

## **Lesson 10. S-Complete Gospel Presentation**

### **Second Method—Wordless Book**

#### **Introduction:**

In this lesson, the five Gospel points will be explained using five colors. You can use many different ways to show the five colors: colored sheets in a book form, or colored objects.

#### **1. God's love (represented by the color gold/yellow)**

*Fill in the blanks.*

1. There are two ways in which God shows His love for us. They are both represented by the gold color.
  - 1) God gives us earthly blessings such as the golden sun and the golden grain in the fields. He provides these things for both the just and the \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 5:45). He provides us with all that we need on this earth (Php 4:19), including an abundant life (Jn 10:10). These earthly blessings are represented by the color gold.
  - 2) Because Jesus shed His blood for our sins, we are saved from the pangs of hell, and instead get to enjoy an eternity in heaven. Heaven is described as a city of pure gold, where the street is also of pure \_\_\_\_\_, transparent as glass (Rev 21:18, 21b). This heavenly home is represented by the color gold.
2. God's love is represented by the color \_\_\_\_\_, as He shows His love for us by giving us both earthly and heavenly blessings.

#### **2. Sin (represented by the color black/darkness)**

*Fill in the blanks.*

1. People do things in the darkness such as stealing, committing adultery, thinking bad thoughts in the darkness of their minds, etc. In 1Jn 1:6 darkness represents \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Bible says that we are all as an unclean thing and our righteousness is as filthy rags (Isa 64:6a). Darkness, unclean things, and filthy rags all stand for sin and can be represented by the color \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We sin in thought, word and deed. Some examples of sin mentioned in Gal 5:19-21 are sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, and orgies.

### 3. Substitution (represented by the color red)

*Fill in the blanks.*

1. Christ shed His \_\_\_\_\_ and died for us all. He, the righteous, was the substitute for us, the unrighteous. He did this in order to bring us to God (1Pe 3:18a).
2. He died on the cross to pay for our sins (1Pe 1:18-19). In the olden times, if someone owed a debt he could not pay, he might be taken as that person's slave. Another person could pay the ransom price of gold or silver to buy the debtor's freedom.
  - 1) Before we knew Christ, we were enslaved to the futile ways we inherited from our fathers, that is, we were enslaved to sin. Silver and gold could not pay the ransom for our freedom.
  - 2) Only the precious blood of Christ could pay the price for us to be free from our \_\_\_\_\_. Thus when He died on the cross, He used His \_\_\_\_\_ to free us from sin. In Lesson 12, you will have a more detailed explanation when learning the Romans Method of witnessing.
3. In the above verses from 1Peter and Revelation we learn about Jesus shedding His blood for us. Thus when talking about substitution we think of the blood of Jesus, symbolized by the color \_\_\_\_\_.

### 4. Belief/baptism (represented by the color white)

*Fill in the blanks.*

1. When an unbeliever hears the Word of God, believes, and is \_\_\_\_\_, (Ac 22:16) his sins are washed away, and so his heart becomes clean. Sometimes the Bible uses the color white to represent a clean heart. God washes a person's heart as white as \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 51:7b) and wool (Isa 1:18).
2. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to cause a person to believe. When the listener believes and would like to pray with you, you might say the following prayer with him.

“O Most merciful God, Who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission for all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.” (Taken from The Lutheran Hymnal, page 6)
3. Of course your hope is that after a person believes, he will soon be baptized. Through baptism he will be rescued from his three enemies. These enemies are as follows:
  - 1) Sin—Through baptism, a person's old life of sin is dead and buried, and he now rises and walks in newness of life (Ro 6:4).

- 2) Death—He no longer fears death. Through baptism he has not only been united with Jesus Christ in His death, but he has also been united with Him in His resurrection (Ro 6:5, 8-9). Some day the believer will also rise from the dead and live eternally with a new body.
- 3) Devil—The new believer need not fear the devil and all his tactics, for through Jesus' death and resurrection He conquered his enemy, the devil (Heb 2:14b).

Being united with Jesus in baptism, a new believer has this victory over sin, death, and the devil (1Co 15:57).

### 5. Spiritual Growth (represented by the color green)

*Fill in the blanks with these words: knowledge, green, Holy Communion..*

1. When we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ should naturally get the \_\_\_\_\_ (2Pe 3:18).
2. We grow in Christ through the Word and through the sacraments.
  - 1) The Word of God--We grow by hearing, reading, and studying the Bible alone and with others (1Pe 1:25, 2:2).
  - 2) The Sacraments (Holy Baptism and Holy Communion)--We grow in grace (undeserved love) by experiencing God's love again and again as we remember our sins were washed away in baptism (Ac 2:38a) and as we continually take \_\_\_\_\_ for the forgiveness of our sins (Mt 26:26-28). In these two sacraments, we are assured again and again of God's love and forgiveness of our sins.

The Word of God and the sacraments are called the "means of grace 施恩具", for through them God bestows His grace upon us.

3. Green grass, trees, and plants grow from being very short to becoming taller and taller. In the same way, through the means of grace, we experience His love for us and thus grow closer and closer to Christ, and thus more and more like Him. We use the color \_\_\_\_\_ to represent growth in Christ.