



The purpose of this study is to familiarize yourself with the CBC gospel tract. By doing so you will gain a better understanding of the gospel and will develop confidence in your ability to witness to others.

If you look at our gospel tract you will notice eleven headings. That is a lot of information! But if you look closely you will notice that those eleven headings can be grouped into four basic categories; Who God is, Who Man is, Who Jesus is, and Our Response. If you would like to learn to share the gospel with others, you must learn those four basic truths. The goal of this study is to teach those truths using the CBC gospel tract and consequently to equip you to share the gospel with others.

 List the eleven headings found in the gospel tract.

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 List the four basic categories that these truths can be grouped into.

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
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In order to have these truths organized in your mind, see if you can correctly group the headings from the gospel tract in the four categories below.

1. Who God Is
God is _____
God is _____
God is _____
God is _____
God sent _____

2. Who Man is
All men _____
All men _____

3. Who Jesus Is
Jesus is God's _____
Jesus Gave _____
Jesus R _____
Jesus is _____

4. Our Response
We must _____

Now, use the gospel tract as your guide as you answer the questions below.

**Truth #1 – Who God is**

**A. God is Creator**


Q. What did God create? \_\_\_\_\_

Q. Because God created everything what relationship does He have to His creation?

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Q. Why did God create everything?

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	Think for a moment about these truths. What we are establishing in the minds of the people we are witnessing to is simply that "God is in Charge!". The proof that He is in charge is the fact that he created everything and that everything was made for His pleasure.
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Q. According to the second paragraph of the section "God is Creator". What else did he create?

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Q. Why did God create man?

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At this point we have connected the fact that God is creator and owner of everything directly to us on a personal level. We are establishing in the minds of people what their relationship with God *should* be. He is their creator, their owner, and they are created for His pleasure. Our sin and rebellion against Him will be made increasingly clear as we build upon this truth.



It is important when ever we are witnessing to able to back up what we are saying with scripture. Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below in order to prove from the Bible, the truths we have just learned.

☆ **Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

**1 Corinthians 10:26** For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof.

☆ **Revelation 4:11** Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created

**Genesis 1:27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

## B. God is Perfectly Holy

At this point in your conversation with others, you have established that God is the creator and owner of everything, including man. You have also shown them that we were created for God's pleasure. Now you will go on to show them more about what God is like, beginning with *His holiness*.

**Q.** Look at the gospel tract, what is a simple definition of God's holiness?

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**Q.** Since God is perfectly holy and He is also the creator of all of mankind, what does He desire all men to be?

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**Think About It.** Why are we taking the time to talk about God's holiness? Because a little later in our conversation we will begin to talk about Man's sinfulness. The better understanding someone has about God's holiness, the better they will understand how serious their sin is.



**Back It Up.** Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below.

☆ **Habakkuk 1:13a** Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity:

**Revelation 4:8** And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

☆ **Psalms 5:4** For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

**1 Peter 1:16** Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

## A. God is Just

After we have established that God is perfectly holy we are ready to move on to another one of His attributes – His justice. Our goal here is to establish the fact that God must, in His justice, judge all sin. If He allowed any sin to go unpunished, He would be *unjust*, thus violating His own justice and holiness.

**Q.** Look at the Gospel Tract. What is a simple definition of God's justice?

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**Q.** Because God is Just, what *must* He do?

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**Q.** According to Nahum 1:3, what will God *not* do?

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**Think About It.** There is a reason we present each of these facts in the order that we do. To understand why God has the authority to judge sin, we must first understand that He is the *creator* and *owner* of all of creation. The fact that he created and owns, makes Him the authority over all. Then, to understand by what standard He will judge all men, we must understand that He is *perfectly*

*holy.*

*His justice means He must judge all sin, His holiness determines the standard by which He judges, His ownership gives Him the authority to do it.*



**Back It Up.** Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below.

**Isaiah 13:11a** And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity;

**Nahum 1:3a** The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked:

**Psalms 47:2** For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.

## Truth #2 – Who Man Is

### A. All Men Have Sinned

Having established *Who God Is*, we are ready to learn a little about Man. The first thing that we see in the Gospel Tract is that *All Men Have Sinned*.

**Q.** What did God create men to be? Who has lived up to that standard?

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**Q.** What is a simple definition of *sin*?

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**Q.** How did Adam and Eve's sin affect us?

