

LESSON 5: GOSPEL THREADS — RESPONSE

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POP QUIZ

1. God is _____.
2. God _____.
3. God is _____.
4. Man is _____.
5. God Is _____.
6. God Is _____. He Is ____ to Undeserving _____.
7. Jesus Is God's ____ and _____ Son.
8. God Put the _____ of _____ on _____, so that His _____ might be put on them.

THE GOSPEL THREADS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Content: What the Bible Says About our Response to the Gospel

9. God Offers the Free Gift of Salvation to Those Who _____ and _____ in Jesus (Romans 6:23; John 3:16-17; Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8-9).

*The gospel is good news that demands a response. We have only two options:

- **1: _____ in our sin and rebellion.** Those who respond this way will face God's judgment and wrath. (John 3:36; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6)
- **2: _____ to Christ as King by repentance and faith** (Mark 1:15, Romans 10:9-10). Those who respond this way will receive forgiveness and eternal life.
 - Picture: The parable of the treasure in the field (Matthew 13:44).
 - The Treasure = _____ !
 - Only those that respond in saving faith gain entrance into the Kingdom.
- **What is Saving Faith?**
 - Repent: To turn _____ of our sin and rebellion against God (and turn _____ God - Acts 20:20-21)

- We abandon everything with joy in order to have the field because the treasure is worth much more.
- Faith / trust: place our faith and hope in who Jesus is and what He has done. Faith is believing that the treasure, not this world that we leave behind, will satisfy forever.
- Faith (^{p i s t i s}πίστις) and Trust (^{p i s t e ú o}πιστεύω) are simply different forms of the same greek word!
- Repentance and faith are not good works in themselves. They are acts of trust, in response to the good news of God's victory on our behalf. The Scriptures teach that salvation is not earned by good works but received by grace through faith in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- This is the Gospel that gives new life and salvation. But, it isn't just the way to God; it is the way of God.

10. Those Who Trust in Jesus Will Live to _____ Him and Will Receive the _____ of Eternal Life—_____ God Forever in Heaven.

- Each and every day we live by the power of the Gospel.
- In Christ, we have _____ to the power of sin, but been made _____ to a new, God-centered life (John 11:25; Romans 6:5-11; Galatians 2:20)
- The Holy Spirit _____ in us, daily conforming us to Christ's image and empowering us to obey God's commands by faith (Philippians 2:12-13; 1 John 2:15; Luke 9:23)
- We _____ all circumstances because Christ is _____ for us (Philippians 4:10-14 Philippians 1:20-21).
- Death is gain for the Christian because death has no _____ in Christ, and because He's more _____ to our souls than everything we lose in death. (1 Corinthians 15:54-58)
- Therefore, having been reconciled to God and adopted by Him, we get to be His people, in His place, under His kind rule forever (John 17:3; Psalm 16:11).

- Application: How To Weave This Gospel Thread Into Your Life.

- Talking about Saving Faith

- Turning...
 - *Point to the _____ of Christ when people around you see their sin.*
 - *Point to the _____ of Christ when people around you come to the end of themselves.*
- Trusting...
 - *Encourage people around you to see the _____ of Christ.*
 - *Plead with people around you to receive the _____ of Christ, as demonstrated in the gospel (Romans 5:8).*

- Talking about Eternal Life

- *Remember: Talk less about _____ things, more about _____ things.*
- Talking about responding to the Gospel...
 - *Be _____: Trust the power of the Gospel.*
 - *Be _____-centered: Point people to meeting Jesus.*
 - *Not about just agreeing with the truths that you're giving them.*
 - *Not about embracing these statements, but embracing a person.*
 - *Be _____: Trust the work of the Spirit.*
 - *Be _____: The goal is NOT decisions, but disciples.*
- Talking about hell...
 - *Talk about God's judgment with humble _____.*
 - *Talk about God's wrath with honesty, but with _____.*
- Talking about heaven...
 - *Take every chance to talk about the _____ of being with God.*
 - *Take every chance to talk about the _____ that dying is gain.*