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The background is a blue-tinted architectural blueprint of a building. It features various lines, grids, and dimensions. Several white arrows with numerical values are overlaid on the blueprint: a horizontal arrow of length 4 on the left, a horizontal arrow of length 13 in the middle-left, a horizontal arrow of length 30 at the top, a horizontal arrow of length 24 at the top-right, and a horizontal arrow of length 6 on the right. The word 'BLUEPRINT' is written in large, white, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image.

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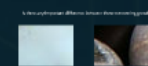
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1 John 5:1-5

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John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 15:1-6

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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Is there any important difference between these concerning growth?



Spiritual life comes from God

It is planted *in us*, not created *by us*.

1 John 3:9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 5:1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well.

1 John 5:4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

1 Corinthians 15:1-6

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Romans 1:16-17

I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. First for the Jew then for the Gentile. 17 The gospel is the power of God that reveals his righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written, "The righteous will live by faith."

Mark 13:10

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2. Access to Spiritual life comes to us in the form of NEWS

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The Gospel is a promise not a job

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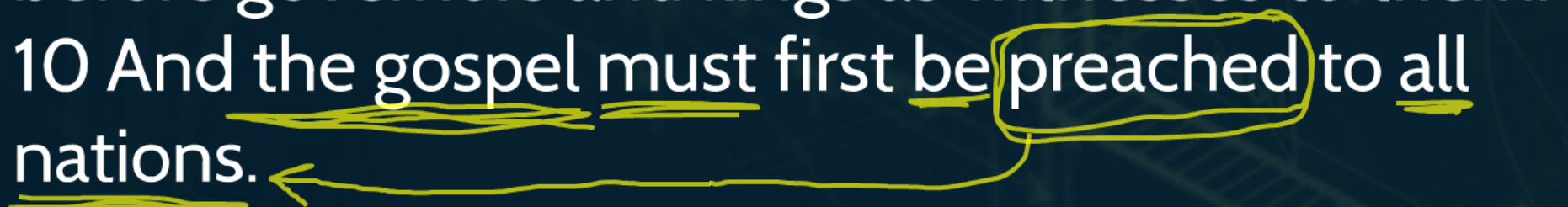
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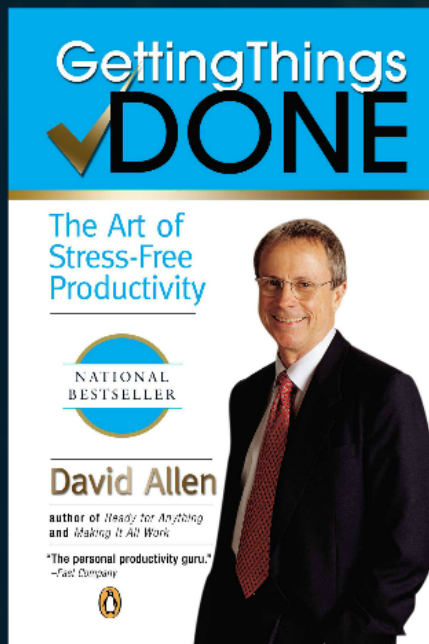
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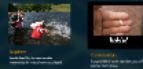
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- Gift
- Promise
- Restoration/government
- Rescue

How do you respond to these 5 aspects of the Gospel?

- Deny → Hate, refuse to believe and forgive
- Gift → Receive and enjoy it
- Promise → Trust and believe it
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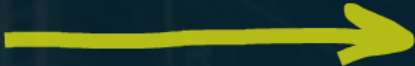
Gift


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Restitution/atonement

Rescue

How do you respond to those KINDS of things?

News  Hear, believe, be thankful and happy

Gift  Receive and open it.

Promise  Trust and believe it

Restitution/Atonement  Acknowledge and be thankful

Rescue  embrace and don't resist

Jesus' 2 religious demands:



Baptism

be dunked by someone else
momentarily into a harmless liquid



BREAD

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YOU CAN'T LIVE ON IT ALONE

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Communion

Eat and drink to remember you LIFE
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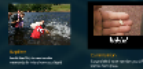
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