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**Q.** What is one way that men sin each and every day?

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**Think About It.** If we did not start our presentation with the fact that God is the creator and owner of everything, that He is holy and that He is just – requiring that all sin be judged. Then the fact that man is sinful would have had far less impact. Now, because we laid a right foundation we can easily explain that sin is a violation of God’s standard of holiness and that any disobedience toward Him violates His rightful position as Lord over our lives.



**Back It Up.** Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below.

☆ **Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**Ecclesiastes 7:20** For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

☆ **Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

☆ **Romans 3:10** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

## B. All Men Face God’s Judgment Toward Sin

We have already dealt briefly with the fact that God must judge all sin. Now we are ready to go a little deeper into this truth and to make it personal. It is at this point that the gospel presentation becomes confrontational. Telling someone that their sin will be judged by God is no easy task. But it is the bad news that we must share before we can get to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Q. What has our sin done to our relationship with God?

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Q. What is God’s judgment toward all sin?

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Q. How does man’s sin affect his ability to enter Heaven?

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**Think About It.** The idea of anyone spending eternity in Hell is a terrible thought. But do you know what would be even more cruel than Hell? How

about serving a God who punishes the innocent and does not punish the guilty? Or how about a God who deals with sin arbitrarily, judging some sin sometimes and allowing other sin to go unpunished. Because of God's perfect and unchanging character we can count on the fact that He will judge sin and reward righteousness. He has made a way for all men to avoid Hell, and that promise will never change.



**Back It Up.** Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below.

**Isaiah 59:2** But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

☆ **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Revelation 20:14-15** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.:

**Revelation 21:27** And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

### Truth #3 – What God Did

#### A. God is Loving

Now begins the *good news*. Although God is holy and just and must judge all sin, He is also loving. He does not desire that anyone go to Hell, so He made a way that all men could be saved.

**Q.** If God is loving and doesn't want anyone to go to Hell, why doesn't He just ignore and excuse man's sinfulness?

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**Think About It.** Why didn't we start by talking about God's love? In order to appreciate the depth of God's love we must first understand the depth of our own sinfulness. Once we see the great separation that exists between us as sinful men and He as a holy God, His love toward us appears even more loving and undeserved.



**Back It Up.** Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below.

**1 John 4:16** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

## B. God sent His Son – Jesus Christ

So far we have established a little bit about who God is and what he demands of mankind. We explained the “bad news” of man’s sinfulness and his separation from God which will result in Hell. We explained all of those things so that we could get to this next point. Now we can explain who Jesus Christ is and how he solves the problem that our sinfulness has created.

**Q.** As a God of love, how did He show His love toward us?

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**Q.** What two very important facts are found in the last paragraph of this section in the gospel tract?

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**Think About It.** The Bible is clear that in order for someone to be saved they must believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God (John 3:16-18; John 11:27; 1 John 5:1 Matt 16:16; John 20:31). Therefore, we must make sure that we present this fact clearly when sharing the gospel.



**Think About It.** If Jesus were not sinless, he also would face God’s wrath toward sin. He would not have been able to pay for our sins. His sinlessness is another key element of the gospel.



**Back It Up.** Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below.

☆ **Romans 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**1 John 4:9** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

**Hebrews 4:15** For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

**Hebrews 7:26** For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

☆ **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

☆ **Colossians 2:9** For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

**Truth #4 – Who Jesus Is**

**A. Jesus Gave Himself Willingly on the Cross**

We have already learned a little bit about who Jesus is – God’s sinless son, but it is at this point in our gospel presentation that we really get to the heart of the salvation plan. We will now deal with the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ. It is important that we understand this truth very well so that we can share it with others.

**Q.** According to Jesus himself, why did he come to earth?


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**Q.** What did the angel say Jesus would do?

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**Q.** How did Jesus “bare our sins”? (1 Peter 2:24)

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 **Think About It.** Jesus’ death on the cross really does not make any sense if we first do not understand that God is holy and must judge all sin. Nor does it make sense if we do not realize that God is loving and is not willing that anyone go to Hell. But when we put all of these pieces together, Jesus’ death makes perfect sense. God’s standard of holiness cannot be met by sinful men, therefore He

must judge all sin, yet He is loving and desires that all men be saved. God did not choose to violate His own attributes of holiness and justice by excusing sin, no, He chose rather to make a way for his holiness, justice and love to work in harmony. It could only be done through the death of Jesus Christ. God satisfied His love by providing Jesus for us. He satisfied His justice by punishing Jesus for the sins of the world. He satisfied His holiness by making a way for all men to be Holy, through Jesus Christ. Sending His son to die for the sins of the world was the only way that God could maintain all of His attributes perfectly.



