

## Exercise: G-O-S-P-E-L (Easily share God's good news)

The most important thing is becoming a child of God. And once you're His child, the best thing you can do is live and share the gospel – the good news of God's salvation for mankind. Here's a simple, powerful tool to share the gospel from Ephesians 2 . . . because if you can spell GOSPEL, you can share it!

**G – God's character:** “Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy” (Eph. 2:4).

God's character is fully loving and fully holy. He is rich in mercy and love, but since He is also holy, He must punish sin.

**O – Offense of sin:** “Even when we were dead in transgressions” (Eph. 2:5).

We all sin and fall short of God's glory (Rom. 3:23). God is offended by our sin, which separates us from Him. But Jesus Christ did something miraculous to change that.

**S – Sufficiency of Christ:** “Made us alive with Christ” (Eph. 2:5).

We can know God because of the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, whose free gift of eternal life is sufficient to save us. There's nothing we can do to earn it. We simply receive it and trust the sufficiency of His sacrifice for our sins.

**P – Personal response:** “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith” (Eph. 2:8).

The only way to become a child of God, though, is through a personal response to follow Jesus Christ. You're not saved by your good works, your family, or your church. You're saved only by believing in Jesus and accepting His free gift of eternal life.

**E – Eternal urgency:** “In order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace” (Eph. 2:7).

You have two options: 1) trust in Jesus and spend eternity in heaven or 2) reject Jesus and spend eternity in hell. Therefore, we need an urgency to know Him and tell others about Him.

**L – Life transformation:** “We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works” (Eph. 2:10).

Salvation isn't just a ticket out of hell; it's also a ticket to transformed living. We're made new from the inside out and drawn to do Master-worthy works for the Master. The most important question in life, however, is: Have you received Jesus as *your* Savior and Lord?

(Source: John Meador. To see a video of the G-O-S-P-E-L presented, check out [www.johnmeador.com](http://www.johnmeador.com).)