

Template for Sharing the Gospel

Afternoon Study

May 1, 2022

I. The basis to our gospel message is-- the sum of faith, knowledge of God, our duty to God, conviction of sin and salvation supplied by our Redeemer Mediator¹

1. Sum of Saving Knowledge

- All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. - John 6:37
- He destroys you, O Israel, for you are against me, against your helper. Hosea 13:9
- For many are called, but few are chosen- Matthew 22:14

2. Reveal the holy nature and will of God.

For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. - Leviticus 11:44

3. Our duty to God

He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8

4. Conviction of sin

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. Romans 3:19-20

5. Christ the Redeemer

For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 1 Timothy 2:5

6. Mediator - Prophet, Priest, King

- a. Prophet - Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. Acts 3:22
- b. Priest - Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us - Romans 8:34

¹ Study is based in Dickson/Durham **The Sum of Saving Knowledge**, also WSC 21, 23-26

- c. King - For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 1
Corinthians 15:25.

Warrant to Believe - God's hearty invitation

Isaiah 55:1-5

Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and he who has no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,

and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Theme of Isaiah

The theme of Isaiah is judgment for sin and salvation by grace in the coming Messiah for the glory of God. Part of the synopsis of Isaiah is that notwithstanding man's rebellion and corruption in the face of the Holy One, God offers a gospel and commands repentance. It is a gospel founded in the Messiah, God's elect Servant the only Mediator between God and men. This includes Christ's gracious invitation in 55:1-13 and reflected in Matthew 11:28 - "Come unto me."

Inferences

1. Make an open offer of Christ and his grace by proclamation of a free and gracious package of righteousness and salvation to be had by Christ to every soul without exception that truly desires to be saved from sin and wrath. Come everyone who thirsts.

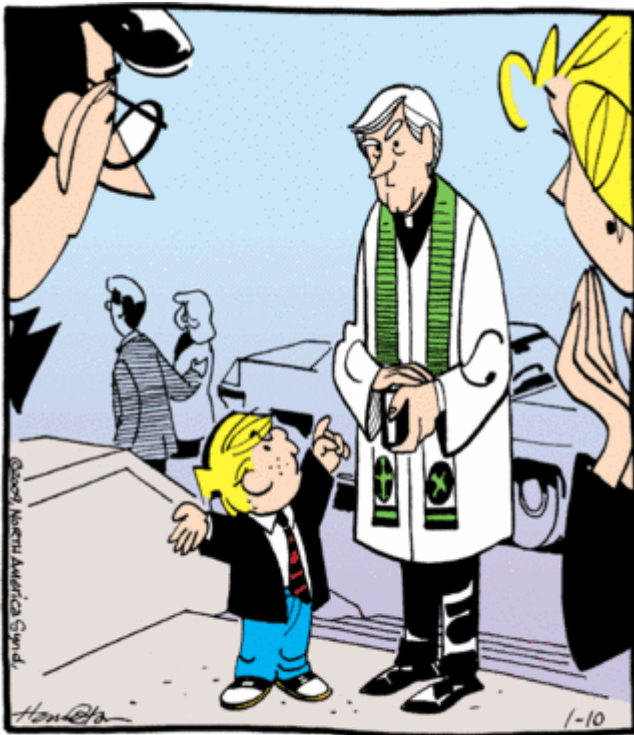
2. He invites all sinners to come and take the riches of his grace running to Christ as a river to wash away sin. Come to the waters.
3. The Lord calls upon such persons as are sinful or unworthy or unable to do any good. He that has no money, come.
4. Come and take all your saving graces and possess them and use all the blessings in Christ, use and enjoy without paying for it. Come buy without money, without price.
5. Since we wish to seek our own righteousness by our performance and satisfaction by way of works and loathe to embrace Christ, the Lord calls us off this crooked and unhappy way with a gentle admonition - Why do you spend money for that which is not bread, and labor which does not satisfy?
6. The Lord promises solid satisfaction in the way of taking the grace of Christ, even true contentment, and fullness of spiritual pleasure. Listen and eat that which is good, let our soul delight in fatness.
7. Because faith comes by hearing he calls us to hear the explanation of the offer and calls for believing and listening to the truth which is about to get the application of saving faith and to draw the soul to trust in God. Incline your ear and come to me.
 - a. This offer should quicken the dead sinner and close with the covenant of grace as we consent to it which provides perpetual reconciliation and peace. Incline your ear and come and the Lord will make with you an everlasting covenant.
 - b. We receive the sure love of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit, adoption, sanctification, and glorification and whatever belongs to godliness and life eternal.
8. For assurance God makes a fourfold gift of his eternal Son
 - a. Incarnate and born for our sake.
 - b. Christ is a witness to the people, both of the sure and saving mercies granted to the redeemed in the covenant of redemption and also of the Father's willingness and purpose to apply them, and to make them fast in the covenant of reconciliation. He has given Christ to be a witness to his people.
 - i. He is one of the Trinity and party-contractor for us in the covenant of redemption before the world was.
 - ii. He by office as Mediator, the Messenger of the covenant and has got commission to reveal it.
 - iii. This was revealed in Genesis 3:15, in Eden.
 - iv. He set forth his own death and sufferings and the great benefits that should come to us in the types and sacrifices before his coming.
 - v. He gave more and more light about this covenant speaking by his Spirit in the holy prophets.
 - vi. He came in the fullness of time and did bear witness to the covenant and of God willing to take believers into it; partly by uniting our nature in one person with the divine nature; partly by preaching the good tidings of the covenant with his own mouth; partly by paying the price of redemption on

the cross; and partly by dealing still with the people from the beginning to this day to draw in and to hold in the redeemed in this covenant.

- c. God made a gift of Christ as a leader to the people to bring us through all difficulties, all afflictions and temptations unto life by this covenant. He does this by:
 - i. Direction of his word and Spirit
 - ii. By the example of his own life, in faith and obedience even to the death of the cross.
 - iii. By this powerful working bearing his redeemed ones in his arms and causing them to lean on him, while they go through the wilderness.
- d. Christ is given as a gift as the head of the church and gives the church and people laws and ordinances, pastors and elders and deacons. He subdues the church through the word, Spirit and discipline and guards them by wisdom and power against their enemies.

Summary

Whoever does heartily receive the offer of free grace, made here to sinners, thirsting for righteousness and salvation: unto him by an everlasting covenant, belongs to Christ, the true David with all his sure and saving mercies.



"YOU MUST BE AN AWESOME SWIMMER! MY DAD SAID YOU WERE VERY LONG-WINDED!"