

I. Gospel Benefits Chart

The following chart includes various benefits of salvation that flow out of the Gospel.

GOSPEL BENEFIT	DEFINITION	SCRIPTURAL CITATIONS
Foreknowledge / Election / Calling	God loved you and worked out your salvation before you were born.	Ephesians 1:4-5 Romans 8:29-30 2 Peter 1:10
Regeneration	The work of the Holy Spirit in bringing your mind, heart, and soul alive when you were dead in your sins.	Titus 3:5 Ephesians 4:21-24 Ephesians 2:1-6
Justification	The forgiveness of sins and imputation of righteousness that comes through faith in Christ.	Titus 3:7 Romans 5:1 Romans 8:30 Galatians 2:16-17
Adoption	Becoming a son or daughter of God the Father- a co-inheritor with Jesus- through Christ.	Galatians 4:5-7 John 1:12/John 14:18 Ephesians 1:5 Romans 8:23
Indwelling of the Spirit	The presence of the Holy Spirit in the heart of a person who has put their faith in Christ.	Romans 8:9 Acts 2:33/Acts 2:38 John 16:13
Union with Christ	The reality whereby a person becomes one with Christ- Christ indwells in the soul of that person and the person dwells in the soul of Christ in heaven- through faith in Christ.	Galatians 2:20 Romans 8:17 Colossians 2:12 Colossians 3:1
Sanctification	Growing in dependence on God's grace and being transformed into a person who is more like Christ.	1 Thess. 4:3/5:23 Hebrews 13:12 1 Corinthians 6:11
Glorification	The perfection of believers in every way and the deliverance from all effects of the Fall that occurs in heaven and at the Second Coming of Christ.	Romans 8:30 Philippians 3:21 1 John 3:2
Kingdom	Christ's present and increasing redemptive rule on earth.	Psalms 145:13 Luke 1:33 Hebrews 12:28 John 18:36 Matthew 6:9-13

¹ These are separate items and benefits, but I grouped them together because I will make the same functional point to students through all three of them.

II. Contextual Application of Gospel Benefits

In this chart, I offer examples of how I apply these different benefits of the Gospel in various youth ministry situations.

GOSPEL BENEFIT	HEART NEED OF A PERSON TO WHICH THE BENEFIT SPEAKS	EXAMPLE OF SITUATION
Foreknowledge / Election / Calling	To assure a student that God has a purpose in their life. To assure a student that God loves them apart from their merit	A child who feels insignificant or worthless
Regeneration	To assure a student that God can change hearts and minds of people through the Holy Spirit	A situation where a kid's heart feels hardened or empty; reminding them that the Spirit brings hearts alive
Justification	To offer rest to students who are performance oriented. To comfort a student struggling with shame or guilt for moral failure	Before students are about to take the ACT or final exams. To comfort a student struggling with pornography
Adoption	To comfort a student with a dysfunctional family. To give hope to a child who has never met one of their parents	To comfort a student whose parents are getting divorced
Indwelling of the Spirit	To offer comfort to a lonely or isolated student	To comfort a student who has been shut out of a group of friends and feels all alone
Union with Christ	To offer comfort to a student longing for intimacy. To help students struggling with sexual temptation	To encourage students struggling with sexual temptation that they can cultivate intimacy with God through their union with Christ
Sanctification	To offer hope to students struggling with sin and feeling a sense of spiritual failure	To comfort kids who continue to fall back into partying, both to repent and that God is still at work in them
Glorification	To offer hope in times of tragedy and suffering	To comfort a student whose parent or friend has died. To comfort a student who has just been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes
Kingdom	To exhort students that God has a purpose for their life	To give students who hate going to school a sense of purpose- that they are included in God's Kingdom work