

## Element 6 Reviewed / Receiving or Responding to Jesus Christ: Components of Soteriology

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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. 6 Messages Ago - Element 0 Reviewed: Gospel for Life; Pre-Evangelism; GCF Methodologies & Tools Lifestyle-Evangelism & Proclamation Evangelism Both Necessary: (Acts 13:48-49) (Romans 10:9-17)

### III. 5 Messages Ago: Everyone Has a World View: Inevitable from Imago Dei – 3 Components / Foundational

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- A. **Non-Communicable Attributes & Communicable Attributes** (How \_\_\_\_\_ is the "God" in our ... \_\_\_\_\_?)
  - B. **Reductionist Views** from Fallen Nature & Contemporary Culture (Gospel Always Warns of Judgment)

### V. 4 Messages Ago: Element 2 Reviewed / Essential Attributes of Man Reviewed / Biblical Psychology 101

- A. **Expressed in Terms of World Views: 3 Questions** (Biblical Answers Contrasted w/ Fallen Man's Answers)
- B. **3 Biblically Essential Attributes of Mankind**: (1) **Created in God's Image w/** (2) **Purpose &** (3) **Fallen**

### VI. 3 Messages Ago: Element 3 Reviewed: 10 Commandments / Multiple Purposes for God's Law

- A. **10 Commandments Expressed & Defined in Various Places & Formats Throughout Scriptures**
- B. **Gospel Purpose(s) of Law**: (Paul) **Tudor to Lead Us to Christ**: (Galatians 2:21; 3:24) (Rom. 7:1-13-24)
- C. **Jesus: Came Not to Abolish but to Fulfill & Empower**: (Matthew 5:17-20) (**Anticipates Antinomianism**)
- D. **3 Ongoing Purposes of the Law**: (1) **Tudor to Christ** (2) Soteriological Wisdom, Sanctification & Maturation; (3) God's Law for Societies & Nations
- E. **Antinomianism vs. Theonomy**: (Jude 1:4) (Matt. 15:1-20) (2 Tim. 3:1-5) (Legalism vs. Licentiousness)

### VII. 2 Messages Ago: Why Both History of Israel & Warnings of Day of Judgment Are Always Included in Acts

- A. **Summary of Elements 1 to 4**: (1) **Enlarging Gap**; (2) **Need of Rescue & Regeneration** (Gal 1:3-5) (Col. 2:13);
- B. **Crucial Importance of the Historical Narrative of Israel: Many Pointers to Christ & His Church**

Last Adam; God's Law; Israel – God's Son / Church as New Israel of God / Garden vs. Wilderness; Tabernacle, Temple, Christ, Church / Types & the Great Antitype: People & Objects Types

- C. **Apostolic Inductive Hermeneutic aka Christological Hermeneutic**

### VIII. 1 Message Ago: Element 5 Reviewed / Jesus Christ: Only Mediator, Bridge, Solution / Intro to Christology (Matthew 16:13-16) <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" (1 Timothy 2:3-6)

Review of Christology: (30+ Messages) / Beyond most University or Seminary Classes / Always GCF Emphasis

What Version of Jesus are we Receiving? How Big is the Gap? How Desperate the Need? What is Goal?

### IX. Today: Element 6 Reviewed: Receiving Jesus Christ (Response): Soteriology (Components & Exchanges)

(John 1:12-13) But to all who did **receive** (λαμβάνω) Him, who believed in His name, He gave the **right** (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.

A. **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**: Jesus is Ἰησοῦς (Iēsoûs) in Greek. YHWH is Salvation. (Cf. "Prego" Principle)

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

**(Titus 2:11-14)** <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, <sup>12</sup> instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, <sup>14</sup> 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:** "salvation" is adjective σωτήριον (sōtēriōn) in Greek. He who embodies defense, rescue, deliverance, etc.

**(Romans 1:16-17)** <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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:** "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.

### **B. Receiving Jesus Must Include 2 Inextricably Intertwined Processes. (Regeneration & Conversion)**

**Note:** The Dual Lies (Myths) of Later & Neutrality: A Doctrine of Our Sin Nature. (Not to Choose For Him - Is to Choose Against Him; Not to Receive Him is to Reject Him; Not to Follow Him is to Continue to Follow Yourself.)

**(Matt. 12:30)** He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters. **(2 Cor. 6: 1-2)**

1. **Regeneration:** New Birth; Born Again; Made Alive; Quickened; New Creation (Cf. Colossians 2:13-14) **(John 5:21, 24-25)** <sup>21</sup> For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes. ... <sup>24</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. <sup>25</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

**(Ephesians 2:1-10ff)** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you formerly walked ... <sup>3</sup> ... and were by nature children of wrath .... <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> ... with Him ... in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> ... riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith; ... not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; <sup>9</sup> not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works

2. **Conversion (To Turn is Primary Concept & Experience) / Conversion also has 2 Processes (a. & b.)** **(Amos 3:3)** Do two people travel together without having / making an agreement?

a. **Repentance** (Must Include Both Conceptually & Experientially): Conviction of Sin(s); Confession; Contrition; Repentance; Remorse; Renunciation; Restitution; Reconciliation to Right Relationships;

b. **Faith** (Trust, Follow, Rely On Must Be Both Conceptual & Experiential); Grace as Life-Long Journey; Justification; 8 Exchanges, Adoption; Elected, Chosen, Foreknown & Predestined (Romans 8:28-38 & 10:1-4); Sin vs. Sins (Original & Depravity); Obedience, Discipleship, Sanctification & Maturation, Etc.

### **C. Many "so-called" Christians have never "received" Him.** (Must know for certain? 2 Cor. 13:5; 2 Pet. 1:10)

Q: Do we possess (have in our spirit or inner man) Power, Authority, New Birth, the Witness & the Empowering of the Holy Spirit? Q: Have we Received New Motivations, Attitudes, Priorities, Knowledge, Calling, Purpose?

Q: Do we understand & have we experienced Grace that Accepts us & Empowers us to radically change.

(Matthew 7:20) "So then, you will know them by their fruit." (See Matt. 7:13-23ff & 12:33-34 / Context)

Q: Do we want Salvation from Hell or from our selfish; petty; addicted; purposeless; sinful selves?

Q: When we gaze upon Christ in Scripture, do we loathe who we are apart from Him? (Rom. 8:18-19:12:1ff)

Q: Do we deeply, passionately yearn to be conformed to Him & share in His life & holiness? (1 John 3:1-10)

Q: Have we Radically (x 2) moved from a Performance Based Approach to a Grace Based Approach? (Wesley)

### **X. Upcoming Weeks: Elements 7 & 8 Previewed / Exploring Missing Elements Toward a Biblical Gospel**



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