

The Gospel Message (long)



God (gold - royalty)

- Creator - He created all things, we did not get here on our own. He has a right to our life.
 - In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth. (**Ge 1:1,27**)
 - God created and formed us. (**Dt 32:6**)
 - Unbelievers are without excuse. (**Ps 46:10, Ro 1:20-23, Ro 2:14,15**)
- Holy - He is good, pure, and perfect.
 - Our heavenly Father is perfect. (**Mt 5:48**)
 - God alone is holy. (**Rev 15:4**)
- Just - His ways are right, true, and fair. He punishes disobedience and rewards obedience.
 - God does not leave the guilty go unpunished. (**Ex 34:7**)
 - Just and true are His ways. (**Dt 32:4, Rev 15:3**)
 - When Jesus returns He will reward us according to our deeds. (**2Co 5:10, Rev 22:12**)
- Loving - He knows us, cares for us, is kind, merciful, and forgiving.
 - God has a wonderful plan for us. (**Jn 10:10**)
 - God cares for us. (**Eze 34:11-16, Ac 14:17**)
 - God knows us. (**Jn 10:14, 1Co 8:3**)
 - God is forgiving. (**2Pe 3:9**)
 - God is love. (**1Jn 4:8**)

Sin (black - darkness)

- Sins of commission - Doing wrong (actions, words, attitudes).
 - Sin begins in our mind and heart. (**Jer 6:19, Jer 17:9**)
 - Lust is adultery. (**Mt 5:28**)
 - Hate is murder. (**1Jn 3:15**) (compare **Lev 19:17,18**)
 - Impurity, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, factions. (**Gal 5:19-21**)
 - The 10th commandment. (**Ex 20:17**) (compare **Jas 1:15**)
- Sins of omission - Not doing right (actions, words, attitudes).
 - Anyone who doesn't do the good he knows he ought to do, sins. (**Jas 4:17**)
 - Not continuing in intercessory prayer is sin. (**1Sa 12:23**)
- All are sinners - All fall short of God's standard.
 - In our unconverted state, without God, no one does good. (**Ps 53:2,3**)
 - In our unconverted state, without God, no one is justified. (**Ps 143:2**)
 - In our unconverted state, without God, no one is righteous. (**Ro 3:10**)
 - All have sinned and fall short of God's standard. (**Ecc 7:20, Ro 3:23**)
 - Claiming no sin is self-deception. (**1Jn 1:8,10**)
- The wages of sin is death - Deterioration, physical death, eternal spiritual death.
 - The curse of the earth. (**Ge 3:17, Ro 8:20-23**)
 - Separation from God and His plan for our life. (**Isa 59:2, Mt 27:46**)

- The wages of sin is death. (**Ps 34:21, Ro 6:23**)
- The second death (eternal spiritual death). (**Rev 20:14,15**)
- Our good works do not cancel our sins.
 - God's standard is perfection, He does not grade on a curve.
 - Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (**Mt 5:48**)
 - One sin makes us guilty of breaking all of the law. (**Jas 2:10**)
 - We cannot earn Heaven with good works.
 - Our righteous acts are like filthy rags. (**Isa 64:6**)
 - Salvation is not by works. (**Ro 4:2-6, Ro 11:5,6, Eph 2:8,9, Tit 3:5**)
 - No one will be justified by observing the law. (**Ro 3:20,28, Ro 4:13, Ro 9:30-33, Gal 2:16, Gal 3:11, Gal 5:4, Php 3:8,9**)
- Satan and demons (fallen angels) - The Great Controversy between good and evil
 - There was war in heaven. (**Rev 12:7-12**)
 - Our struggle is also against the spiritual forces of evil. (**Eph 6:12**)
 - Our enemy the devil wants to defeat and destroy us. (**1Pe 5:8**)

Jesus Christ (red - blood)

