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# THE PURPLE BOOK

*updated edition*

**BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS  
FOR BUILDING STRONG DISCIPLES**



# EPHESIANS 2:1-10

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins 2 in which you previously lived according to the ways of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit now working in the disobedient. 3 We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also.

# EPHESIANS 2:1-10

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, 5 made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! 6 He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift -- 9 not from works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

# CHAPTER 1 - LESSON 1

## ORIGIN OF SIN

# GENESIS 1:1-25

1.1

**3** Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.

**10** God called the dry land "earth," and the gathering of the water he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

**12** The earth produced vegetation: seed-bearing plants according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.



# GENESIS 1:1-25

1.1

**17** God placed them in the expanse of the sky to provide light on the earth, **18** to rule the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good.

**21** So God created the large sea-creatures and every living creature that moves and swarms in the water, according to their kinds. He also created every winged creature according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

**25** So God made the wildlife of the earth according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that crawl on the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

# GENESIS 1:31-2:2

1.1

**1:31** God saw all that he had made, and it was very good indeed. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day.

**2:1** So the heavens and the earth and everything in them were completed. **2** On the seventh day God had completed his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

# GENESIS 2:15-17

1.2-3

**15** The LORD God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it.

**16** And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree of the garden, **17** but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for on the day you eat from it, you will certainly die."



# GENESIS 3:1-11

1.4-9

1 Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You can't eat from any tree in the garden'? " 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit from the trees in the garden. 3 "But about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, 'You must not eat it or touch it, or you will die.' " 4 "No! You will not die," the serpent said to the woman.

# GENESIS 3:1-11

1.4-9

5 "In fact, God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 The woman saw that the tree was good for food and delightful to look at, and that it was desirable for obtaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



# GENESIS 3:1-11

1.4-9

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 So the LORD God called out to the man and said to him, "Where are you? " 10 And he said, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid." 11 Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from? "

# Lesson 1 – Discussion

**Have you ever done something that was wrong and instantly tried to hide it from a parent or spouse? Or from a teacher back when you were in school?**

**When you share the Gospel (when you are asked: What is the Gospel?)– where do you begin? Where does the story of the Gospel begin?**



# CHAPTER 1 - LESSON 2

## RESULT OF SIN

**44** "For I am the LORD your God, so you must consecrate yourselves and be holy because I am holy.



**1** Indeed, the LORD's arm is not too weak to save, and his ear is not too deaf to hear.

**2** But your iniquities are separating you from your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not listen.

**23** For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



**9** The heart is more deceitful than anything else, and incurable -- who can understand it?

# Lesson 2 – Devotional

**In what ways do you fall victim to self-deception and are you harder on yourself than you should be?**

**How has sin created a self-deceiving heart in you?**

# CHAPTER 1 - LESSON 3

# ATONEMENT



# GENESIS 3:21-23

3.2

**21** The LORD God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and he clothed them. **22** The LORD God said, "Since the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not reach out, take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever." **23** So the LORD God sent him away from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.

# LEVITICUS 16:5-10

5 "He is to take from the Israelite community two male goats for a sin offering and one ram for a burnt offering. 6 "Aaron will present the bull for his sin offering and make atonement for himself and his household. 7 "Next he will take the two goats and place them before the LORD at the entrance to the tent of meeting. 8 "After Aaron casts lots for the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other for an uninhabitable place, 9 "he is to present the goat chosen by lot for the LORD and sacrifice it as a sin offering. 10 "But the goat chosen by lot for an uninhabitable place is to be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement with it by sending it into the wilderness for an uninhabitable place.

# LEVITICUS 16:21-22

**21** "Aaron will lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the Israelites' iniquities and rebellious acts -- all their sins. He is to put them on the goat's head and send it away into the wilderness by the man appointed for the task. **22** The goat will carry all their iniquities into a desolate land, and the man will release it there.



# LEVITICUS 16:29-30,34

**29** "This is to be a permanent statute for you: In the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month you are to practice self-denial and do no work, both the native and the alien who resides among you. **30** Atonement will be made for you on this day to cleanse you, and you will be clean from all your sins before the LORD." ...

**34** "This is to be a permanent statute for you, to make atonement for the Israelites once a year because of all their sins." And all this was done as the LORD commanded Moses.

# HEBREWS 9:22

3.1,3

**22** According to the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

# HEBREWS 10:1-4

**1** Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come, and not the reality itself of those things, it can never perfect the worshipers by the same sacrifices they continually offer year after year. **2** Otherwise, wouldn't they have stopped being offered, since the worshipers, purified once and for all, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? **3** But in the sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year after year. **4** For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.



# HEBREWS 10:11-12

**11** Every priest stands day after day ministering and offering the same sacrifices time after time, which can never take away sins. **12** But this man, after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

# ISAIAH 53:4-6

3.5,6,8

4 Yet he himself bore our sicknesses, and he carried our pains; but we in turn regarded him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. 5 But he was pierced because of our rebellion, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on him, and we are healed by his wounds. 6 We all went astray like sheep; we all have turned to our own way; and the LORD has punished him for the iniquity of us all.

# HEBREWS 10:14,18-22

**14** For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are sanctified.

**18** Now where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer an offering for sin. **19** Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus -- **20** he has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, through his flesh) -- **21** and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, **22** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.



# EPHESIANS 2:12-13

3.9

**12** At that time you were without Christ, excluded from the citizenship of Israel, and foreigners to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

# Lesson 3 – Practice

**Take 5 minutes and maybe with a partner, read through 1 Corinthians 15:12-26.**

**Highlight or write down just a few truths to hold onto.**

**Because what you will read is the hope we have as Christians.**

# CHAPTER 1 - LESSON 4

## NEW BIRTH

# EPHESIANS 2:4-6

4.2

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of his great love that he had for us, 5 made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace! 6 He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus.



