

12 Essential Elements of the Gospel

1. God is the creator of all things
2. God created mankind in his image and likeness for his glory
3. Because God created mankind, we are subject to Him and His authority
4. Mankind has rebelled against God – This is called sin
5. Because God is just and has authority, the rebellion of mankind must be punished by death and separation
6. God, in his mercy, has created a way for mankind to be free from the punishment of sin, death, and separation
7. God, who exists in heaven outside of time and space, made himself known by emptying himself and taking the form of a man, Jesus Christ
8. Christ lived a perfect life, fulfilling the requirement that was necessary in order to pay for the sins of others
9. Christ's death on the cross acted as a substitute for the death and separation that rightly should fall on us.
10. Through his resurrection, 3 days after his death, Christ proved his victory over sin and triumphed over the grave
11. By placing our faith in Christ and his sacrifice, turning from our sin, and believing in Him alone as the one who can bring us back into a relationship with God, our sins are forgiven and paid for through Christ's death and resurrection
12. Our faith allows us to be reconciled to God immediately and gives us confidence that we no longer reside under the wrath and judgement of God, and this for eternity