

Study Guide to Greg Gilbert's
What is the Gospel?
Chapter 2

Read: Chapter 2

In the last lesson you were asked to commit this simple gospel presentation structure to memory: God, man, Christ, and response. This chapter deals with the first part of that structure: God.

Q: Many people do not have a basic understanding of what the Bible teaches about God. Identify some of the theological holes that you have encountered while talking with people. Identify false concepts that you have heard about God. What wrong ideas do many people believe about God?

Q: Now connect the dots. How do these misunderstandings about God impact the gospel? What will people misunderstand about the gospel as long as they have these wrong ideas about God?

Q: What basic concepts about God have to be understood for the gospel to make sense? A person does not need to be an expert theologian to be saved, but he does need to believe certain fundamental truths. What *very basic ideas* about God need to be understood in order for a person to be saved?

Q: Now connect the dots again. How do these truths about God impact the gospel? What will people understand about the gospel as long as they have these foundational truths about God right? Use Scripture.

Project: At the beginning of this study you were asked to imagine a person that had never heard the gospel before. You wrote down what you would tell them. You put together a summary of what they would need to know in order to be saved. Look back at that now, especially what you wrote about God. What adjustments, clarification, or additions would you make to the section about God? Rewrite your gospel presentation.