1. **Introduction:** 
   1. Do you remember how you felt right before you obeyed the gospel?
   2. Do you remember the feeling of being lost? Of the joy of being saved?
   3. What is the gospel? The good news.
   4. We need good news.
      1. It belongs to God.
      2. No alterations. (Galatians 1:6-9)
      3. It’s powerful (Romans 1:16)
   5. Terms God’s word uses to help us understand the good news.
2. **Redemption**
   1. The problem of **BONDAGE.**
      1. “To release by paying a **ransom price**, to redeem…’to buy out’ especially of **purchasing a slave with a view to his freedom**.”
      2. Consider the example of the Israelites. (Deuteronomy 15:15)
   2. **The solution/good news?**
      1. A **RANSOM price to be paid** – **We CAN’T pay it**!
      2. *A ransom includes “****EQUIVELANCY***”. (Vine) (Psalms 49:7-9)
      3. **Only Jesus could pay it**. (Matthew 20:28; Titus 2:14; Hebrews 10:4;   
         Colossians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19)
      4. **Our Role?** Must be taught (2 Timothy 2:24-26) & obey – (Hebrews 5:8-9)
      5. **The result of redemption is FREEDOM!** (Luke 4:17 -18; Galatians 5:1, 13)
3. **Forgiveness**
   1. The problem of **GUILT** and **CONDEMNATION**
      1. **An awesome burden to carry** - (Ezra 9:5-7)
      2. **Forgiveness** - Freedom, pardon. A judicial term. “To send forth or discharge...” (Vincent’s NT Word Studies)
      3. **Guilt** – “…held in, bound by, liable to a charge or action at law…” (Vine’s)
      4. Need to **confess/acknowledge and repent** (Psalms 130:3-4; Hosea 5:15) to cleanse our conscience. (1 Peter 3:21; 2 Samuel 24:10)
   2. **The good news** (gospel) - a heart that condemns can become a heart that assures us.   
      (1 John 3:19-21)
      1. **From guilt to joy**… that brings **a commitment** to serve He who made it possible. (Isaiah 6:1-8; Acts 8:39; 13:48)
      2. **The** **result of forgiveness is ACQUITTAL/BLAMELESSNESS (**Philippians2:15; Colossians 1:22)
4. **Salvation**
   1. **The problem of DEATH – being LOST** 
      1. **From the beginning…** (Genesis 2:17; Romans 6:23)
      2. **God always defines the means**… (Hebrews 11:7; Exodus 14:13)
      3. Today, **only one way to be saved**. (Acts 4:12)
   2. **Our duty: realize the need** (Acts 2:36); **believe** (Acts 16:30-31); **obey** (Hebrews 5:9); **walk by faith** (Philippians 2:15); **value God’s patience**! (2 Peter 3:15)
      1. **The result of salvation is ETERNAL LIFE** – the good news is we don’t have to die. (James 5:19-20; 2 Timothy 1:10)
5. **Reconciliation**
   1. The problem of **ALIENATION & EMNITY** 
      1. **To be estranged.** (Colossians 1:19-23; Ezekiel 14:1-5; James 4:1-4; Genesis 3:23-24)
   2. **The gospel offers reconciliation** (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) … is that what we want? (vs. 8; Philippians 1:23)
      1. **The result of reconciliation: FELLOWSHIP** (1 Corinthians 1:9; 1 John 1:3-7)
6. **Cleansing**
   1. The problem of **DEFILEMENT & STAINS** –
      1. **The source of the stain is sin.** (Jeremiah 2:22)
      2. **It’s not something we can do on our own.** (Proverbs 20:9; Titus 3:4-7)
   2. **We have a responsibility**. (2 Corinthians 7:1; 1 John 3:3; 1 Peter 1:22; Acts 22:16; 15:9; Revelation 22:14)
      1. **Must stay clean**! (James 1:27; 1 Timothy 6:11-14; 2 Peter 2:22; 3:14)
      2. **The result of cleansing is PURITY** (1 John 3:3)