

BRIDGE QUESTIONS

Where do you find your meaning and value to feel good about yourself?

Work? Performance?

Spouse? Friends?

Boyfriend? Good Looks?

Money? Past? Ministry?

Other People's Opinions?

What does that mean to you? Kids? Why does that bother you?

THE GOSPEL Step 1 SAMPLE BRIDGE QUESTIONS What does that mean to you? Why does that bother you? What is most important in your life? OR Is _____ the most important thing in your life? Where do you find your meaning or significance? OR Is where you find your meaning? Are there risks in finding your meaning in _____ How does your faith relate to the circumstance you are going through....or does it? If _____ was not the center of your life, do you think it would help you or hurt more?

FINAL BRIDGE QUESTION

Would you mind if I shared something that helped me when I was trying to find my meaning and purpose?

Important Note: Always Remember to ask permission...

But why do we try to find our worth outside ourselves?

Because we all Fall Short!

We know we are born messed up so we try finding a ways to feel good about ourselves.

EXAMPLE: Did anyone teach you how to lie or talk back to your parents? Me neither! ©

Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."



On a Scale from 1-10...How good is God?



Of course...a 10!

Mark 10:18 "No one is good except God alone."

God knew the greatest need of humanity was to find meaning, value, and worth in their life and He decided to solve this problem!



IMAGINE IF...You had God's goodness!
Would you need to keep trying to
find your value in other people or in
your career etc.?

God loves you and wants to give you His goodness! But...

1 John 3:1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.

THE PROBLEM...

Although God Loves You...You don't deserve His Love! Why? Because as we decided earlier you are born trying to find our goodness.

God is **LOVING** and **JUST**

What would you think of God if he let the Boston bomber out of jail because he loved him?

That would make God a crazy God!



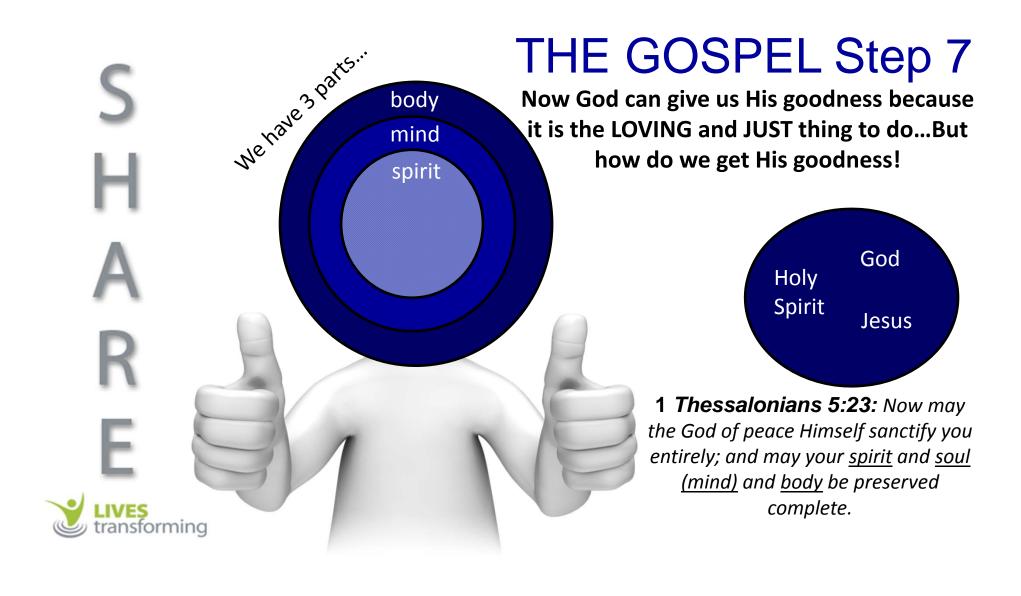
What if the country that wanted Boston bomber released

