

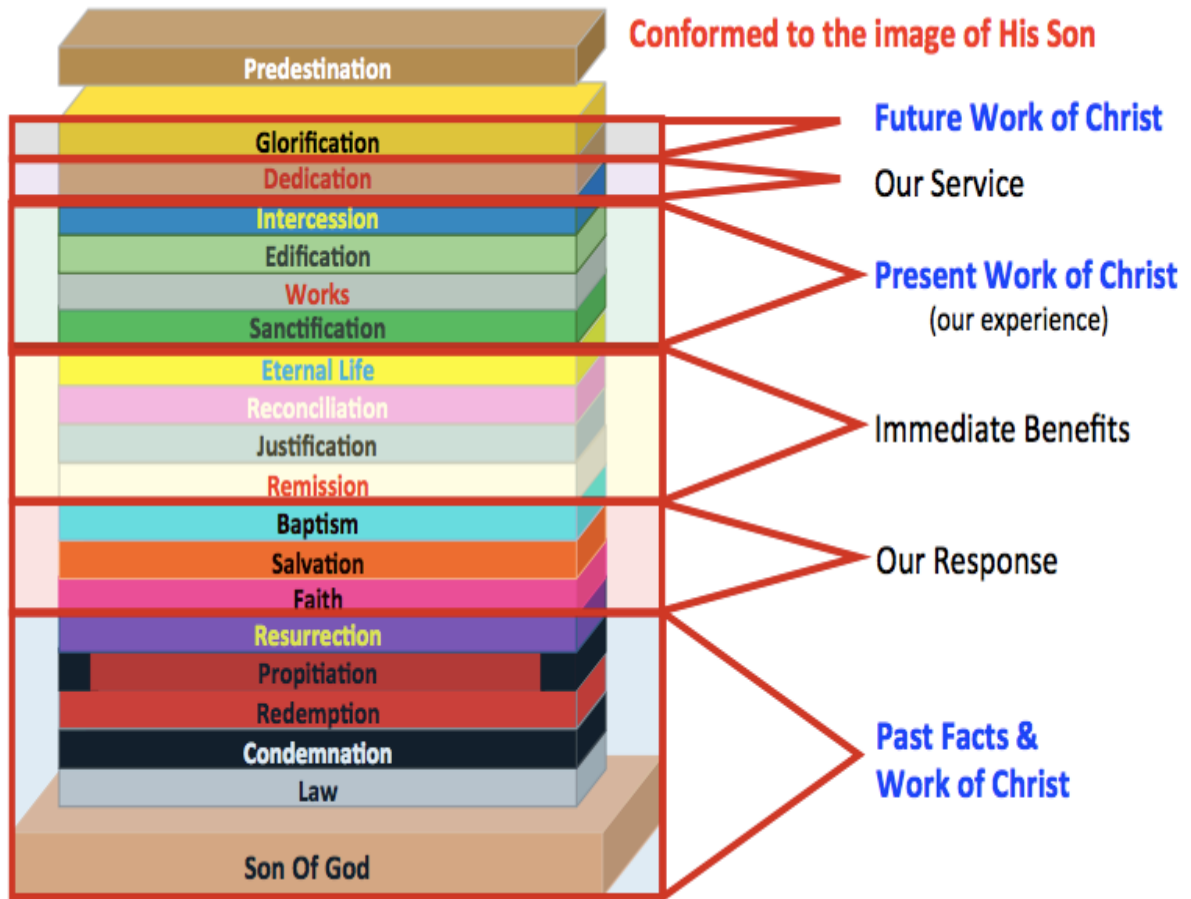
The Building Blocks of God’s Gospel as found in Romans

The gospel is a legal transaction in heaven’s court that is based on justice. It is more than feeling but is judicial fact. Feelings can change but facts remain the same. It’s where legality and love are wedded together – just like a marriage. Therefore, legal terms are used here that have deep meaning. To understand the meaning is to understand the glorious gospel. For a criminal in court to hear the judge say “pardoned” will produce great joy – if he knows what “pardon” means.

The gospel has an order to it – past, present and future. Each doctrinal block is based on the other. To change the order is to change the gospel. One’s phone number might have 7 digits but they must be in the right order to be right.

The great goal of God’s gospel is to transform sinners into the image of His Son, the Lord Jesus. How He does that is the wondrous story of the gospel as found in Romans.

Below is a chart of the building blocks of God’s gospel that brings salvation. Page two has short definitions of the terms and their order in the context of the whole.



Goal of Salvation (Gospel - Good News)

Determined in eternity past

Predestination - to conform to image of His Son – many brothers like Him (Rom. 8:29)

Past Facts and Work of Christ

These are already done and do not depend on what I do today

Foundation – A Person – Jesus is the Son of God – only God can save (Rom. 1:4, 1:16)

Condemnation (judgment) – *Law* shows all have come short and are already guilty (3:19)

Redemption (death) – our wrong has been legally made right by Christ's death (Rom. 3:24)

Propitiation (and burial) – Christ's blood sacrifice fully satisfied God's wrath (Rom. 3:25)

Resurrection (Lord Jesus) – God showed His acceptance of Jesus as Lord (Rom. 1:4, 10:9b)

Our Present Action

This is presently where we become involved in the salvation plan

Faith (repentance) – To trust the Lord Jesus as our full Savior from wrath (Rom. 2:4, 3:26)

Salvation (grace) – The one who believes on Christ is promised salvation (Rom. 10:9-13)

Baptism (Identification) – **A.** water baptism shows one's confession, publically (6:3, 10:9)

B. Spirit baptism immerses one into Christ and His body with all family benefits (6:3-6)

Immediate Benefits of being In Christ

Results are final as they are based on Christ

Remission (forgiveness) – Sins are removed from God's record book forever (3:25, 4:7)

Justification (righteous) – One is acquitted and goes from guilty to righteous (3:19-28)

Reconciliation (peace) – One now has peace with God and is not under judgment (5:1-10)

Eternal Life (gift) – One has this salvation forever – and the life of the Spirit (5:5, 21, 6:23)

Present Work of Christ for the Believer

This is ongoing and involves daily experience

Sanctification – Walking in His Spirit (not law) produces holy fruit (Rom. 15:16, 7:4-6, 8:4)

Works – One now does works not to become saved but because they love (Rom. 13:7-10)

Edification (church) – Various gifts build up His church into maturity (12:4-8, 15:2, 16: 5)

Intercession (High Priest) – Christ intercedes for us always for mercy and help (Rom. 8:34)

Our Response

Now at this stage it's my sacrifice for Him

Dedication (Service) – For His saving power and mercy we are now to serve Him (12:1)

Future Work of Christ

When He comes to the air we will be changed bodily without sin!!

Glorification (Translation) – Our bodies will be glorified like His to reign (Rom. 8:10-30)