

Vanguard Training 5: The Vanguard's Gospel

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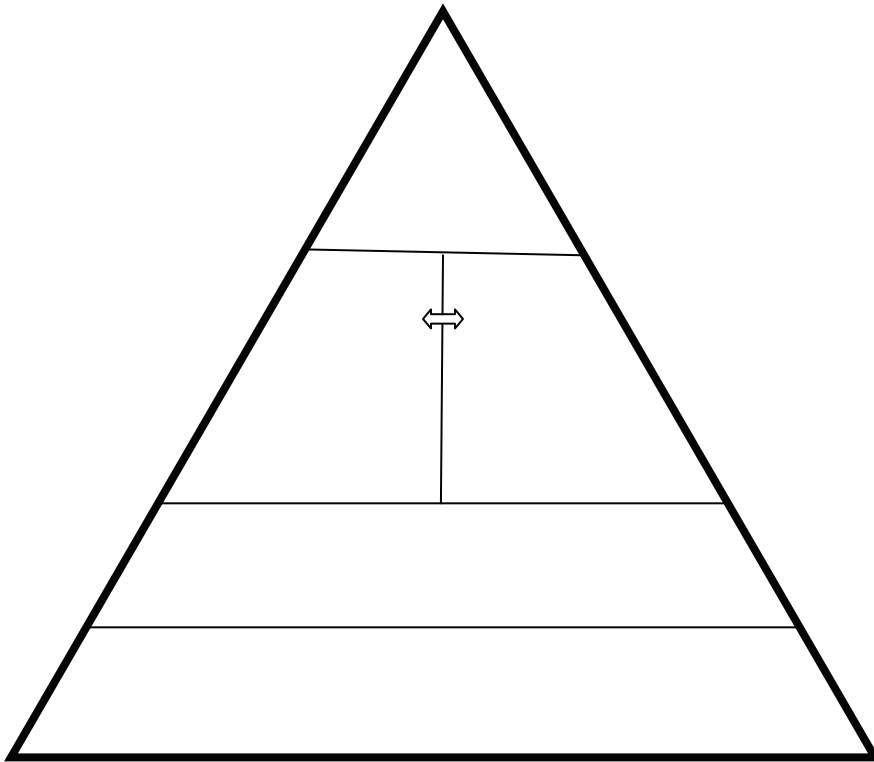
The Ready Vanguard

Read: Ephesians 6:19-20

Summarize the Bible's account of the Apostle Paul's prayer request.

How can we praise, give thanks or worship Jesus Christ through this passage?

What are some differences in how we share the Gospel with a Type A versus a Type B unbeliever?



H_____

L_____

GOD/Man

Life

JOHN 3:16

SIN

B_____ in J_____

G_____

S_____

Man

Death

Review the John 3:16 diagram on youtube.com

Search for "john 3:16 diagram part 1" and "John 3:16 diagram part 2"

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But Jesus didn't remain dead! The Bible says He rose again from the dead. Why is His resurrection such a big deal? (1 Corinthians 15:17-22)

(We need life. Because He rose, He gives His life to all who trust in Him).

This diagram is called the John 3:16 diagram. Are you familiar with this verse? (Read the verse together)

Write your name under "MAN". This reminds us that God loves us personally

The key word in this verse is "believe". God calls us to believe in Jesus. This means more than just agreeing in your mind, It means trusting Jesus as "God" (turning from your ways and giving Him control of your life), and trusting Jesus as "Savior" (depending on what He has done as our Substitute).

God has another promise for all who believe. What is this? (Ephesians 1:13-14)
_____ (This is how God lives in all who believe)

John 3:16

Believe in Jesus
God
Savior

MAN'S RESPONSE: To believe (trust) in Jesus Christ as our God & Savior

Jesus' saving work + trusting Him + turning from our ways to His = Salvation

Has God done His part (Jesus' death and resurrection)? _____ Yes _____ No
Have you done what you need to do (believe and turn from your ways)? _____ Yes _____ No

The Prayer of salvation – There's nothing magical in the words to this prayer, but if you believe it in your heart, God will hear your prayer and welcome you into His family.

"Dear God, I know that I have sinned, and that my sin has separated me from You. I am truly sorry, and now I want to turn away from my way of life and toward You. Please forgive me, and save me. I believe that Your Son, Jesus Christ, died for my sins, was raised from the dead, is alive today, and hears my prayer. Jesus, I invite you to become the Lord of my life from this day forward. Please send your Holy Spirit to help me do Your will for the rest of my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

Here's a promise that God makes to those who entrust themselves to Jesus:
"And this is the testimony, God has given us eternal life and this life is in His _____. He who has the _____ has life. He who does not have the _____ of God does not have life." (1 John 5:11)

If anyone is in Christ, he is a _____, the old _____, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Here are some of the changes you can expect to experience in your new life:

- _____ inner peace _____ awareness of sin _____ awareness of God's love
- _____ ability to overcome sin _____ desire to read the Bible _____ concern for others
- _____ feeling connected to God's family _____ delighting to worship God with the church family

God's Plan of Salvation - The John 3:16 Diagram

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GOD'S PURPOSE: To give people life through a relationship with Him

The Bible reveals many things about God, but to understand His purpose for us, we must also understand two of his primary characteristics.

1. God is Holy. How does the Bible describe this? (1 John 1:5)

2. God is _____. (1 John 4:8)

God has the right and power to do whatever He chooses. He chose to create mankind different from everything else He made. What does the Bible say about how God made us? (Genesis 1:26-27) _____

The Bible says that God breathed life into man. It was His intention that we enjoy Him forever through a life-giving relationship. But He also gave us the freedom to choose whether we would obey Him or pursue life apart from Him.

MAN'S PROBLEM: Our relationship with God has been broken by sin

The first man and woman (Adam & Eve) chose to reject God's leadership of their lives. Their actions resulted in mankind's separation from God.

Sin is the word the Bible uses to describe rebellion against God. Any decision we make to reject God's will is sin. Sin separates us from God because God is Holy and sin makes us unholy. Who is affected? (Romans 3:23) _____

Sin not only causes separation from God, it also gets passed down from one generation to the next. Though God loves us, His holiness will not compromise with sin in any way. What is the result? (Romans 6:23) _____

Knowing something is wrong, we try to return to God by "going to church", doing "good works", or trying "other religions". How do you think a Holy God feels about our efforts? (Isaiah 64:6) _____

GOD'S REMEDY: He sent Jesus to take our penalty and give us His life

God did something for us that we could never do for ourselves. He sent Jesus, God the Son, to earth as a man to make a way for us to return to the Father.

Why do you think I drew this bridge like a cross? _____

When Jesus died on the cross, He acted as our substitute by taking the penalty we deserved. Why is this so important? (1 Peter 2:24)

GOD

Holy

Love

/MAN

----- LIFE

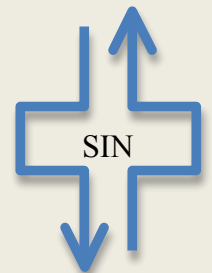
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----- DEATH

Go to Church Good Works Other Religions



JESUS