

### What is the Gospel?

**Description:** What is the Gospel? Evangelist Daniel Kolenda answers this question so you can share the good news of Jesus with crystal clear accuracy.

**Meet the Evangelist:** <https://cfan.org> Daniel Kolenda is a missionary evangelist, who has led more than 22-million people to Christ face-to-face through massive open-air evangelistic campaigns in some of the most dangerous, difficult and remote locations on earth. As the successor to world-renowned Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke, Daniel is the president and CEO of Christ for All Nations - a ministry which has conducted some of the largest evangelistic events in history, has published over 190 million books in 104 languages and has offices in 14 nations around the world. He also hosts an internationally syndicated television program and is an author of eight books including the bestsellers, 'Live Before You Die', and 'Slaying Dragons.'

**Key Scriptures:** 1 Samuel 31; 2 Samuel 4:10; Psalm 68:11; Isaiah 40:9; Isaiah 61:1 Mark 14:61-64; Daniel 7:13-14; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Revelation 1:8; Isaiah 40:25; Psalm 139:7-10; John 3:20; 1 Kings 8:27; John 8:58; Exodus 3:13-14; Malachi 3:6; James 1:17; Hebrews 13:8; Mark 10:18; Psalm 103:8; Genesis 18:25; James 2:13; Numbers 14:18; Job 24:16; Romans 11:33-36; Isaiah 6; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Romans 8:7; Ephesians 2:3; Colossians 1:21; Jeremiah 17:9; Isaiah 53:4-6; Romans 3:10; Isaiah 64:6; John 3:19; Luke 23:34; Galatians 2:20; Proverbs 17:15; 1 Corinthians 15:45; Romans 5:18; Colossians 2:15; Ephesians 4:8; 1 Corinthians 15:25; 1 John 2:2; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:9; John 6:39; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Luke 10:19; 1 John 2:2; John 1:29; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; Acts 2:37-39; Romans 8:9; John 6:39; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:13; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 10:7-8; Luke 12:3; Luke 4:18-19; Mark 16:15; John 3:18; Matthew 10:16-25; Acts 10:32; Acts 3:19; Acts 10:43; Acts 14:15; Romans 10:9; James 2:19; Matthew 11:12; 1 Corinthians 2:4; 1 Corinthians 4:20; Acts 1:8; Matthew 10:7-8

### Key Points:

- The Gospel is the announcement of the arrival of the new kingdom and the new King. It's a glorious message of a great God who saves a wicked world through a superior Savior who gives a boundless baptism. The Gospel does not begin with us. It begins with God.
- The Cross of Christ belongs to a cohesive storyline that runs from Genesis to Revelation.
- The reason people are lost is because they are sinners. And the reason people are saved is because they see that they are sinners that deserve to be lost and they come to Jesus Christ.
- When you're baptized in the Holy Spirit, you are immersed in God, in the Spirit, and you never come out again. In fact, in Christ, you are transformed into a new creature and it's a radical transformation.
- There are two parts to the preaching of the Gospel. One, the declaration and two the demonstration. The appropriate response to the Gospel is two things: repentance and faith.

### Notes:

**Attributes of God:** Omnipotent—Almighty; all powerful; Omnipresent—Everywhere present; Omniscient—All knowing; Infinite—Without limits; Eternal—Has always existed and will always exist;

Immutable—Unchangeable; Good—Perfect; Patient—Longsuffering; Just—Establishing what is right

Merciful—Showing love over judgment; Holy-Otherness; completely separate from His creation; without darkness

Jesus used the word *euangelion* (Gospel) as a formal declaration of victory in battle or a king's ascension to his throne.

Sin is a disease that affects the human race.

We can't truly understand God's love, apart from Jesus Christ, our superior savior. God's love is substantive and gut wrenching, gritty, sacrificial, selfless love that actually defies our ability to fully comprehend. The best we can do to understand God's love is to lift up our eyes and behold that beautiful man nailed to a cross, shredded to ribbons, bleeding and dying in excruciating agony, saying, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

The atonement is at the heart of the Gospel message and especially salvation.

**Theologians have put forward different theories to describe how it works.**

Penal Substitution Theory—Legal aspect; the innocent willingly sacrificing for the guilty

Moral Influence Theory—Jesus changed the world through His sacrificial life and teaching

Satisfaction Theory—Jesus paid our debt to God, one that we could never have repaid

Cristus Victor Theory—Jesus defeats the power of sin and releases mankind from the Devil

The word translated as “preach” in the Gospels is the Greek word *kerusso*. It means to proclaim as a herald and to make an official public announcement out loud.

When we preach the Gospel, we are preaching to more than just the human ears.

This glorious privilege of the preaching of the Gospel has not been entrusted to the silver tongues of immortal, angelic beings, but to the frail and fragile lips of mortal men and women like you and me. And if we don't preach it, no one will.

The kerygma in Christian theology refers to the primitive teaching of the apostles, especially the evangelistic messages recorded in the Book of Acts. If you look at some of these sermons, you'll notice that they always call the people listening to repent and believe the Gospel. The word repentance means to change the way you think, but you have to understand that a true change of mind will always result in a corresponding change of behavior.

To be baptized into the Holy Spirit means to be immersed into God Himself.

This is what it means biblically to believe the Gospel. It's to throw yourself and your whole life, everything that you are and everything that you have on the mercy of Jesus Christ, trusting him and trusting him alone for salvation. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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