

# Presenting the Gospel to the World

## I. Historical Presentation of Gospel

### A. Age of Faith (Middle Ages - 500-1500 AD)

1. What was told to me is true
2. Received "truth" from authority figure - took their word for it
3. Common man didn't have the ability to see for himself
  - a) Lack of education
  - b) Lack of material - didn't have access to Bibles

### B. Age of Enlightenment/Age of Reason (1500 AD - )

1. What I think is true
2. Education became important
3. I can discover truth for myself
  - a) printing press - Gutenberg - 1440 AD
  - b) 3,600 pages per day compared to 40 by hand printing
4. Didn't need to accept - can see things for myself

### C. Modern Era

1. What I think is true - I make my own truth
2. I don't need to believe that what God said is true

### D. Post Modernism/Age of Emotion

1. What I feel is true
2. There is no absolute truth
3. Because I feel it, it makes it true

## II. Viewing the World Through Biblical Glasses

### A. The Bible is truth

1. Doesn't matter what you think or feel
2. There are absolutes laid out in God's Word

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### B. Sharing the Gospel in This Age

1. II Timothy 4:1-4
  - a) Preach the gospel
  - b) Be ready in season and out (when it is popular/desired and when it isn't)
  - c) Reprove, rebuke, exhort with great patience and instruction
  - d) Times are coming
    - (1) Won't endure sound doctrine
    - (2) Want to have ears tickled (lull them into apathy, justify their sin, feed self and its desires)
    - (3) Accumulate teachers in accordance with their own desires
    - (4) Turn away from truth
    - (5) Turn aside to myths
2. Titus 2:6-8
  - a) Be sensible
  - b) Be examples of good deeds
  - c) Purity of doctrine
  - d) Dignified
  - e) Sound in speech which is beyond reproach
3. I Peter 2:2
  - a) Long for the pure milk of the word
  - b) Grow in respect to salvation
4. I Timothy 6:3
  - a) Doctrine needs to be of sound words - those of Jesus Christ
  - b) Conforming to godliness
5. II Peter 2:1; 3:1-4
  - a) Watch for false prophets/teachers
    - (1) Secretly introduce destructive heresies
    - (2) Deny the Master
  - b) Jude 4

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### C. Share the Whole Gospel

1. Christ died and was buried
2. Christ rose - resurrection
  - a) Can't just tell them that Jesus died for their sins (asking them to believe in a dead God)
  - b) Rose again to break the power of death, the power of sin for those who believe
3. Man is destined for hell
  - a) 2nd death - eternal separation from God
  - b) Place of fire, damnation, agony
    - (1) Luke 16:23-24 - tormented in this flame (Matthew 25:41 - everlasting flame)
    - (2) Matthew 13:42 - wailing and gnashing of teeth
    - (3) Revelation 20:15 - Lake of Fire
    - (4) Revelation 14:10 - tormented with fire
4. There is a Judge who judges men according to His truth
  - a) Romans 1:17-23
    - (1) Wrath will come against unrighteousness
    - (2) God will determine what is right and what isn't - it doesn't matter what you think or feel
  - b) Romans 5:12 - all have sinned
    - (1) Sin entered the world through one man
    - (2) Sin is equally passed to all men
    - (3) Everyone needs salvation from the wrath that comes upon sin
5. There needed to be a particular payment for sin/unrighteousness
  - a) Perfect sacrifice
  - b) Shed blood pays the price for sin (Hebrews 9:22)
  - c) Animal sacrifices can't make a person perfect (Hebrews 10:1-4)
  - d) Lamb of God (John 1:29) - was perfect - could take away the sins of the world
    - (1) Jesus came to do God's will become that sacrifice (Hebrews 10:5-9)

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(2) By this will - we have been sanctified - washed clean - set apart for God (Hebrews 10:10-22)

### D. Remember the Postmodern World's Mindset

1. It will be offensive when we say the Bible has truth - the ONLY truth

2. There is only ONE way to God (John 14:6)

a) There was a death and resurrection of the Savior

(1) I Peter 1:3

(2) Ephesians 2:5

(3) Colossians 2:13

(4) John 3:14-21

(a) Son of Man was lifted up so whoever believes will have eternal life in Him

(b) Those who believe will have eternal life

(c) Those who believe in Him will not be judged

(d) Those who don't believe have already been judged

i) Those who do evil hate the light

ii) Fear their deeds will be exposed

(e) Those who practice truth come to the light

(f) His deeds will be manifested as having come from God

b) Unrighteousness is death - separation from God - will be eternal (2nd death)

(1) When we died in Christ - we died to unrighteousness

(2) There is only ONE way to God - It is available to everyone who would believe (faith) - requires a faithful lifestyle to the end to back up the confession

(3) There is wrath coming to this world - once you die in the flesh if you die apart from Him, it is too late

E. We need to preach to those who are alive today before it is too late