58:10; Lam. 2:5 have same Greek in LXX.)

(Psalm 34:18) The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a **contrite** spirit. (NKJV) ("**Contrite**" in NKJV = "**Crushed**" in NASB & ESV) (Read entire Psalm 34 for how to walk w/ God.)

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." (NASB, ESV, NKJV, KJV, WYC & OJB all use "contrite." YLT, RSV = "humble")

(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**." (NASB)

(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.'" (NASB)

("become contrite" NASB = "humbled themselves" ESV; "been humbled" NKJV; "have shown no contrition!" NET)

(Matthew 3:3-8) "Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 "Blessed are the gentle (meek), for they shall inherit the earth. 6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8 "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.**

B. Prayer for Meditation: "The Act of Contrition"

1.) Pre-written Prayers. Rejecting pre-written prayers comes from wrong understanding of Matthew 6:7.

(Matthew 6:7-8) ⁷ "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him. (Vain repetitions NKJV; empty phrases ESV)

(Greek: βαττολογέω (battologéō) - βαττο = to stammer & λόγος (lógos) + to say.
βαττολογέω: to repeat the same things over and over, to use many idle words, to babble, prate; stammer.

Two applications: (a) Long-winded (On-&On-&On) (But Understand) / (b) Formulaic Repetition.

Wrong Application: Pre-written Prayers. We have pre-written songs, Scripture readings, Creeds, Etc.

Pre-written Prayers acknowledge 3 biblical facts. (c) Holy Spirit can inspire ahead of time. ("Spirit of Prophets") (d) Holy Spirit has inspired throughout history. (Matthew 6:18 "I will build my church.") (e) Meditation

2.) The Act of Contrition (Traditional Format) / (2 Tim. 2:22) (Prov. 7:6-8) (Prov. 9) (**Cliff Principle**)

"O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of Thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who art all-good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."

IX. Next Week: Element 6G: More Vocabulary for Responding to the Gospel - Repentance vs. Remorse

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



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