**Back It Up.** Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below.

**Luke 19:10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

**Matthew 1:21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

☆ **1 Peter 2:24** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

☆ **1 Peter 3:18** For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

☆ **2 Corinthians 5:21** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

## B. Jesus Rose from the Dead

Like the deity of Jesus Christ, the resurrection of Christ is essential to the gospel plan and must be believed in order for one to be saved (Rom 10:9-10). The resurrection was the final proof and declaration that Jesus Christ was indeed the son of God (Rom 1:4).



**Back It Up.** Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below.

**Acts 2:24** Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

**Romans 1:4** And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

☆ **Romans 10:9-10** That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead,

**Romans 4:25** Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

### C. Jesus is Saviour, Lord and Judge

The Bible says that God is gathering all things together in Christ (Eph 1:10). It also says that all knees will bow to Christ (Php 2:10); and that all men will be judged by Christ (John 5:22). For the sake of the salvation plan, God has exalted Jesus Christ as Saviour, Lord and Judge (Acts 5:31; Php 2:9-10; Acts 2:36). That means that all men who come to God for salvation, must come through Jesus Christ, receiving him for all that he is (Acts 4:12, John 14:6).

Q. What does it mean when we say that “Jesus is Lord”?

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Q. How might someone’s life be different if they recognize Jesus as their Lord?

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Q. What two things did Peter say God “made” Jesus Christ (Acts 2:36)?

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Q. Using the Gospel Tract, How might you define Christ, and Lord?

Christ: \_\_\_\_\_

Lord: \_\_\_\_\_



**Think About It.** Lots of people have different ideas about how to get to Heaven, but God has chosen to make only one way and that is through Jesus Christ. When sharing the gospel with people, especially those from other religious backgrounds, we must make it clear that it is not enough to just “add” Jesus to their current beliefs, but to receive him as the *only* Lord and Saviour.



**Back It Up.** Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below.

☆ **Philippians 2:9-11** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Acts 2:36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

**John 5:22** For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son::

☆ **John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

☆ **Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

## Our Response

### A. We Must Repent and Believe

Before we go any further in this section we should define both repentance and belief.

**Repentance:** Repentance basically means to have a “change of mind”. In the case of salvation it involves changing our mind regarding God the Father and His salvation plan. Repentance is turning from a life of sin and rebellion against God and turning to a life of obedience toward Him (Mark 1:15; Acts 2:38). It always results in receiving God’s testimony of His Son Jesus Christ by faith.

As we learned earlier, God has exalted Jesus Christ as Lord. Therefore, repentance toward God will result in submission to His son as Saviour *and* Lord.

**Belief:** In connection to the salvation plan, belief entails the acceptance of God’s plan of salvation. It is receiving by faith God’s testimony of His Son (1 John 5:10).

Paul emphasized both of these elements in Acts 20:21.

Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Q.** Using the gospel tract and your own words, write below what you believe “repentance” means.



**Think About It.** Do you see how our last point in the gospel tract is directly connected to the first point? If God is the creator and owner of everything and man was made for His pleasure, but is living in rebellion toward Him, than it only makes sense that repentance would be essential to the gospel plan. Man must turn from his rebellion and begin living as if God is in charge of His life. At the moment of salvation, this repentance is simply a heart attitude, it is only *after* salvation that there will be evidence (or fruit) of it.

God has designed the salvation plan so that repentance toward Him always involves the acceptance of His Son as Lord and Saviour (John 17:3, Acts 20:21, 1 John 5:10).



**Back It Up.** Considering memorizing one or all of the scriptures below.

☆ **Acts 20:21** Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

☆ **Mark 1:15** And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

**Luke 13:3** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

☆ **Acts 17:30** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

## B. There is No Other Way

Q. What are two verses that we can use to show that there is no other way to be saved?

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Q. What are two verses that we can use to show that salvation is not of works?

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Now, using all the information that we have learned, could you summarize the gospel in your own words? Use the space below to write out a short summation of the gospel.

