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EBM Gospel Tracts Booklet

A Synopsis of the Major Volition Testing Points in "The Gospel of Christ"

EBM Gospel Tracts are 20 sound, unique gospel tracts based exclusively upon Romans 1:16–3:26 — each "tailor made" to address a person at a specific volition testing point in "the gospel of Christ."

What Are EBM Gospel Tracts?

EBM Gospel Tracts are a set of 20 **sound** gospel tracts — sound because the message of each tract is clear and plain with respect to "the gospel of Christ," especially regarding what it means to "believe in Jesus" for justification unto eternal life. God's sole requirement of faith alone in Christ alone is not misstated, perverted, or muddled up by erroneous terminology or truth-perverting gospel clichés.

They are easy to use and read — short and to the point, with an average reading time of 3 to 4 minutes, a handy size, and titles designed to generate curiosity and provoke thought.

Most distinctively, EBM Gospel Tracts are **unique** in that each one is written to specifically address and deal with a person at one or more of the major volition testing points contained in "the gospel of Christ." Each tract is "tailor made" to confront an unjustified person at the very point in the gospel at which he is not responding positively to the truth.

All tracts are based exclusively upon the presentation of "the gospel of Christ" in Romans 1:16–3:26, with all Scripture quotations from the King James Version.

What Is a Volition Testing Point?

A volition testing point is a point within the presentation of "the gospel of Christ" at which the hearer is confronted with a particular truth — especially a truth commonly rejected, resisted, or opposed by man's natural ungodliness. When a person's erroneous or contrary understanding is confronted with this truth, it challenges and tests his volition. He may out of hardness of heart continue to reject it, or out of honesty of heart honestly consider it and change his mind.

Every unjustified person is responding negatively to God at one or more of these 7 points. Understanding this allows an ambassador for Christ to recognize exactly where a person's thinking is contrary to the truth, and to confront him with the particular part of the gospel he needs.

The 7 Major Volition Testing Points

The 7 points are progressively encountered as one proceeds through "the gospel of Christ" from Romans 1:16 to 3:26:

1. **God Consciousness** (Romans 1:18–20)
2. **Wrath Consciousness** (Romans 1:18–32)
3. **Self Defense of Relative Righteousness** (Romans 2:1–11)
4. **Self Defense of Extenuating Circumstances** (Romans 2:12–29)
5. **Stubborn Negative Responses** (Romans 3:1–8)
6. **Full Prosecution of being "Under Sin" and "Guilty Before God"** (Romans 3:9–20)
7. **The Good News of "The Redemption That Is In Christ Jesus"** (Romans 3:21–26)

How the Points Work in Practice

Some people respond negatively to God right from the outset by rejecting the basic light of God Consciousness — professing to be atheists, agnostics, and the like. Their volition is tested by the very first body of truth set forth in "the gospel of Christ."

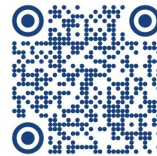
Another person may acknowledge that God exists but oppose the truth that "the wrath of God" is against him — responding, "God is a God of love and would never cast anyone into a lake of fire." His volition needs to be confronted with the truth of Wrath Consciousness (Romans 1:18–32).

Still others may respond positively to everything "the gospel of Christ" sets forth until they come to the final issue of "believing in Jesus" as God's sole requirement for justification. It is here they balk — thinking faith alone in Christ alone cannot be enough. Their volition must be confronted with the truth of The Good News (Romans 3:21–26).

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