

The 6 Essential Elements of the Gospel

- 1) The Gospel is the good news of God's _____ for _____.
(Romans 5:12; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:9-18)
- 2) There is nothing that sinful men can do to merit _____ or to earn their _____.
(Isaiah 64:6; Titus 3:4-7; John 6:28-29; Romans 3:19-20)
- 3) A day of _____ is coming when all men must stand before God, who will judge them according to His righteous _____.
(Hebrews 9:22; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:12-15; Acts 17:30-31; John 3:16)
- 4) Although our sin has _____ us from God, God in His great love has accomplished _____ for us in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
(Romans 5:8-11; Luke 5:32; Ephesians 2:1-16; Colossians 1:18-23; Isaiah 53:4-9; John 1:29)
- 5) This salvation, which God has accomplished in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, is available in _____.
(John 1:2; 14:6; 3:14-18; Acts 4:12; I John 5:11-12)
- 6) We enter into the blessings of our Lord's death, burial, and resurrection as we personally _____ and _____ in His finished work for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. (Romans 10:4-11)

- The main idea of II Corinthians 5:17-21 centers on the doctrine of _____.

I. The _____ Of Reconciliation

- The basic meaning of the word "**reconcile**" is "to _____ or _____." It is a word that refers to a positive change in one's relationship with someone else.
- **Biblically speaking, reconciliation refers to the change in relationship between _____ and the lost world of _____!**
- Why is it that the word "**reconcile**" or "**reconciliation**" describes the central fact of the Gospel message?

II. The _____ Of Reconciliation

*“Because man is sinful, he is estranged from a holy God;
and because God is holy, He is estranged from sinful man.”*

- _____ *estrangement from* _____ is well documented in Scripture – ***Colossians 1:21; Romans 5:7, 5:10.***
- Men are born _____ against their _____!
- _____ *estrangement from* _____ is well documented in Scripture – ***Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:3***
- Those who are under the _____ are also under the _____!

III. The _____ Of Reconciliation (5:17-19)

“This work of making sinners a new creation and of giving them an eternal destiny in heaven are the works of God, not something we have to earn or achieve!”

- God has _____ this ministry of reconciliation, even though He is the innocent party! _____ reconciled _____ to Himself; _____ didn’t reconcile _____ to Him.
- Having _____ us to Himself, God now _____ us to take up the ministry of reconciliation!

God uses the _____ to reconcile men and women to Himself!

- Through all the terrors of the cross, God the Father was working in and with God the Son, reconciling the world to Himself.
- *What was the awesome spiritual transaction that took place on the cross?*
- ***Luke 22:39-46; Psalm 75:8; Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15***
- On the cross, Jesus became an enemy of God who was judged and forced to drink the cup of the Father’s fury so that we would not have to!
- ***Isaiah 53:10***

Conclusion:

Our joyful _____ is the ministry of _____!