- God the Son - Became a Man through virgin birth. (**Mt 1:23**)
 - The Lord, Himself, redeemed Israel from all their sins. (**Ps 130:7,8**)
 - He is the first and the last, which only God can be. (**Isa 48:12, Rev 1:8,17,18, Rev 22:12,13,16**)
 - He forgave sin, which only God can do. (**Mt 9:2-7**)
 - He allowed others to worship Him, which only God can receive. (**Mt 28:9**)
 - He allowed others to call Him God. (**Jn 20:28**)
 - He instructed His disciples to baptize and pray in His name. (**Mt 28:19, Jn 16:23,24**)
 - He is the Creator (**Jn 1:1-3,14,17, Col 1:13-17, Heb 1:2**)
 - He referred to Himself as "I AM", which is God's name. (**Jn 8:56-59** compare **Ex 3:14**)
 - He spoke of His oneness with God the Father. (**Jn 10:30, Jn 14:9**)
 - He is all the fullness of the Godhead living in bodily form. (**Col 2:9**)
 - He is in very nature God. (**Php 2:5,6**)
 - He is the exact representation of God's being. (**Heb 1:3**)
 - God the Father refers to Jesus as God. (**Heb 1:8**)
- Sinless life - Even though tempted in every way like us. (**Jn 14:30,31, Heb 4:15**)
- Died for us on the cross - Paid the price for our sins.
 - He was lifted up on the cross to draw all men to Himself. (**Jn 12:32,33**)
 - He was delivered over to death for our sins. (**Ro 4:25**)
 - He died for our sins, according to the scriptures. (**1Co 15:3**)
 - He took on the punishment for our sins in His body. (**1Pe 2:24,25**)
 - He died for our sins, once for all. (**1Pe 3:18**)
- Resurrected - In Heaven now as the only way to be saved.
 - His empty tomb testifies to His resurrection. (**Lk 24:1-7**)
 - He appeared to disciples, after His resurrection. (**Mt 28:16-20, Jn 20:19-29, Lk 24:37-43, Ac 1:3**)
 - He appeared to an assembly of more than 500 followers, after His resurrection. (**1Co 15:6**)
 - He is now at the right hand of God. (**Heb 10:12-14**)
 - He is interceding for us. (**Ro 8:34, 1Ti 2:5, Heb 7:25, 1Jn 2:1**)
 - He is the only way to be saved. (**Ac 4:12**)
- Will return soon - Bible prophecies.
 - He went to prepare a place for us and will return to take us there. (**Jn 14:2,3**)
 - He will return on the clouds with power and great glory. (**Mt 24:30,31, Lk 21:27**)
 - He will return from heaven with a loud command and trumpet call. (**1Th 4:16**)
 - He will come quickly. (**Rev 22:12**)
- Will reign forever - King of Kings, Lord of Lords.
 - He will reign forever. (**Da 7:14, Lk 1:32,33, Rev 11:15**)
 - He will sit on His throne in glory. (**Mt 19:28, Mt 25:31**)
 - He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. (**Mt 28:18, Rev 17:14, Rev 19:16**)

Our Response (white - cleansing, purity)

