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Grace & Man\_

**The Gospel: Points To Remember in Presenting the Gospel**

- **When Talking About The Good News...**

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- **When Using Illustrations...**

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- **When Using Scripture...**

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- **When Using Transition Sentences...**

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**a) Grace:**

1. Heaven is a \_\_\_\_\_

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2. It is not \_\_\_\_\_

- At this point we \_\_\_\_\_ God's way and man's way

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**Illustration: Friend's Gift**

*No amount of personal effort, good works, or religious deeds can earn a place in heaven for you because eternal life, like any genuine gift, is free.*

Suppose your best friend were to surprise you with an expensive gift and let's suppose your response would be that of immediately digging into your purse or wallet for a couple of bills to help pay for the gift. What an insult that would be! You must accept gifts freely. If you pay even a penny, it is no longer a gift.

*It is the same with eternal life.*

**Transition: This can be seen more clearly when we understand what the Bible says about man.**

**b) Man:**

**1. Man is a \_\_\_\_\_**

- Most people know they are sinners, but they do not know the \_\_\_\_\_ of that sin

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**Illustration: Sinned Defined**

*When we think of sin many times we think only of robbery, murder, or some other heinous crime. The Bible tells us that sin is anything that doesn't please God or is a transgression of His law. Anything we do that we shouldn't, like losing our temper, or stealing – these are sins of commission. Anything we should do but don't, like failing to truly love our neighbor – these are sins of omission. There are not only sins in deed, but also sins in word and thought like lying, cursing, lust, pride, and hatred. The Bible says these are all sins.*

**Illustration: Three Sins a Day**

*Suppose I sinned only 10 times a day, or even 5, or even just 3. Why I would be practically a walking angel! Imagine if no more than 3 times a day did I think unkind thoughts, or lose my temper, or fail to do what I ought towards God and man – I would be a pretty fine person, wouldn't I?*

*Even if I were this good, I would still have over 1,000 transgressions a year. If I lived to be the age of 70, I would have 70,000 violations of the law of God on my record. Think what would happen to a habitual offender in criminal court with 70,000 transgressions on his record.*

*This illustrates that not only am I a sinner, but also that my sin is a very serious issue.*

- In this illustration – refer to yourself as the sinner & not the person you are sharing with

**2. Man cannot \_\_\_\_\_**

- The Bible tells us that the requirement for heaven is \_\_\_\_\_
- **Matthew 5:48 (Be ye perfect...)**

**Illustration: The Omelet & The Bad Egg**

*If I were to prepare an omelet with 5 good eggs and 1 rotten egg, I could not serve it to company and expect it to be acceptable.*

*Even less can we serve up our lives to God, which may have many things in them that men would call good, and yet are filled with deeds and thoughts that are rotten, and expect them to be acceptable to God.*

*If we want to get to heaven by our good works, then all we have to do is to be perfect (**quote Matthew 5:48**). God's standard is complete obedience to Him in all things and at all times.*

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**Transition: This comes into sharper focus when we look at what the Bible says about God.**

