

1. The Gospel is Powerful

For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.

(Romans 1:16) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! (2 Cor 5:17)

- 1) How's your SPONTANEOUS prayer life? Do you seek him through the day?
- 2) How's your group prayer life? Are you in a small group? Why not?
- 3) How's your personal prayer life? Do you seek Him early? Late? Why not?

*God never intended on you living alone. You are NOT just a problem to be solved, a project to be completed, or a stepping stone to some higher honor, but a wonderful being made (and being made :) in the image of God and a **longing** person waiting to become a **belonging** child.*

2. The Gospel must be Embraced

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (John 1:12) The time has come," he said.

"The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news! (Mark 1:17)

Salvation involves TWO Confessions:

- 1) **The confession of sin**—1. Admitting you're wrong 2. Turning from your sin and 3. Running to your Creator/Father TRUE REPENTANCE
 - Do you have any unconfessed sin now? Confess it now to each other.
- 2) **The confession of Jesus as Lord** – see Romans 10:9
 - Have you confessed Jesus as Lord? Is He **L.O.R.D.** of your life? Loving Obeying Repenting Depending? Which is hardest for you?

3. The Gospel is Life Altering --- Do you fear God in a healthy way?

- 1) Faithful study of the word of God? Do you have a regular study time?
- 2) Enjoy your time talking with God. Do you have fun with your faith?

3) **Act** on the word of God. Do you obey ALL his commandments? Which ones are the hardest for you to obey and why? See

<https://www.swapmeetdave.com/Bible/Commands/Commands-list.pdf>

4) **Resist** Temptation. You don't have to believe everything you think. Why? Because we often lie to ourselves with the untruth. Challenge your thoughts. Ask yourself, "Is this really true?" Confess three lies to each other.

5) **Strong** hatred of sin. "To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech." Prov 8:13

Do you have a **H.O.T.** relationship with God:

Honest—Do you tell God what your frustrations are? Are you hiding?

Open—Are you quick to talk with God about your questions? Reserved?

Transparent—Do you hold back your tears and fears from God? Are you afraid to be vulnerable and weak before Him? Why?