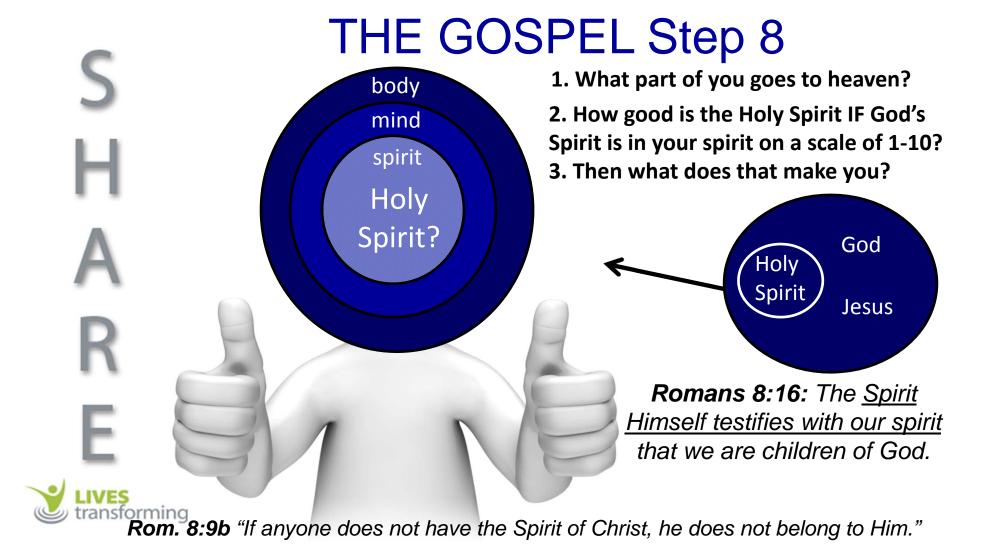
- 1. Paid off the national debt or
- 2. Released a US citizen from their country or
- 3. Exchanged someone for the bomber to be punished? Would that be more just?

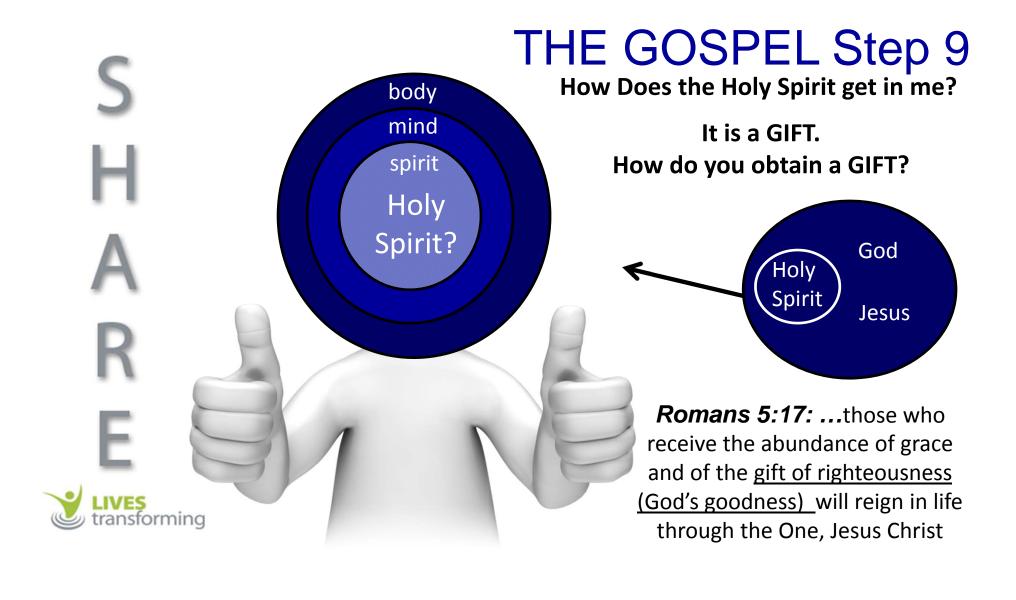
Although humanity deserves to be punished for our sin, God decided **justice would be served** if <u>He took</u> the punishment instead of us by coming to earth (in the form of a man named Jesus) and allowing Himself to be killed instead of us!

2 Corinthians 5:21: He made Him who knew no sin to be <u>sin on our behalf</u>, so that <u>we might become</u> <u>the righteousness</u> of God in Him.











Romans 3:21: "But now apart from the Law (performance or other's opinions) *the* righteousness (goodness) of God has been manifested

Do you have to perform or have other people's good opinion to get God's righteousness (goodness)?



Romans 3:22: Even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe.

How do you get the righteousness of God? Who gets the righteousness of God?



THE GOSPEL SUMMARY

Step 1: The BRIDGE Questions – Where is Your Worth?

Step 2: Why do we find our worth outside of ourselves?

Step 3: How Good is God? 1-10?

Step 4: Imagine if you had God's goodness?

Step 5: The Problem – We don't deserve it ⊗.

Step 6: Justice had to be served.

Step 7: We have three parts.

Step 8: God is three persons.

Step 9: God's righteousness is a Gift.

Step 10: Romans 3:21 – God's righteousness apart from the Law.

Step 11: Romans 3:22 – Righteousness comes through faith.

Step 12: Have you accepted the gift of God's goodness?

