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Part 4) Packaging the Gospel for Delivery

As discussed, there are five principles which must be covered when giving a presentation. They are:

- 1) Formation (Recognition of a Creator)
- 2) Deformation (Recognition of Sin)
- 3) Information (Recognition of Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus)
- 4) Conformation (Recognition of Repentance, Confession, Baptism as Essential)
- 5) Transformation (Recognition of New Life in Christ)

Without all five of these values being touched on the presentation would be at risk of being a different gospel from that which was preached in the days of the apostles (Galatians 2:8-9). With that in mind, I would like to give you a simple gospel presentation to share with your friends and relatives who have yet to gain covenant with Jesus. This particular presentation carries with it three assumptions.

- a) The recipient already believes the Bible to be the word of God.
- b) The recipient is relatively unchurched or uncorrupted with religious false teaching.
- c) The recipient is searching for truth.

Basic Gospel Presentation

1) Formation:

- a. The Account of Creation from Genesis 1
 - i. Day One: Watery Formless Planet, Light, Darkness
 - ii. Day Two: Formation of Earth's Atmosphere (Atmospheric Waters separating from the waters below.
 - iii. Day Three: Dry land emerges, Subterranean Waters, Plant Life
 - iv. Day Four: Sun, Moon, Stars
 - v. Day Five: Aquatic Creatures, Birds of the Air
 - vi. Day Six: Land Creatures, Mankind

Genesis 1:31, "God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day."

- b. The Advent of Mankind from Genesis 2
 - i. Adam was first formed, then Eve (2:7)
 - ii. Eve was the helpmeet for Adam (2:18).
 - iii. They were naked and unafraid (2:25).
 - iv. They had a horizontal relationship with God.

2) Deformation:

- a. The Fall of Sinful Man from Genesis 3
 - i. The devil tempted the woman to sin against God (3:1-3).
 - ii. He used deception and part-truths to deceive (3:4-5).
 - iii. Both Adam and Eve were in violation against God (Genesis 3:6).

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- iv. Both were worthy of death because of their imperfections in contrast against God.
 - 1. They attempted to cover their nakedness (3:7).
 - 2. They attempted to hide from God (3:8).
 - 3. They attempted to shift the blame (3:1-13).
 - v. God outlined the Punishment for Violation
 - 1. The Serpent: Cursed and Threatened (3:14-15)
 - 2. The Woman: Pain in Childbirth and Submission to Husband (3:16)
 - 3. The Man: Hard Labor in the Production of Food (3:17-18)
 - vi. God shed the blood of an animal to provide the skins to cover their nakedness (3:21).
 - vii. He banished mankind from the Tree of Life (3:22-23)
- b. The Spreading Nature of Sin from Genesis 4-6
- i. Cain kills Abel (4:5-8)
 - ii. Lamech kills others (4:23)
 - iii. The entire world in prevailing wickedness (6:5, 11)
 - iv. God would cleanse the earth of evil through a flood (6:13)
- c. Sin is still a condition which all mankind deals with today.
- i. Romans 3:10-18, “THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE; THERE IS NONE WHO UNDERSTANDS, THERE IS NONE WHO SEEKS FOR GOD; ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE, TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME USELESS; THERE IS NONE WHO DOES GOOD, THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE. THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE, WITH THEIR TONGUES THEY KEEP DECEIVING, THE POISON OF ASPES IS UNDER THEIR LIPS; WHOSE MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSING AND BITTERNESS; THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD, DESTRUCTION AND MISERY ARE IN THEIR PATHS, AND THE PATH OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN. THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.”
 - ii. Romans 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”
- 3) Information:
- a. The curse of sin to man and the Christ to the devil continued forward. *Genesis 3:15*, “*And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.*”
 - b. The Messiah is introduced to the world. *John 1:29*, “*The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”*”
 - c. He died on the cross for the sins of the world. *1 John 2:2*, “*and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.*”
 - d. It is the supreme sacrifice of love for us. *Romans 5:8*, “*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*”

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- e. His resurrection from the dead confirmed His Messiahship. *Romans 1:4, "who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead..."*
 - f. The message of His death, burial and resurrection is the message of salvation. *1 Corinthians 15:3-4, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures"*
 - g. He nullified the damage inflicted to us at the Garden of Eden. *Hebrews 2:14-15, "Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives."*
 - h. Having Him as Savior frees us from the curse of the devil. *Romans 16:20, "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet..."*
- 4) Conformation:
- a. There is a conformation of confession of His Messiahship.
 - i. *Romans 10:9, "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"*
 - ii. *Matthew 10:32, "Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven."*
 - b. There is a conformation of genuine repentance toward God.
 - i. *Acts 2:38-39, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."*
 - ii. *Acts 3:19, "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord..."*
 - c. There is a conformation of baptism to enter the covenant with Jesus.
 - i. *Romans 6:3-4, "Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life."*
 - ii. *Acts 22:16, "Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name."*
 - iii. *Galatians 3:27, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."*

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5) Transformation:

- a. It is an inward transformation.
 - i. *Romans 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*
 - ii. *2 Corinthians 3:18, "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."*
- b. It is an outward transformation.
 - i. *2 Corinthians 4:16, "Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day."*
 - ii. *Luke 9:23, And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."*
 - iii. *Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."*

There you have it! That is just one of hundreds of gospel presentations we can offer the people we love and want to have in heaven. This particular presentation is a simple, but effective basic model. The key thing to remember is to be able to custom modify it to fit the various people in your life. We want to best wrap the gospel presentation in packaging which will most likely appeal to the listener. To illustrate, which packaging would most appeal to you when receiving a gift?



Obviously the first package appears to be the most appealing. When we take the time to learn a basic gospel presentation, the rest is simply packaging it in a way that is the most appealing to the individual. In some of the remaining lessons, we practice actual examples of this in order to best prepare the congregation for evangelizing.