

Gospel Bracelet

1. God (Gold Bead)

- a. **God has a plan for everyone to go to heaven** when they die. In heaven there will be no more *hunger*, no more *pain* and *suffering*, no more *war*, no more *hate*. **Heaven** is a wonderful place of *peace*, *love* and *rest*.
 - i. **Gen 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. NKJV**
- b. **Jesus Christ**, God's Son, promised all those that believe in Him, could *enjoy* heaven.
 - i. **John 14:1-4 - "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not *so*, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. NKJV**
- c. If God were to ask you, "*Why Should I let you in heaven?*" What would you say?
 - i. **1 John 5:13 - These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, NKJV**
- d. Eternal life is a free gift
 - i. The bible says, "**The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**" (Romans 6:23)
 - ii. Because it is a free gift it is not earned or deserved.
 1. **Eph 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast. NKJV**
- e. Why is it that no one can earn his way to heaven? Because man is a **sinner**...

2. Rebellion/Sin (Black)

- a. Sin is breaking God's law. We have missed the mark of perfection. For the only way to get to heaven is to be perfect.
 - i. **Matt 5:48 - Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. KJV**
 - ii. Here is the problem, the bible says, "**For all have sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).**
- b. It is important to reveal to people that they are a **sinner** and they are going to go to hell *instead* of heaven due to their **sin**. We use the law to pierce the heart.
 - i. Charles Spurgeon: "I do not believe that any man can preach the gospel who does not preach the Law. The Law is the needle, and you cannot draw the silken thread of the Gospel through a man's heart unless you first send the needle of the Law to make way for it."
- c. Let me show you how by **asking you a few questions** to pierce the heart:
 - i. Have you ever lied?
 1. What does that make you? *A liar*
 - ii. Have you ever stolen anything?

- 1. What does that make you? *A thief*
- iii. Have you ever lusted after a woman/man? *Adultery* in the heart – Sexually Immoral
- iv. Have you ever desired someone else's things? You are *coveting* in your heart.
- v. By your own admission you are a lying, thieving, adulterer, and coveter. You have already broken four of God's laws.
- d. More scriptures to recognize we are sinners
 - i. Isa 59:2-3 - But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity. NKJV
 - ii. Heb 9:27 - it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, NKJV
- e. God is **merciful** and doesn't want to punish us. He loves us with an everlasting love.
 - i. The bible says, "God is love" (1 John 4:8) and "I have loved you with an everlasting love" (Jeremiah 31:3) His Mercies are new every morning (Lam. 3:22-23)
- f. God is also **just** and must punish sin.
 - i. "(I) will by no means clear the guilty" (Exodus 34:7)
 - ii. "The soul that sins, it shall die." (Ezekiel 18:4)
- g. There is a problem...
 - i. God loves us and doesn't want to punish us. But He is also **just** and must punish sin.
- h. God **solved this problem** for us in the person of Jesus Christ.

3. Atonement/Jesus Christ's Death (Red Bead)

- a. Jesus was born on earth by a miraculous birth. God the Father was His Father and Mary, who was a virgin, was his mother. The Bible says Jesus was both God and Man.
 - i. John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus) and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." 14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten (son) of the Father, full of grace and truth."
- b. He lived a perfect life; He never sinned.
 - i. 1 Peter 2:20 - "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth" NKJV
- c. **What did Jesus do?** He died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and rose from the grave to purchase a place in heaven for us.
 - i. Rom 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. NKJV

- ii. John 14:6 - Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. NKJV
- iii. John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. NKJV
- iv. Acts 16:31 - "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, NKJV
- d. When Jesus **died on the cross**, He **bore our sin** in His body on the cross.
 - i. Isa 53:6 - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, everyone, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. NKJV
- e. But Jesus didn't stay dead. Because He was perfect and never sinned, He **conquered the grave** and rose three days later.
 - i. Rom 14:9 - For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. NKJV
- f. Because Jesus took all our sin and died with it on the cross and rose from the grave, He is able to *offer eternal life* to all those that call upon His name as a *free gift*.

4. Conversion/Redemption (White Bead)

- a. When we ask **Jesus to forgive us** of our sin and grant us eternal life, He makes us pure and holy – white as snow.
 - i. 1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. NKJV
 - ii. Eph 2:8-9 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. NKJV
 - iii. Acts 4:9 - For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. NKJV
 - iv. Rom 10:13 - For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." NKJV
- b. This gift of eternal life (Heaven) is **received by faith**. This **saving faith** is trusting in Jesus Christ *alone* for eternal life. It means resting upon Christ alone and what He has done rather than in what you have done to get into Heaven.
 - i. Acts 16:31 – Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.
- c. The question that God is asking you now is, "*Would you like to receive the gift of eternal life?*" **Closing the Deal!**
 - i. **Repent** of your sins
 - 1. Rom 10:9-10 - if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. NKJV
 - ii. **Accept** the Jesus as your Savior

1. Rev 3:20 - Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. NKJV

iii. **Believe by faith** you are born again Christian.

1. Mark 1:14-15 - Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." NKJV

5. Eternal Life (Green Bead)

a. "Congratulation! As a **new believer** in Jesus Christ you are now free from sin and if you **die** you will inherit eternal life (heaven)."

i. Matt 16:24-25 - "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. NKJV

b. Every sin that you have ever committed has been **completely forgiven**. (*It is important to tell someone their sins are completely forgiven.*)

i. John 20:23 - If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained." NKJV

c. Now it is time to **grow in faith** and **knowledge** of the bible.

i. 2 Cor 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. NKJV

ii. 1 Peter 2:1-3 - Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. NIV

iii. 2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. NIV

d. Closing Prayer

i. "Lord Jesus, thank you for Your free gift of eternal life. I know I'm a sinner and do not deserve eternal life. But you loved me, so You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in heaven for me. I now trust in You alone for eternal life and repent of my sin. Forgive me for all I've ever done wrong. Please take control of my life as my Lord and Savior. Thank You so much!"