- Repent from our sins.
 - We must understand and deeply feel the magnitude of your sins. (**Eze 20:43, Ac 2:37,38**)
 - We must repent of our sins. (**Mt 3:2, Mk 1:15, Lk 13:1-5, Lk 24:47, Ac 3:19, Ac 17:30**)
 - True repentance involves more than feelings.
 - True repentance is manifested in deeds. (Isa 1:15-17, Mt 3:8, Ac 26:20)
 - True repentance turns away from sin. (Eze 14:6, Eze 18:30,31, Ac 26:18)
 - True repentance feels spiritual (godly) sorrow, rather than worldly sorrow. (2Co 7:8-11)
 - God's law and Holy Spirit help us to recognize, confess, and abandon sin.
 - God's law shows us our sin. (Ro 7:7,12, 1Jn 3:4)
 - We must confess our sins to God. (Lev 5:5,6, 1Jn 1:9)
 - We must abandon sin. (Ro 6:2, 1Pe 2:24, 1Jn 3:9,10)
 - Through His loving sacrifice, we are given power to repent. (**Jn 12:32,33, Ac 5:31, Ro 2:4**)
 - The truly repentant seek to make restitution to those they have wronged. (**Lev 6:4,5, Eze 33:15, Lk 19:8,9**)
- Through faith, accept Jesus as Saviour.
 - Not just believing facts about Jesus, even the demons believe the facts. (**Mt 8:28,29, Mk 1:23-26,34, Mk 3:11, Lk 4:41, Jas 2:19**)
 - We must invite Jesus to come live within our heart and to **transform our character**.
 - Jesus wants to come into our heart. We must invite Him in. (**Rev 3:20**)
 - We must receive Him. (**Jn 1:12**)
 - We must be born again. (**Jn 3:3-5**)
 - We become a new creation. (**2Co 5:17**)
 - We must trust in Jesus alone to save us, not Jesus plus something else. (**Jn 17:3**)
 - Salvation is a free gift, received through faith in Jesus. (**Jn 3:16, Ac 2:21, Ro 1:17, Ro 3:23,24, Ro 5:1,9,16,17, Ro 6:23, Eph 2:8,9, Rev 22:17**)
 - Salvation is solely through Jesus. (**Jn 14:6, Ac 4:12, Ac 16:27-31, 1Jn 5:12**)
 - The penalty for all of our sins is paid in full.
 - We are completely cleansed. (**Ps 103:12, Isa 1:18, Isa 38:17, Isa 43:25, Isa 55:7, Eze 18:21-23, Mic 7:19, Ac 10:15, Heb 8:12**)
 - We are liberated from condemnation. (**Ro 8:1,33,34**)
 - The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. (**1Jn 1:7**)
 - We receive the unmerited gift of eternal life in Heaven.
 - He who believes has eternal life. (**Jn 6:47, Jn 11:25,26**)
 - God the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Christ) comes to live within our heart.
 - The Holy Spirit lives within us. (**Jn 14:15-17, Ac 2:38, 1Co 3:16, 1Co 6:19, 1Jn 4:13-15**)
 - The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. (**Jn 16:13, Jn 17:20-23, Ro 8:9-11, Gal 2:20, Gal 4:6, Php 1:19, Col 1:27, Col 3:11, 1Pe 1:11, Rev 3:20**)
 - We are adopted as a child of God, thus beginning a close relationship with Him. (**Jn 1:12,13**)
- Through faith, appreciation, and love, follow Jesus as Lord (**a natural result of genuine faith**).
 - Faith without works is dead, works are the evidence of genuine faith. (**Mt 7:16-20, Ro 2:5-8, 2Co 5:10, 1Th 1:3, 2Th 1:11, Tit 3:8, Jas 1:22-25, Jas 2:14-17,26, 1Jn 3:10, Rev 20:12**) (compare **Eph 2:10**)
 - If we love Him, we will obey all His commandments. (**Ps 40:8, Jer 31:33, Jn 14:15,21,23, Ac 5:32, Heb 8:10, Heb 10:16, 1Jn 5:2,3, Rev 12:17, Rev 14:12**)
 - As we follow Him, we experience a new and exciting life. (**Jn 10:10**)
 - **Righteousness is Jesus**. (**Isa 26:12, Jer 23:6, Jn 15:4,5, Ro 5:19, 1Co 1:30, 2Co 3:18, 2Co 5:21, Gal 2:20, Php 1:11, Php 3:9**)
 - Jesus is Lord. (**Ro 10:9,10, 1Co 12:3, Php 2:11, Rev 17:14, Rev 19:16**)
 - More is required than merely saying He is our Lord. (**Mt 7:21**)
 - Through love-inspired obedience, we must follow Jesus as our Lord. (**Mt 16:24, Heb 5:8,9, 1Jn 2:6**)

Our Baptism (blue - water)

- Baptism by the Holy Spirit (when saved). (**Ac 10:47**)
- Baptism by immersion in water (soon after being saved) - Public identification with Jesus.
 - Baptism symbolizes our death to sin and our new life in Christ. (**Ro 6:1-11**)
 - Jesus referred to His own death as a baptism, thus identifying baptism with His death. (**Lk 12:50**)
 - Baptism is by total immersion, with no part left unchanged. (**Mt 3:16, Jn 3:23, Ac 8:38, Col 2:12**)
 - Baptism [Gr. baptizo (bap-tid'-zo)] - "to make whelmed (i.e. fully wet)" (Strong's Dictionary)
 - Baptism is the public ceremony that formally announces our willful, joyful, identification with Jesus. (**Lk 9:26, Ac 2:41, Ro 10:11, 2Ti 1:8**)
 - Jesus was baptized as an example for us. (**Mt 3:13-15**)
 - Jesus commanded that we be baptized. (**Mt 28:19, Mk 16:16**)

