

Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series

Element 6: Receiving Jesus Christ / Responding to the Gospel / Key Components & Exchanges

Element 6S: Entering into Eight (8) Exchanges / Encountering Christ on His Terms & As He Defines

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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: Jesus: Only Solution or Mediator / Christology (1 Tim. 2:3-6) (Matt. 16:13-18)

IV. Messages 50 - 68+: Essential Element 6: Receiving Jesus Christ / Responding to the Gospel / Exchanges (John 1:11-13) ¹² But to all who did λαμβάνω Him, who believed in His name, He gave the 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.

V. Elements 6A – 6R: 18 Lessons: Receiving Jesus Christ: Intro to Biblical Soteriology: (1 Cor. 2:6-13)

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 / **Conversion Words (2 Components of Conversion)**:

Convict; Confess; Contrite; Repent; **Repentance**; Remorse; Renunciation; Restitution; Reconciliation to Right Relationships; Faith (Trust, Follow, Rely On); Grace Upon Grace – Our Life-Long Journey; Justification;

Words to Come: Adoption, Redemption (Ransom), Obedience, Discipleship, Sanctification & Maturation, Etc.

VI. 2 Weeks Ago: Elements 6R: Justification by Grace / Faith - Foundational to Grace Based Life (Eph. 2:8)

A. Major Emphasis Restored by the Reformation (However, Reduced in Scope to Individualism)

Note: Luther's Experience & Commentaries; All 5 Solas: Especially clear in: *Fide; Gratia, Deo Gloria & Christo*

B. Justification by Grace through Faith - Foundational to Grace Based Thinking & Living. (Eph. 2:8-10) (Genesis 15:4-8ff/ **Consider Bigger Purposes**): Quoted in NT (Romans 4:2-5) (Galatians 3:6-9) (James 2:21-24)

justification: to really understand, we must consider the entire context of both the NT & Paul in particular.

Re-examine in light of the entire bible – reconsider the “lenses”(paradigms or framework) brought by Reformers.

C. Introduction to the Larger “Plenary Inspiration” Issues in Biblical Justification (See Acts 17:11-12)

1. Reductionist Radical Individualism vs. God's Corporate & Cosmic Reconstruction Purposes

Biblically Complete Conversions Include Calling into Corporate & Cosmic Missional Plans (See Romans 8:28-39)

2. Continuationism vs. Dispensational Discontinuation, Anti-supernatural, Antinomian, Etc.): (“Spirit”)
3. Major Biblical Themes: K. of G., Dominion Mandate / Great Commission; Covenant Continuity; Etc.

VII. Today: Element 6S: **Entering into Eight (8) Exchanges Made in Christ**

A. **Exchange**: Verb: To substitute one thing for another. Noun: Act of substituting one thing for another

1. to give up something for something of equivalent or greater value.
2. to replace with an equivalent or something greater.
3. to give and receive reciprocally; interchange; to exchange gifts.
4. to part with in return for some equivalent or more valuable; transfer for a recompense; barter.
5. something that is given or received in substitution for something else: a fair exchange.

B. Core Scriptures: (Locus Classicus)

(1 Peter 3:18) For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; (1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23)

(2 Corinthians 5:13-21) ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. ¹⁶ ... ¹⁷ Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. ... ²¹ He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NASB)

C. Eight Exchanges Made in Christ

1. Sin: (2 Corinthians 5: 21) (Isaiah 53: 6, 10) "The Revolt against Maturity"
2. Sins: (1 Peter 2:24-25) (Isaiah 53:5) Individual Acts of lawlessness, rebellion, lust, etc.
3. Alienation from God: (Psalm 22:1) (Amos 3:3) (Isaiah 53:4)
4. Alienation from Mankind (Our Fellow Men): (Cf. Adam & Eve After Fall) (Psalm 22:6-8) (Isaiah 53:4)
5. Alienation from Ourselves (Cf. Christ: Always Please Father; Nothing In Me; Etc.) (Romans 2:15; 7:15)
6. Sickness – Sicknesses: (1 Peter 2:24) (Isaiah 53:4-5)
7. Poverty: (2 Corinthians 8:9)
8. Death: (Genesis 3:3ff / Spiritual Proceeding to Physical) (1 Corinthians 15 / Read Entire Chapter)

D. Entering Into the Eight (8) Exchanges by Encountering Christ: On His Terms & As He Defines

1. Finding and Receiving the Living Word in the Written Word:

(John 5:39) "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me ..." **(John 1: 1, 14)** (See Also 1 John 1:1-2.) (Revelation 19:13) **(Luke 24:27, 44)**

(John 8:31-32) So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "" If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (Joshua 1:8-9) (Continue = KJV & RSV) (Hold = NIV) (Abide = NKJV) (Remain = YLT) / Good Translations w/ Multiple Words

(Acts 2:42) They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Apostles taught the OT. Their teaching became NT) (Ezra 7:10) (Joshua 1:8-9)

(Matthew 13:3-23) (Mark 4: 3-20) (3 of 4 did not value the Word. They did not evaluate His Word properly.)

(Colossians 3:16) Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (I Tim. 4:6)

2. Drinking from the Fountain: Baptized in, Filled w/, Yielded To & Experiencing the Powerful Holy Spirit.

(John 7:39) But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. [Pentecost – Share in Anointing Oil of King Jesus]

(Matthew 12:28) But if I throw out (cast out / expel) demons by the power of God's Spirit, then God's kingdom has already overtaken (come upon) you. (NET, CEB, NASB, ESV, NKJV) Cf. other translations)

(Romans 14:17) ... for the kingdom of God is ... in the Holy Spirit. **(1 Corinthians 12:1) (Romans 15:19)**

(Acts 1: 8) ... but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." **(Zechariah 4:6)**

3. Eating the Body of Christ: Partaking of a Holistic Local Fellowship: All Biblical Elements (Paul, Etc.)

- a. The Lords Day: Creeds, Communion, Scripture Reading & Teaching; Catechism; Worship; Meal
- b. Community & Discipleship (Inextricably Intertwined) / Body Ministry / Worship Teams, Etc.
- c. Mission, Outreaches, Ministries , Prayer, Mutual Service, Volunteers,

VIII. Upcoming: Element 6T+: More Element 6: Receiving Jesus, Responding, Soteriology: Adoption, Redemption



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