







INTRODUCTION

Josh McDowell has recently published the results of his study of young people actively involved in evangelical churches. He discovered that within the previous three months,

- 66 percent had lied to their parents
- 36 percent had cheated on their exams
- 55 percent had engaged in sexual activity
- 20 percent had tried to hurt someone physically

Most of these teenagers profess to believe the gospel for salvation. Yet, most are not obeying God's law. Something is gravely wrong! Ernest Reisinger, Law and the Gospel

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

Millard Erickson: The message of salvation offered by God to all who believe.

Euangelion = good message, news that makes one happy, information that causes one's joy, words that bring a smile, a message that causes the heart to be sweet, glad tidings, proclamation of the grace of God manifest and pledged in Christ.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

Definition: The good news that the Creator God acted in Christ, through His death and resurrection, to restore all men who would put their trust in Him, yes even to restore the cosmos.

THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-2 Now in those days John the Baptist *came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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Mark 1:14-15 (NASB)
 14 And after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE GOSPEL

	God	Man	Christ	Response	Others
Acts 2:14-41					
Acts 17:22-31					

WHAT ARE THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE GOSPEL?

- Plan
- Creator God – Lord of Creation
- Sinful Man
- Christ, the King – death and resurrection – reestablishes reign
- Need for repentance and faith
- Resulting in forgiveness of sin and indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- Living as witnesses, image bearers, ambassadors of the kingdom

EVALUATION

- Which Biblical presentation best fits our day?
- What are the positive and negative points of modern evangelical presentations? (See samples)
- What are the positive and negative points of our CBC presentation?
- What will you take away from this session that will be useful in your work with our children?
