

This guide is designed to carry you through a year-long study of the Gospel. The reading plan doesn't make great demands of your time, but the truths taught here will make demands upon your mind. As you work your way through it, my prayer is that you would see the Gospel as grand truths that flow from the very mind and heart of God—truths that are for both salvation and sanctification. My prayer over this year for you is that the song of your heart would be

Man of Sorrows! What a name
For the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
In my place condemned He stood;
Sealed my pardon with His blood:
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

You can take this guide simply as it is, reading through the verses as suggested or you can enhance your understanding by doing more. The choice is yours. Here are some suggestions for ways to use this guide.

1. Divide the Scripture Reading up over a week's time, doing a little each day. Do the same thing with the Memory Verses.
2. Use the fifth week to catch-up, review, or study even deeper.
3. Add to the Scripture Reading by utilizing cross-references that your Bible may provide.
4. Use the guide as part of family worship. Read some of the verses together as a family each day and talk about what you have read. Additionally, you can memorize the Memory Verses together as a family.
5. Discuss the readings with others, whether in a Bible study or in personal conversation.
6. Add to the verses by reading through one of these good books that explain the Gospel: *The Cross of Christ*, John Stott; *The Atonement*, Leon Morris; *Knowing God*, J.I. Packer.
7. Go even deeper by studying the particular doctrine for that week. Two small books that are very helpful here are: *Concise Theology*, J.I. Packer and *Christian Beliefs: Twenty Basics Every Christian Should Know*, Wayne Grudem. Both of these books have really short chapters (3-5 pages) on these doctrines and many more.

THROUGH THE GOSPEL IN A YEAR

Month	Doctrine	Scripture reading	Memory verses
January	Creation	<p>Week 1: <i>Before He created the world, God has always enjoyed the perfect fellowship of the Trinity</i> (Gen.1:2; Jn.1:1-2; 14:31; 17:5,24)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>God made everything and everyone</i> (Gen.1; Jn.1:3; Acts17:24-25; Col.1:16-17)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>He created in order to display His glory</i> (Ps.19:1; 86:9; 96:7-8; Isa.43:7; Rom.1:19-20; Rom.11:36; 1Cor.10:31; Eph.1:3-6; 2:4-7)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>God rules over all He has made as a good and Sovereign King</i> (Ps.95:3-6; 103:19; Deut.32:4; Ex.34:6; Ps.100:5; 104:10-14)</p>	Acts 17:24-26
February	The Fall of Man	<p>Week 1: <i>The first sin</i> (Gen.3:1-13)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>Inherited sin</i> (Rom.5:12-21; 1Cor.15:21- 22)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>The consequences of sin</i> (Gen.3:16-18; 5:1-31; Rom.8:20-21)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>The greatest consequence</i> (Ps.5:5; 51:1-4; Hab.1:13)</p>	Romans 5:12
March	The Nature of Sin	<p>Week 1: <i>What sin is</i> (Ex.20:1-18; Matt.5:21-48; Mk.12:29-31; Isa.53:6)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>How the Bible describes sin</i> (Isa.53:6; Eph.2:1; Rom.6:20)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>How sin affects our mind and desires</i> (Eph.2:2-3; 4:17-19; 2Cor.4:4)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>How sin affects our wills</i> (Jn.8:34; Rom.6:16-19; 2Pe.2:19)</p>	Eph.2:1-3
April	Wrath	<p>Week 1: <i>God's reaction to our sin</i> (Rom.1:18; Deut.32:40-41; Ps.7:11-13)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>God distributes His wrath now</i> (Rom.1:18-32; 13:1-5)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>God reserves His full wrath for later</i> (Ps.75:2; 96:13; Acts 17:30-31)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>God reserves His full wrath for later</i> (Rev.19:11; Matt.24:29-31; 25:31-32)</p>	Ps.7:11-13

