

Knowing and Sharing the Gospel **By David Feddes**

What is the gospel?

- I am sinful. God's holy law condemns my crimes and requires punishment in hell. Without Jesus I am spiritually and eternally dead, serving Satan, unable to save myself.
- God in love put my sins on His Son, the God-man. Jesus took my punishment, cancelled all charges against me, and disarmed Satan.
- God raised Jesus bodily. The Holy Spirit causes me to be born again, lives in me, and connects me with Christ and his eternal life. Trusting Jesus, I leave the old behind and join the new humanity in Jesus. God credits Jesus' perfect goodness to me when I believe in Jesus.

How do I become a Christian? ABC

A: Admit that you are sinful and totally unable to save yourself.

B: Believe the gospel facts, and apply those facts to yourself. Trust Jesus to save you, personally. Make God your greatest treasure and pleasure.

C: Commit your life publicly to Jesus as your owner and ruler. Become a daily disciple by listening to God in Scripture, talking to him in prayer, and seeking to live for the Lord in all you do. Join a Bible-believing, Christ-honoring church. Be baptized, if you are not already baptized.

How do I tell others about Jesus and salvation?

Gospel truth: Be ready to answer, "What is the gospel?" and "How do I become a Christian?"

Personal testimony: Be able to tell the story of your own faith journey briefly and clearly. Tell key events or discoveries that brought you to Christ. Present a few major reasons why faith in Jesus is important.