

**THE GOSPEL**  
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**ROMANS 1:16-17**

1. The gospel includes more than Jesus dying for us so we can go to Heaven; than saying “I’m saved, water baptized, in church, ready for the trumpet to blow.
  - A. Salvation means: Save, deliver, heal, rescue, preserve and made whole.
  - B. Jesus came to transform lives, put His life and love in us, so we can love others and let our lights shine. **ROMANS 8:29**
  - C. He came so HE could live in us and restore our created value and purpose. To teach us His ways, and transform our lives, so we can live for what He created us to be.
  - D. The gospel is about dying to self, to the old man with his deeds, and being empowered to be what we can’t be in our own strength.
  
2. Four big words:
  - A. Redemption – Jesus paid the price for sin.
  - B. Repentance – Remorse for sin and having a change of heart.
  - C. Reconciliation – Obtaining peace and harmony with God.
  - D. Reproduction – God reproducing His life in us.
  
3. The goal. **1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4**
  - A. We’ve all been taught wrong from day one. **PROVERBS 16:25** – We’ve been rooted and grounded in the ways of the world. What seems right has been our teacher, but this leads to death.
  - B. The gospel has power to transform attitudes, mind-sets, perspectives, motives and our way of living.
  - C. Salvation is for all men, even evil kings.
  - D. **PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13** – God changes us within so we can influence others.
  
4. The truth. **JOHN 8:31-32**
  - A. One of the signs of the last days is found in **2 TIMOTHY 3:7**. People would learn intellectually without experiencing the reality of the truth.
  - B. **JOHN 17:3** – Eternal life is about knowing the Father and Jesus. The Spirit guides us into all truth.
  
5. The deceiver and his lies. **2 CORINTHIANS 11:3**
  - A. To deceive is to present as truth what is a lie. If we accept as truth what is a lie, we won’t grow spiritually. **EPHESIANS 4:15**
  - B. “If you be the Son of God,” was an attempt to exalt power above truth.
  - C. “If God really loved you,” is an attempt to exalt circumstances above truth. **JOHN 15:13**
  
6. Faith works by love. **GALATIANS 5:6**
  - A. The three Hebrew boys: God’s Word spoke louder than the trial. They weren’t phased by the fire. The point was not the fire, but who they would worship or bow to. The king increased the fire or problem to get them to change. The increase of the problem doesn’t change the truth, the finished work of Christ, God’s promises or our stand. Seven times hotter isn’t Lord, Jesus is! It wasn’t about the fire, it was about knowing God, His love and that He’s greater than fire.  
**ISAIAH 43:1-3a**
    - The guards were consumed, but they were protected, untouched, unphased and unscathed because they knew the 90-foot image wasn’t God! This faith comes from intimacy with God, and learning the truth. When we know God’s love and speak our faith, God shows up.