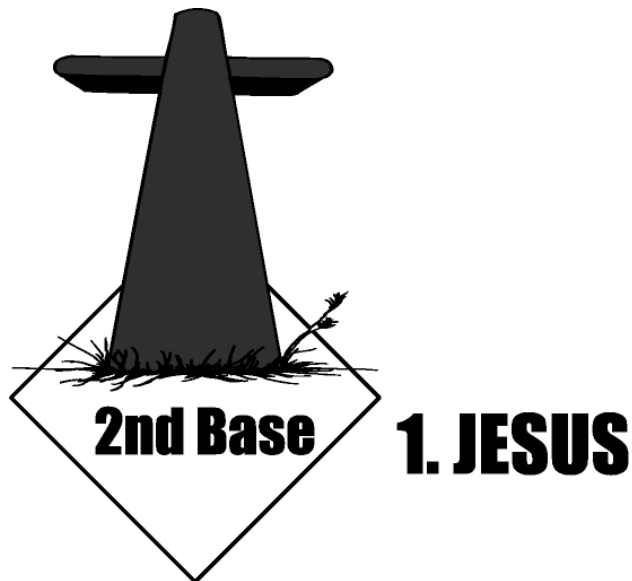


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8. Good News- “God sent Jesus to die for you and He became the substitute for your sin.”

God says that he opposes the proud but gives grace (unmerited favor) to the humble.(James 4:6) After and only after the sinner has realized their condition, been humbled with the law, have shown signs of guilt and contrition and accepted that hell is the punishment for their transgressions, they are now ready to receive the good news.

The Gospel (good news) is for the humble!

In Luke 4:18 Jesus gives us a summation of who the gospel is for; “he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor, he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and liberty to them that are bruised (oppressed).”

• **Poor**- Jesus is not referring to those who lack financial resources when He speaks of the poor. The word means "meek, humble, lowly" and refers to the "poor in spirit" (Matthew 5:3) - the blessed ones to whom the kingdom of God belongs. The poor are those who know that they are destitute of righteousness.

• **Brokenhearted**- refers not to unhappy people who have been jilted by a sweetheart, but to those who, like Peter and Isaiah, are contrite and sorrowing for their sin.

Matthew Henry wrote of Jesus, "For He was sent to heal the brokenhearted, to give peace to those that were troubled and humbled for sins, and to bring them to rest who were weary and heavy-laden, under the burden of guilt and corruption."

• **Captives**- are those "taken captive by [the devil] at his will" (2 Timothy 2:26).

• **Blind**- are those whom "the god of this world has blinded . . . [to] the light of the glorious gospel of Christ" (2 Corinthians 4:4).

• **Oppressed**- are those who are "oppressed of the devil" (Acts 10:38).

As we discussed in the last lesson, we see Jesus giving grace (good news) to the adulteress in John 8, the murderer on the cross in Luke 23, the humbled Pharisee in John 3, and the wealthy tax collector Zacchaeus in Luke 19.

The gospel of grace is for the humble, not the proud. God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). The Scriptures tell us, "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord" (Proverbs 16:5). He sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn are lifted to safety (Job 5:11). God looks on the man who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at His Word (Isaiah 66:2).

Only the sick need a physician and only those who are convinced of the disease of sin will appreciate and appropriate the cure of the gospel.

The good news is now going to make sense because they have realized why they need Jesus. Not just something else to try, they are now ready to hear, understand (Luke 8:10), and receive the truth about the Savior.

As we share the good news to the humbled, we want to emphasize and expect the love of God to be shed abroad in their hearts (Rom 5:5) as they realize the love God demonstrated for them dying and paying the price for their sin.

Read a couple scriptures to them about the Good News.

a.(Romans 5:8)-“The Bible says that God demonstrated His love for us that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.”

b.(2 Cor 5:21)-“God said that He who knew no sin became sin that we may be made the righteousness of God.”(Courtroom Example)

There is no other way to God but through Jesus Christ

1. Ephesians 2:8-9- For it by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-not by works, so that no one can boast.

The sinner cannot go to church enough, give enough money away, or perform any religious activity to receive forgiveness of sin.

2. John 14:6 – Jesus answered, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except by me.”

There is no other religion such as Judaism, Islam, Jehovah Witnesses, or Mormons that can bridge the gap between heaven and hell. It is the God-Man Jesus Christ and him only that allots peace with God and eternal life.

c. **Conclusion**-“God paid the price for you by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Do you understand what God did for you because He loves you and why you need Jesus?”

Jesus is the only way to get to 3rd base!

Lesson 3 Homework

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- 1. Listen to Hell’s Best Kept Secret**
- 2. Listen to Citytaker Gospel Presentation**
- 3. Read Hell’s Best Kept Secret**
- 4. Pray over your Target List**
- 5. Memorize the Citytaker Witnessing Outline**
- 6. Hand out 5 tracts**
- 7. Call Citytaker Partner**