

## Elements of the Gospel Emerge from God's Attributes

	Description	Attribute of God or Doctrine
1	God	Creator, Father, Judge – All of his attributes, all of the time, and always in perfect harmony.
2	God's standard – absolute perfection, obedience	Holiness, righteousness, perfection.
3	Sin	The doctrine of sin. An attribute of humanity.
4	Judgment/Wrath	Justice, wrath and the righteous response to sin.
5	The cross and the resurrection	There are multiple attributes of God evident: love, mercy, grace, and goodness in perfect harmony with justice, righteousness, and wrath. This is a collision between divine perfection and human rebellion.(John Stott).
6	Grace	Goodness, mercy, love...and of course unmerited favor.
7	Repent and believe	Sovereignty, holiness, forgiveness.
8	Count the cost of following Jesus	Mercy, grace, sovereignty, lordship of Christ; Jesus as king.

## Me-Centered Gospel vs God-Centered Gospel<sup>1</sup>

	<b>Me-Centered</b>	<b>God-Centered</b>
<b>View of God</b>		
	Love is God's chief attribute.	Justice and love are equally important.
	God is a friend who will help you.	God is king who will save you.
<b>View of Humanity</b>		
	Fallen and has the ability to choose the good and God.	Fallen and unable to come to God by own willpower.
	Needs love, help, friendship and a new life.	Needs a new nature (mind, heart, and will), regeneration.
	Humanity is sick and ignorant.	Humanity is spiritually dead and lost.
<b>View of Christ</b>		
	He exists for our benefit.	He exists to gather a kingdom and receive honor and glory.
	Emphasizes his priestly role – Savior.	Emphasizes his priestly, kingly, and prophetic roles.
	An attitude of submission to Christ's lordship is optional for salvation.	An attitude of submission to Christ's lordship is necessary for salvation.
<b>View of Response to Christ</b>		
	Invitation waiting to be accepted now.	Loving command to be obeyed now.
	Appeal is made to the desires of the sinner.	Truths are driven home into the conscience of the sinner.
	Saved by faith alone – repentance is omitted for it is thought of as "works".	Saved by faith alone – saving faith always accompanied by repentance.
	Sinners have the key in their hand.	God has the key in his hand.

<sup>1</sup> Will Metzger, *Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People*, pp. 36-37.