**Slide 3.** [Heb 2:1-4 KJV] 1 Therefore we ought to give **the more earnest heed** to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let [them] slip. 2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and <u>every</u> transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect **so great salvation**; which at the first began to be **spoken by the Lord**, and was <u>confirmed</u> unto us by them that heard [him]; 4 **God also bearing [them] witness**, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

[Act 7:52-53 KJV] 52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept [it].

# Important Absolute Truths (True Always, Everywhere). God gives us great and exceeding precious promises and unpopular promises. They are all true.

# 1. Jesus Alone brings us Eternal Salvation.

**Slide 4.** [Jhn 14:6 KJV] 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Slide 4. [Tit 2:11 KJV] 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

[Heb 2:10 KJV] 10 For it became him, for whom [are] all things, and by whom [are] all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the <u>captain of their salvation</u> perfect through sufferings.

Rejected: saying there are many ways to God or I am a good person. The man upstairs understands me. There is no proof. It takes more proof to accept there are many ways to God than it does to accept there is only one way.

Slide 6. [Isa 45:22 KJV] 22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I [am] God, and [there is] none else.

#### 2. Love your enemies

**Slide 7.** [Mat 5:43-44 KJV] 43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Josh McDowell hated his father who was an embarrassment to the family as the town drunk and a wicked abuser to him and his mother. He wanted to kill him. Jesus changed his heart and his mind.

Rejected: I can never forgive them for what they have done. They deserve what they get. I will get them for what they done.

**Slide 9.** [Luk 6:37 KJV] 37 Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:

[Phl 4:13 KJV] 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

[Mat 18:35 KJV] 35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

# 3. Sin is Deadly.

**Slide 10.** [Gal 5:19-21 KJV] 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told [you] in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Rejected: You won't Really Die, you will become wise. The Lord understands I can't be perfect.

**Slide 12.** [Gen 2:17 KJV] 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

[Rom 6:23 KJV] 23 For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Slide 13. 4. Hell is real.

[Psa 9:17 KJV] 17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, [and] all the nations that forget God.

[Pro 15:11, 24 KJV] 11 Hell and destruction [are] before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men? ... 24 The way of life [is] above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath.

[Isa 5:14 KJV] 14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

[Mat 10:28 KJV] 28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

[Mat 11:23 KJV] 23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

# Slide 14. Rejected: A loving God will not send us to hell! After all, we are made in his image.

[Isa 5:12-14 KJV] 12 And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands. 13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because [they have] no knowledge: and their honourable men [are] famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. 14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

**Slide 15.** [2Pe 2:4, 9 KJV] 4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast [them] down to hell, and delivered [them] into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; ... 9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

# 5. You will Die in Your Sins if you Don't Believe Jesus is the Messiah.

**Slide 16.** [Jhn 8:24 KJV] 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am [he], ye shall die in your sins.

Bob Hoekstra: In a "tolerant" world that wants to deny the reality of sin and its consequences, this is an unpopular promise. Yet, the promise is true nonetheless. Sin brings spiritual death. From the beginning, this has been the case. "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die'" (Genesis 2:16-17).

#### Rejected: Where is the proof? Don't push the Bible down my throat!

[Heb 3:12 KJV] 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

#### You have enough faith but you also have a choice.

**Slide 18.** [Rom 12:3 KJV] 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think [of himself] more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

[Deu 30:19 KJV] 19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, [that] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

#### 6. We must listen carefully to the truth so we don't drift away.

[Deu 15:5 KJV] 5 Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.

**Slide 19.** [Jos 22:5 KJV] 5 But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

[2Pe 3:14 KJV] 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

Rejected: I can't do what God commanded. The Israelites could not do it either. True but you can have help. God's Word depends on Him not us.

[1Pe 5:8 KJV] 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

**Slide 21.** [Mat 17:5 KJV] 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

[Jhn 16:13 KJV] 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

# 7. All unforgiven sin will be punished. All sin has consequences.

**Slide 22.** [2Th 1:9 KJV] 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

[Gal 6:7 KJV] 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

# God's Message is clear and Totally True. Do Not Neglect His Message which Brings Salvation to All who Believe.

#### **God's Plan Communicated:**

# Slide 24. Spoken by the Prophets

[Dan 9:10 KJV] 10 Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

[Act 3:18 KJV] 18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

# **Spoken by Jesus**

**Slide 25.** [Jhn 7:16 KJV] 16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.

# His Message was confirmed by those who heard him.

**Slide 26.** [Jhn 21:24 KJV] 24 This is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.

# God's Message is Further Confirmed by God sending Signs, Wonders, and Diverse Miracles along with gifts of the Holy Ghost.

**Slide 27.** [Act 5:12 KJV] 12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

[Act 14:3 KJV] 3 Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

# **King James Study Bible Says**

The author states that these sign gifts were given to the first-generation witnesses. He does not suggest that his readers possessed these same miraculous gifts. The phrase "gifts of the Holy Ghost" could refer to God's bestowal of the Holy Spirit Himself upon every believer (cf. Rom. 8:9; Gal. 3:5; Eph. 1:13), or more likely it refers to the gifts given by the Spirit

The miraculous sign gifts of the Holy Spirit were present in the first century to confirm apostolic revelation (<u>2 Cor. 12:12</u>; <u>Heb. 2:2–4</u>) and are not expected today. Just as it is necessary to erect a scaffolding to aid construction

when a building is being erected, so sign gifts were the spiritual scaffolding used by God to give credibility to His revelation which became the foundation of the church.

**Slide 29.** [Jhn 14:12 KJV] 12 Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.