

## Gospel Message – Revival Style

1. **Begin with Creation – Since so many people have a distorted view of the Bible, do like Paul did with the idol worshipers and begin with creation.**
  - a. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NKJV)
  - b. God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV)
2. **The perfect Garden – The world, including man, was perfect when God created it.**
  - a. The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.<sup>9</sup> And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life *was* also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:8-9 (NKJV)
  - b. The LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." Genesis 2:18 (NKJV)
  - c. The LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.<sup>22</sup> Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.<sup>23</sup> And Adam said: "This *is* now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.<sup>25</sup> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Genesis 2:21-25 (NKJV)
  - d. God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Genesis 1:31 (NKJV)
  - e. Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.<sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.<sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. Genesis 2:1-3 (NKJV)
3. **The Fall – The lost must understand that the world God created was perfect until sin was found in man.**
  - a. Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;<sup>3</sup> but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "<sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.<sup>5</sup> For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree

was good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.<sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:1-8 (NKJV)

- b. God said, "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you *are*, And to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19 (NKJV)

**4. After the Fall, Men were created in the image of Adam. Born into sin in need of a Savior.**

- a. Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot *a son* in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. Genesis 5:3 (NKJV)
- b. Just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, in this way death spread to all men, because all sinned. Romans 5:12 (HCSB)

**5. God gave the 10 commandments and the sacrificial system so that man could once again approach Him, but the Law couldn't save man. The Law was given so that men would recognize their sin. Go through some of the 10 commandments with the person you are witnessing to. They probably believe they are good enough to get to heaven on their own.**

- a. Found in Exodus 20
- b. For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.<sup>1</sup> Leviticus 17:11 (NKJV)
- c. Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.<sup>20</sup> Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. Romans 3:19-20 (NKJV)

**6. The Law gives you the knowledge of sin, but it cannot save you.**

- a. I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "*You shall not covet.*" Romans 7:7 (NKJV)

**7. God sent His son to be the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

- a. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NKJV)
- b. The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29 (NKJV)
- c. For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)
- d. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16 (NKJV)

**8. Jesus was crucified and rose again**

- a. 1 Cor. 15:1-8 (the gospel Message)
- b. And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. Hebrews 9:22 (NKJV)

**9. Repentance is required for salvation.**

- a. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Mark 1:15 (NKJV)
- b. I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Luke 13:3 (NKJV)
- c. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." Acts 17:30-31 (NKJV)

**10. After a person is saved, he/she is a new creation.**

- a. If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)
- b. Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:22-24 (NKJV)

**11. Warn them of judgment to come.**

- a. I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." Matthew 12:36-37 (NKJV)
- b. I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. Revelation 20:11-12 (NASB)
- c. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15 (NASB)
- d. The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." Revelation 21:8 (NKJV)
- e. Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (KJV)