**3** Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

**4** "How can anyone be born when he is old? " Nicodemus asked him. "Can he enter his mother's womb a second time and be born? "

**5** Jesus answered, "Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. **6** Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18

4.6

**17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! **18** Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

# Lesson 4 – Supplication

**If all that is true, then how might you pray differently for those who don't know Jesus?**

**Who can you pray for right now in this way? Knowing that God is the one who creates in someone the new birth, this new creation, causes someone to be born of his Spirit.**

## CHAPTER 1 - LESSON 5

# SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH



4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and his love for mankind appeared, 5 he saved us –

not by works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy --

through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

# EPHESIANS 2:8-10

5.1,5

**8** For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift -- **9** not from works, so that no one can boast.

**10** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

# Lesson 5 – Prayer

**If God's mercy is a gift from God and under his control, how does that change your understanding of your salvation? You are his new creation/his workmanship, created for good works, that he prepared long ago.**

**How might you lean on God more than yourself in sharing Jesus with others – knowing that he sends his Spirit to regenerate and renew our loved ones?**

# CHAPTER 1 - SUMMARY

GOD - draws near to sinners

MAN - Has sinned and the wages are eternal separation from God.

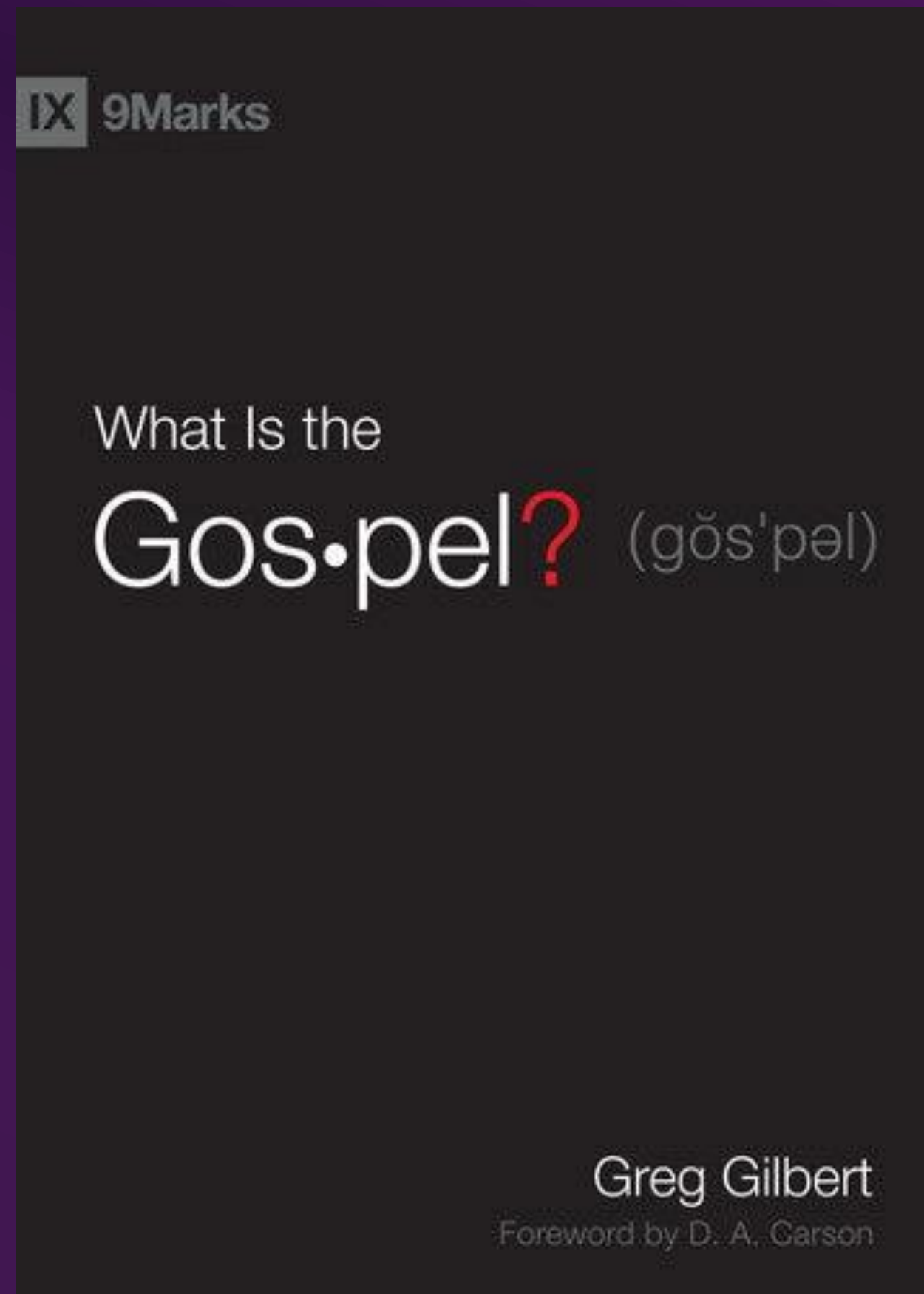
CHRIST - is the Great High Priest who, in his blood, has perfectly paid the penalty for our sins.

RESPONSE - see your new birth and the free gift of grace as the reason for repentance, the motivation for mission, and fuel for fruitfulness in your new life.



# PRAYER

# BOOKS



# DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen