THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ACTS A Summary Of The Gospel As Presented In The Book Of Acts

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Passage	Context	Spoken To	Primary Content Of Gospel Message	Call, Promises, and How Accepted
Acts 2:14-41	Peter at Pentecost	Men of Judea and	GOD The FATHER:	CALLED TO DO:
ACC 2.14 41		inhabitants of	* Witnessed to/through Jesus in works of power (22)	* Hear these words (14, +Romans 10:14)
		Jerusalem (Jews	* Gave up Jesus by counsel & foreknowledge (23)	* Repent (38)
		and proselytes)	* RESURRECTION: Raise Jesus from dead (23, 32)	* Be baptized (38)
			 * Had promised David a descendant to sit on throne (30) 	* Call on name of YHWH to be saved (21,38,47)
			* Exalted Jesus to His right hand (33)	
			* Gave Jesus authority to send promised Holy Spirit (33)	PROMISES IF DONE:
			* called Father (33)	* Remission of sin (38)
			* Made Jesus Lord & Messiah/Christ (36)	* Receive Holy Spirit (38)
			* Calls to salvation (39)	(promises are to all (39))
			JESUS: (subdivide into who He is, what He did/is doing, what we did to	
				HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED:
			* the Nazareane (22)	* Gladly received (believed) (41)
			* God witnessed to (22)	* Were baptized (41)
			* CONVICTION: they delivered to death (23)	* Believed (44)
			* CONVICTION: they crucified (23, 36)	
			* RESURRECTION: raised from dead (24, 32)	
			* is David's Lord (25, 34)	
			* RESURRECTION: resurrected as prophesied (27, 31)	
			* Holy One (27)	
			* Messiah/Christ (30,36)	
			* Lord (36)	
			* God exalted to right hand (33)	
			* received promised Holy Spirit (33)	
			* and poured out on men (33)	
			HOLY SPIRIT	
			* (What the people saw was evidence that the Holy Spirit was poured	
			out on man by God.)	
			OTHER	
			* Peter explained what the people had seen as the fulfillment of Joel's	
			prophecy, indicating that this was a working of God (14-21). These	
			verses serve as Peter's lead-in to the gospel.	

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Acts 3:12–26, 4:1–4	D. 1	Jews and proselytes	GOD: * Of Jewish forefathers (13) * Glorified His servant Jesus (13) * RESURRECTION: Raised Jesus from dead (15) * Fulfilled prophecy that Messiah should suffer (18) * Sends times of refreshing in Jesus Christ upon repentance and converting (change of Holy Spirit, not just beliefs) (19-20) * Spoke of future restoring of all things (21) * To raise up prophet like Moses (22) * Made covenant of blessing with Abraham (25) * RESURRECTION: Raised up servant Jesus (26) * Sent Jesus to bless you in turning you away from iniquities (26) (cf .19-20) JESUS: * God's servant (13) * glorified (13) * CONVICTION: they denied Holy and Just One (14) * CONVICTION: you killed the Originator of Life (15) * God raise from dead ("we are witnesses") (15) * name made lame man well (16) * (they had delivered up in ignorance (17)) * fulfilled prophecy of suffering (18) * Messiah/Christ (20) * prophet spoken of by Moses (22) * is God servant (26) RESURRECTION: * Of dead in Jesus (2)	CALLED TO DO: * Repent (19) {change of mind} * Be converted(19) {change of actions} PROMISES IF DONE: * Sins blotted out(19) * Times of refreshing(19) * Christ sent (20 - ref to Holy Spirit) * Bless you in turning you from iniquities HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Believed (4)
Acts 4:8-12	First questioning by Jewish authorities	Rulers and priests ("all Israel" (10))	X 7	CALLED TO DO: * Implied: call on the name of Jesus (12) PROMISES IF DONE: * Salvation is only in the name of Jesus (12) HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a

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Acts 4:33	Apostles	New Jewish believers	JESUS: * Lord (33) * RESURRECTION: Apostles gave witness to His resurrection (33)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a
Acts 5:19-20	After first prison break	Jews and proselytes	JESUS: * Called Lord (19)? OTHER: * Gospel called "words of this life" (20)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a
Acts 5:29-32	Second trial and first beating	Rulers	GOD: * To be obeyed over man (29) * of the Jewish forefathers (30) * RESURRECTION: Raised Jesus (30) * Exalted Jesus by His right hand as leader and savior (31) * Gives Holy Spirit to obedient (32) JESUS: * RESURRECTION: Raised from dead (30) * CONVICTION: You murdered by hanging on a cross/tree (lit. "wood") (30) * Leader and Savior (31) * God gave to give repentance & remission of sins to Israel (31) (cf. 11:18) * Apostles and Holy Spirit are witnesses to Jesus (32)	CALLED TO DO: * Belief implied (31-32) * Obey (32) PROMISES IF DONE: * God gives repentance & forgiveness of sins (31) * Receive the Holy Spirit (32) HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a
Acts 5:42	Teaching daily in the temple	Jews and proselytes	JESUS: * is Messiah/Christ (42)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a

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Acts 7:2-53	Stephen's address	Before rulers (council)	GOD: * Of glory (2) JESUS: * CONVICTION: You have delivered up and murdered (52) (as your fathers have slain those who announced His coming) * The Just One (52) * In heaven (55) * Is at God's right hand (55) * is Son of man (56) * Is Lord (59) * Receives men's spirits when they die (59). (Stephen trusting Jesus with his spirit - putting in safe hands) * Keeps tracks of sins (implied 60) OTHER: * From verses 2 to 50, Stephen is showing how Israel always rebels against God's deliverance. This serves as a lead in to the main point of his message. * Stephen, full of Holy Spirit (55, 6:3-5), is slain just like the prophets (51)	CALLED TO DO: * Implied: stop rebelling against God's salvation PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * No mention of acceptance. Only anger and murder of Stephen.
Acts 8:26-39	Philip on road	Ethiopian (a Jewish proselyte)	JESUS: * Proclaimed as fulfillment of Isaiah 53 prophecy.(35) * Jesus Himself is called "good news" (35)	CALLED TO DO: * No commandments given, however person was baptised upon request after being told he must believe first. (36-38) PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Believed that Jesus Christ is Lord, then baptised. (37) * Rejoiced. (39)
Acts 9:20	Saul in Damascus	Synagogues (Jews)	JESUS: * Messiah/Christ (20) * Son of God (20)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a

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Acts 9:29	Paul in Jerusalem	Jews w/ Hellenized Jews	JESUS: * Lord (29)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Tried to kill Paul (29)
Acts 10:34- 48	Peter	Cornelious (First gentiles)	* Does not respect persons (i.e. all treated equally) (34) * Chose witnesses of Jesus after resurrection (40-41) * Made Jesus known after resurrection (40) * Raised up Jesus from the dead the third day (40) * Those fearing Him and working righteousness He accepts (35) JESUS: * Peace through Jesus (36) * Is Lord of all (36) * of Nazareth (38) * Annointed of God with the Holy Spirit and power (38) * Did good, delivered people from demon oppression (38) * God was with Him (38) * Was killed by the Jews (hanged on a tree) (39) * Commanded apostles to preach and testify (42) * Chosen of God to be judge of all (42) * All old testament prophets testify to Jesus (43) * All believing in Him receive remission of sins. (43) JUDGMENT: * All (living and dead) to be judged by Jesus (42)	CALLED TO DO: * Believe in Jesus (43) PROMISES IF DONE: * Remission of sins (43) HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * They believed (implied) because the Holy Spirit fell on them (44) * They were baptised.(47-48)
Acts 11:20- 21	Cyprus and Cyrene missionaries	Antioch Hellenists		CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Great numbers believed and "turned to the Lord" (i.e. repented) (21)

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Acts 13:16– 43 (13:40–43)	Paul (first journey)	Antioch in Pisidia, Jews and God- fearing Gentiles	GOD: * Chose Jewish fathers (17) * Rescued and exalted them (17) * Put up with their sin and rebellion (18) * Promised a Savior to Israel of David's seed (23) * God has fulfilled His promise He made to the patriarchs (32-33) * Raised Jesus from the dead incorruptable (no longer to die) (31,34) JESUS: * Of David's seed (22-23) * Is God's promised One (23) * Is Savior for Israel (23) * Is greater than the prophet (of which John is one) (25) * Jewish leaders killed (not having known Him) (27-28) * Died on a tree (cross - literally "wood") (29) * Was not worthy of death (28) * Seen of many after resurrection (witnesses)(31) * Is God's Son (33) * Is God's Holy One (35) * Forgiveness of sins is through Him, even sins the Law can't justify (38-39) * Forgiveness of sins is through belief (faith) in Jesus (39)	CALLED TO DO: * Believe, not despise God (39-41) * Remain in God's grace (43) PROMISES IF DONE: * Forgiveness of all sins (39) HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Gentiles asked to hear also (42) * Many Jews and proselytes followed them (43)
Acts 14:1,3	Paul, etc	Iconium, Jews and Gentiles	* Witnessed with apostles to the Word of God's grace with signs and	* n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Many Jews stirred up trouble (2), and tried to stone them (5) * Many Jews and Greeks believed (1) CALLED TO DO:
Acts 14:7	. 33, 50	2,50.0,250.00		* n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a

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Acts 15:7-29	Paul at Jerusalem giving report of first gentile conversions		GOD: * Chose Peter to speak the gospel to the nations (7 * Knows hearts (8) * Gave Holy Spirit as a testimony to nations and them (8) * Made no distinction between Jews and gentiles (9) * Purified the gentile's hearts (9) JESUS: * God's saving grace is through (11) * Is Lord (11) * Is Christ (God's chosen One) (11)	CALLED TO DO: * Believe (9,11) * Not tempt God by adding law to Gentile believers (10) * PROMISES IF DONE: * All to be saved by God's grace of Lord Jesus Christ if only they believe (11) HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a
Acts 16:14	Paul at Philippi	Lydia	JESUS: * Lord * Opened Lydia's heart to the gospel (14)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Heard (understood) the gospel (14)
Acts 16:30- 34	Paul at Philippi	jailor	JESUS: * Is Lord and Christ (31)	CALLED TO DO: * Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (31) PROMISES IF DONE: * You will be saved (31) * You will received the gift of the Holy Spirit (31) HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Was baptised (33) * Rejoiced greatly (34) * Believed God (34).
Acts 17:2-3	Paul	Thessalonica, Jews and Gentiles	JESUS: * It was necessary for the Christ to suffer (3) *and rise from the dead (3) * Jesus is the Christ (3)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a

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Acts 17:16-34	Paul	Greeks at Areopagus	GOD: * Announced as the One they did not know (23) * Made the word and all things in it (24) * Is the one Lord of heaven and earth (24) * Doesn't dwell in man-made temples (24) * Is not served (worshipped) merely physically as if He needed things (25) * Provides life and all things to all (25) * Made all men of one race (26) * Governs affairs of men (26) * Desires men to seek Him (27) * Is close to (within reach of) each one (27) * We live, move, exist by God (28) * We are God's offspring (28) * God is not like idols (29) * He overlooked past times of ignorance (30) * Now commands all men everywhere to repent (30) * Has set a day to righteous judgment (31) *by His chosen One (31) * Raise Jesus from the dead (31) as guarantee of His intention to judge. JESUS: * Jesus and His resurrection the focus of Paul's message (18) * Chosen of God (31) * Will judge the word (31) RESURRECTION: * Of the dead (31) JUDGMENT: * By Jesus (31)	CALLED TO DO: * All to repent (30) PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Many mocked the resurrection (32) * Some wanted to hear more (32) * Some believed (34)
Acts 18:4-6	Paul	Corinth, Jews and Gentiles	GOD: * n/a JESUS: * Paul testified of Jesus as Christ to Jews (5)	CALLED TO DO: * Implied belief in Jesus (5) PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Resisted (6) * Slandered them (6)

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Acts 18:24– 26	Aquila and Priscilla	Apollos	GOD: * n/a JESUS: * Known as Lord (25) * Gospel is more than just John's baptism (i.e. repentance) (25-26) * Gospel called "way of God" (26)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Implied belief
Acts 18:27- 28	Apollos	Jews	GOD: * n/a JESUS: * Is the Christ (28)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Believed through God's grace (27) * Jews were convinced Jesus is the Christ (28)
Acts 19:21- 34	Apollos	Jews	GOD: * n/a JESUS: * n/a OTHER: * Paul said there are no gods made with hand (idols) (26) * (the gospel was not presented in the theater)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * People rejected the gospel (28,34)
Acts 20:20- 21	Paul	Ephesus, Jews and Gentiles	dGOD: * Is to be repented towards (21) JESUS: * Is Christ (21) * Is to be the object of our faith (21) OTHER: * Gospel called "profitable" (20)	CALLED TO DO: * All to repent (21) * All to believe in Jesus Christ (21) PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a

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Acts 24:12- 21	Paul	Felix	GOD: * Implied the gospel is of God, foretold in the prophets (14) JESUS: * n/a RESURRECTION: * Of all (just and unjust) (15)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * n/a
Acts 26:1-29	Paul	Agrippa	GOD: * Implied the gospel is the culmination of what God promised the patriarchs and prophets (6, 22) * and the Jews have hoped for (7) * God raises the dead (8) JESUS: * Is Lord (15) * Persecuting the disciples is persecuting Jesus (15) * Appeared to Saul/Paul (13-15) * Appointed Paul to spread gospel to gentiles (16-17) * Wants to open eyes of men to turn from darkness to light, from power of Satan to God (18) * Wants to forgive sins (18) * Wants to grant inheritance among holy ones (18) * Prophecied: Christ was to suffer (23) * Prophecied: Christ was to rise from dead (23) * Prophecied: Christ was to announce light to Jews and gentiles (23) RESURRECTION: * Hope of the dead	CALLED TO DO: * Repent (20) * Turn toward God (20) PROMISES IF DONE: * Forgiveness of sins (18) * Inheritance with holy ones (18) HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Thought Paul mad (24)
Acts 28:23- 24	Paul	Roman Jews	GOD: * Paul testified to kingdom of God (23) JESUS: * Spoken of in the law and prophets (23)	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Some persuaded, others disbeleved (24)

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Acts 28:31	Paul		 Paul preached the kingdom of God (31) JESUS: Paul spoke the things of Jesus (31) 	CALLED TO DO: * n/a PROMISES IF DONE: * n/a HOW GOSPEL ACCEPTED: * Not hindered (31)