May	The Incarnation	<p>Week 1: <i>Christ's pre-existence</i> (Jn.1:1-2; 8:58; 17:5)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>At the proper time</i> (Mk.1:15; Gal.4:4)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>Born to a virgin</i> (Isa.7:14; Matt.1:18-25; Lk.1:26-38)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>God became man</i> (Phil.2:5-8; Jn.1:14)</p>	Phil.2:5b-8
June	The Humanity of Christ	<p>Week 1: <i>Human birth</i> (Lk.2:1-7)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>Human body</i> (Matt.4:2; Lk.2:40,52; Jn.4:6; 19:28)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>Human emotions</i> (Mk.3:5; Jn.11:35; 12:27; 15:11)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>Human suffering and death</i> (Isa.53:3; Matt.26:36-42; 27:50, 57-61)</p>	Isa.53:2-3
July	The Deity of Christ	<p>Week 1: <i>Eternal</i> (Jn.1:1; 1Tim.1:17; 6:16; Heb.1:8-12)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>All-powerful</i> (Matt.4:24; Col.1:16-17)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>All-knowing</i> (Matt.9:4; 12:25; Lk.16:15)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>Right to judge and forgive</i> (Matt.16:27; 19:28; Mk.2:5-11; Lk.7:48)</p>	John 1:1-5
August	The Righteousness of Christ	<p>Week 1: <i>God's standard for us is perfection</i> (Lev.11:44; Ps.24:3-4; Matt.5:20,48)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>We are sinful</i> (Gen.6:5; 8:21; Ps.53:1-3; Rom.3:9-20)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>Jesus was tempted but did not sin</i> (2Cor.5:21; 1Pe.2:22; Heb.4:15; 7:26)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>Jesus obeyed the Law perfectly</i> (Phil.2:8; Matt.6:10; 26:42)</p>	Rom.5:17-19
September	The Atonement	<p>Week 1: <i>Christ died in our place</i> (Ex.12; 1Cor.5:7; Jn.1:29)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>Christ died in our place</i> (Isa.53:4-12; Rev.5:6,9-14)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>Christ endured the full wrath of God</i> (Isa.51:17, 22; Jer.25:15; Matt.26:39; Jn.18:11; 1Jn.2:2; 4:10; Rom.3:25)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>Christ's death was sufficient to save</i> (Heb.9:11-15; 10:1-14)</p>	Heb.10:11-14

October	The Resurrection	<p>Week 1: <i>Death was not His end</i> (Matt.28:1-10)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>Jesus was seen by people after His resurrection</i> (Jn.20:11-18, 27; Cor.15:3-8)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>Jesus fellowshiped with people after His resurrection</i> (Lk.24:15-18, 29-30; Jn.21:12-14)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>Then He returned to heaven</i> (Acts 1:9; Eph.1:21; 1Pe.3:22)</p>	1Cor.15:20-23
November	Justification by Faith	<p>Week 1: <i>Those who repent and trust in Christ...</i>(Mk.1:15; Jn.3:16; Acts2:38; Rom.10:9)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>will be declared just...</i>(Rom.3:21-25; 5:1; Gal.2:16; Eph.2:4-9)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>because Christ's death has absorbed the penalty for our sin...</i>(Isa.53:4-6; Jn.1:29)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>and His perfect obedience is applied to our account</i> (Rom.4:6; 5:17-19; 2Cor.5:21; Phil.3:9)</p>	Rom.3:23-25b
December	The Return of Christ	<p>Week 1: <i>Christ will return to earth as Judge</i> (Jn.5:26-27; Acts 10:42; 2Tim.4:1; Rev.19:11-16)</p> <p>Week 2: <i>He will execute judgment upon sinners</i> (Rom.2:5-11; Rev.21:1-8)</p> <p>Week 3: <i>Every person who has rejected Christ will be punished forever in a place called hell</i> (Matt.3:12; 13:42; Lk.16:23-28; Rev.20:11-15)</p> <p>Week 4: <i>He will receive His children into His kingdom forever</i> (Matt.24:29-31; Jn.14:1-3; Rev.21:1-4)</p>	Rev.21:3-4