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**A Brief Overview  
of the  
Gospel**

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- **Colossians 1:10–13:** All in Christ would walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son. (Colossians 1:10–13).

In this prayer, the apostle Paul is not praying for the unsaved, but for the faithful redeemed in Christ, he is praying that those in the Lord would grow in the knowledge of God, and in a manner worthy of the name of Jesus. This prayer of Paul highlights the truth, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that leads to salvation, at its core, proclaims the following four truths: all who:

1. By faith come to Christ with a humble heart, and honest repentance, and accept him as their Lord and Saviour.
2. Are water baptised, and believe they are saved by grace, and not by any worth in themselves.
3. Have faith, that Jesus died and rose again, and will return to gather the faithful to himself.
4. Faithfully follow Christ, and aim to bring honour to God and a good testimony to the name of Jesus and the Christian faith.

Will be saved and inherit the Kingdom of God and eternal life.

**The early church:** during the years of the early Christian church (held in homes, not church buildings), all who fully believed these core truths and committed themselves to living a godly lifestyle were accepted as brothers and sisters in Christ, despite their lack of knowledge from Genesis to Revelation and despite religious errors they may have unknowingly embraced, outside of these core truths.

The pattern of the early church was to accept and water baptise all who truly repented, and honestly desired to commit their life to Christ, and after being water baptised into Christ, they gathered together in home churches (they are called home churches, because the church is not buildings, but men and women who believe in Christ), to fellowshiped together, sharing the knowledge of the Scriptures, that they had with each other, and in this way they continued to grow together in the knowledge of the Scriptures and of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and mature in the fruits of the Spirit.

Sadly, as the years passed by human pride, ego, and the quest for superiority, and desire to be top dog, divisions of all sorts, amongst the Christian faith became the norm, for pride, ego, and the quest to be top dog, closed the door to common and faithful believers being listened to. Christianity in many circles has become a religious movement, whereby those at the top of the tree, have all superiority and authority, and those under them are looked upon as being inferior in knowledge and in faith.

It is true many of us maybe inferior in knowledge to those who are gifted with brilliant minds and memories, but it is not true, that many of us who lack the knowledge others may have, are lacking in the faith, and knowledge of the Gospel and message of the cross of Calvary, that leads to eternal life. The truth is, all in Christ are equal, there are no top dogs, for we are all saved, not for any worth in ourselves, but for the faith we have in Gods beloved Son, who laid his life down for us. I am confident,

at the great resurrection, no one will be given a doctrinal examine paper to fill out, but instead be judged upon their faith in Christ, and how they have lived their life before God, and the love they have shown to their neighbour, and especially to their brothers and sisters in Christ.

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