Our New Life (green - growth and fruit)

- Have fellowship with the family of God - Become active in a Bible-believing church.
 - The church is the body of Christ. (**Ro 12:4,5, Eph 1:22,23**)
 - The church should continue to meet together. (**Heb 10:25**)
 - Jesus is present in the midst of the church. (**Mt 18:20, Rev 1:10-20**)
 - There is only one true church. (**Jn 10:16, 1Co 12:12,13**)
 - The church is the pillar and foundation of the truth. (**1Ti 3:15**)
 - The true church determines the truth solely from the Bible. (**Isa 8:20, Jn 17:17**)
- Develop a personal relationship with God - Prayer, Bible study, service.
 - Relationship
 - We need a personal relationship with God. (**Jn 15:5, Jn 17:3**)
 - God is our Father, and we are His children. (**Jn 1:12, 2Co 6:18**)
 - When we draw near to God, He will draw near to us. (**Mal 3:7, Jas 4:8**)
 - Relationship in meaningful prayer (**Ps 91:14,15, Mt 6:7,8, Ac 2:42, 1Th 5:17**)
 - Relationship in Bible study (**Mt 4:4, 1Th 2:13, 2Ti 3:16, 1Pe 2:2**)
 - Relationship in service alongside Jesus (**Ge 5:22, Ge 6:9, Jn 8:12, 1Jn 2:6**)
- Worship God - Love Him, praise Him, thank Him, obey all His commandments.
 - Worship in love (**Mt 22:36-38**)
 - Worship in praise (**Ps 66:4, Mt 26:27-30, Ac 16:25,26, Eph 5:19**)
 - Worship in thanksgiving (**Eph 5:20, 1Th 5:18**)
 - Worship in obedience (**Jn 14:15, 1Jn 5:3**)
 - The true worshippers worship in spirit and in truth. (**Jn 4:23,24** compare **Mt 15:9**)
- Serve God - Love others and share the good news of Jesus Christ.
 - Be a servant - Lovingly care for the needy.
 - Love is sacrifice. (**Mt 16:24,25, Mt 19:16-22, Mt 20:25-28, Jn 15:13, 1Jn 3:16**)
 - Love is action. (**Mt 5:14-16, Mt 25:34-40, Lk 6:30,31, Jas 1:22,27, Jas 2:14-26, 1Jn 3:17,18**)
 - Be a teacher - Lovingly share the good news of Jesus Christ.
 - Jesus gave us His Great Commission. (**Mt 28:19,20, Ac 1:8**)
 - We are ambassadors for Christ. (**2Co 5:20**)
 - The good news headline is the cross of Christ, which is the power of God. (**1Co 1:17,18**)

Heaven (gold - streets of gold, God)

- Eternal life in Heaven - paradise, no harm, no pain, no sorrow, no death.
 - Paradise will be restored on the earth. (**Ps 37:28,29, Isa 35:1-10, Isa 51:3, Isa 60:21, Mt 5:5, Mt 6:9,10, 2Pe 3:12,13, Rev 21:1,2**)
 - No harm, everything will be at peace and in harmony. (**Isa 11:6-9, Isa 60:18,19, Eze 34:23-31, Mic 4:1-5**)
 - No death, sorrow, or pain. (**Rev 7:14-17, Rev 21:3,4**)
 - No evil beings. (**Eze 28:17-19, Na 1:8-10, Mal 4:1-3**)
 - No sin. (**Rev 22:3,4**)
 - God's preparations for us are beyond our imagination. (**Jn 14:1-3, 1Co 2:9**)
- The Lord God reigns forever. (**Da 2:44,45, Da 7:13,14, Rev 11:15**)

The 7 colors remind us of the 7th-day Sabbath (Saturday) and God's reminder to us in His 4th commandment to keep this day as a weekly memorial of the Creation and as an entire day to focus on our relationship with Jesus. (**Ex 20:8-11, Ex 31:16,17, Eze 20:12,20**)
