

Gospel Reset Overview

1. What does the book mean when it says, “Gospel Reset?”

Foreword by Bonnie Hodge: “Ken Ham dives into this subject brilliantly to teach churches and Christians **how to evangelize and preach the Gospel in our culture today**. What we need, to share the truth of God’s Word and Gospel of Jesus Christ in our changed Western World, is a Gospel Reset” (p.14).

Note from The Author: “The gospel message hasn’t changed, but the way in which it needs to be presented in a secularized culture does need to change. **The way** to present the gospel **does need to be reset** in the world we now live in” (p.10).

2. Why does He think that the “way” or “how” needs to change?

- A. **The culture has changed** from Biblical Literacy (Acts 2) and a Christian worldview with a Creator to Secular Humanism (Acts 17), Moral Relativism and a Godless worldview with evolution.
- B. **Preach Law before Gospel:** The church is not preaching sin and death as taught in Genesis. “...unless people realize their need for a Savior, telling them that Jesus ‘loves them’ means very little” (p.39).
- C. **Relevant:** Therefore, generations “...don’t fully understand the subsequent message of Jesus dying on the Cross and being raised from the dead.... you can’t really understand the good news of the gospel unless you first understand the bad news found in Genesis.” Hence we have the subtitle, “Making the gospel Relevant.” Without sin and death, the need to believe in a Savior is foolishness (that is, it’s not applicable).

3. What does the book propose?

- A. **Pre-Evangelism:** Begin with the Creator and the creation of Genesis, which teaches the reality of sin and death, before presenting the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.

In the following summary of the presentation on page 39, the book proposes teaching point one before two and three.

“1. Foundation: God is the Creator, and that sin and death entered the world, as recorded in Genesis. That’s the foundational knowledge needed to understand the next part...

2. Walls: God sent His Son to die on the Cross and be raised from the dead, because death is the penalty for sin. The power of the Gospel...Christ can offer us the free gift of salvation.

3. Roof: There’s going to be a new heaven and a new earth.”

- B. “Atheistic Evolution is a religion!” (p.64). “The first thing the builder has to do is **demolish the wrong foundation** and build a different and correct foundation upon which to build that house” (p.103).

- C. **Apologetics** – “...by equipping people for how to answer today’s skeptical questions that cause many to doubt the Bible” (p.33)

On page 87, the book lays out what we need to do:

- 1. Contend for the Faith (Jude 1:3),
- 2. Give answers for what you believe (1 Peter 3:15), and
- 3. Preach the Gospel (Mark 16:15).