

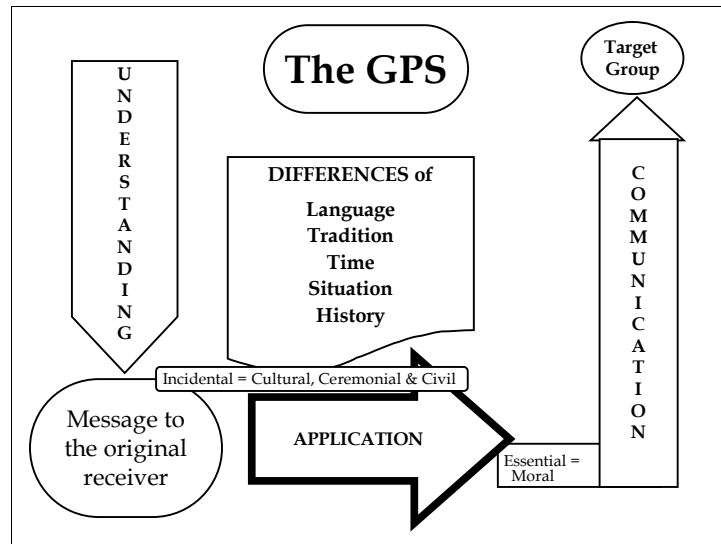
5. THE SECOND PROCESS OF THE BIBLE GPS IS APPLICATION.

THE THIRD PROCESS OF THE BIBLE GPS IS COMMUNICATION

Objective: To learn the skill in how to apply and communicate the message to the original receiver into the 21st century.

Agenda

1. A test drive
2. How did the Bible come into being?
3. Overview of the Bible
4. The First process of the Bible GPS is *Understanding*.
5. *The Second process of the Bible GPS is Application.*
The Third process of the Bible GPS is Communication.
6. The Bible GPS on Galatians 5: 16-26
7. The Bible GPS on Ephesians 5: 8-20
8. The Bible GPS on Romans 3: 21-26



The Purpose of the process of Application is to bring the message to the original receivers across time by applying it to our situation.

We've seen that the Bible was written in a totally different language, culture, time, situation and history than we are used to in the 21st century. **Therefore, we cannot apply everything in the Bible to our life today!**

How do we determine WHAT to apply and WHAT not?

You **first** need to distinguish the difference between an and an

An **ESSENTIAL**:

The message is applicable to the original receiver and everyone.

An **INCIDENTAL**:

The message is only applicable to the original receiver.

How do you know when a Bible passage is an ESSENTIAL or an INCIDENTAL?

You need to distinguish the three types of laws in the Bible and one practice

Ceremonial Laws

Moral Laws

Civil Laws

Cultural Practices

How do you know when a Bible passage is an ESSENTIAL or an INCIDENTAL?

.....

1. laws,

Example: Exodus 30: 17-22

Reason:

2. laws,

Example: Deut 22:8

Reason:

3. laws.

Example: Exodus 20: 15

Reason:

4. practices

Example: 1 Peter 5: 14

Reason:

Ask participants if there are any questions at this time.

Transition into next slide

Pease select the proper word for the blank spaces. It is either ESSENTIAL or INCIDENTAL.

CEREMONIAL LAWS were for the original receivers but are for us because it was fulfilled in Christ offering on the cross.

CIVIL LAWS were for the original receivers but arefor us because our situation is different.

MORAL LAWS were for the original receivers and it is for us because it goes beyond language, culture, time, situation and history.

CULTURAL PRACTICES were for the Original receivers and it is for us because our culture, time, situation and history are different.

Conclusion:

Ceremonial laws therefore are

Civil laws therefore are

Cultural practices therefore are

Moral laws therefore are

Therefore only the are applicable to us.

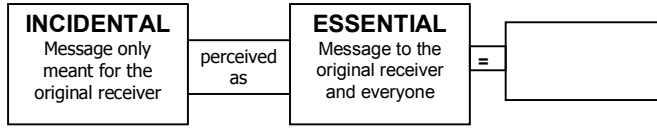
1 Peter 5 verse 14 as an illustration

*“Greet one another with a kiss of love.
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.”*

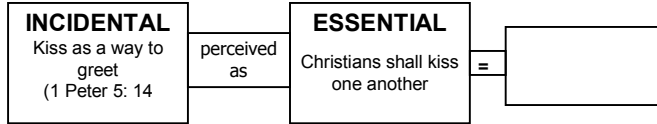
Question 1: What is Essential to the original receivers? *The kiss*

Question 2: Is it an Essential or Incidental to us? *Incidental*

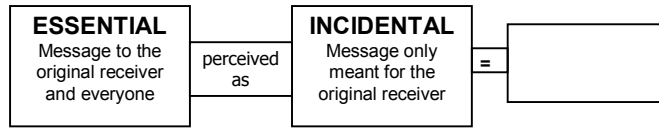
An illustration of the importance of this process



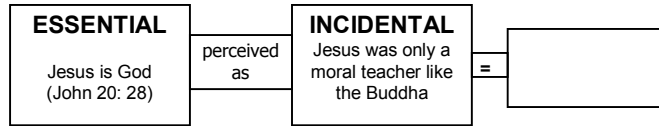
Example

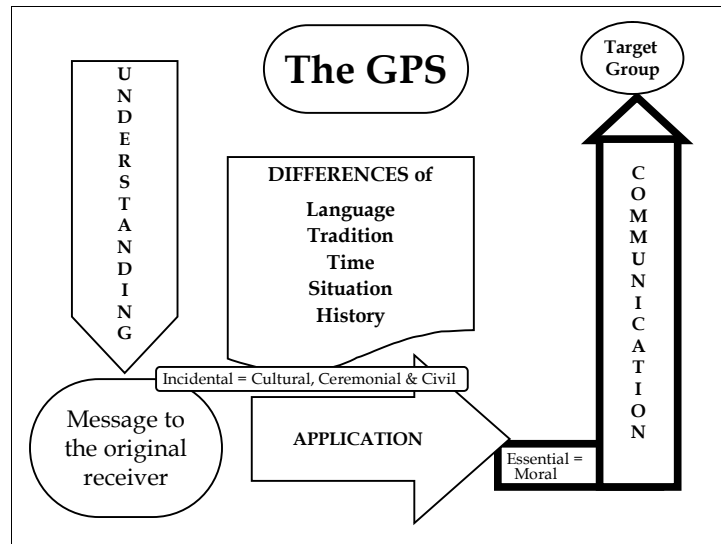


An illustration of the importance of this process



Example





The Purpose of the third process is to the essentials in a relevant way.

There are many ways to communicate a message.
Discuss the different ways a message can be brought to e.g. a youth group.

The will determine how you communicate the message.

Target group: Waiter in Mexico

It is January and you are in Mexico on holiday at a very nice resort. You are outside at the pool of the hotel reading the Bible while you enjoying the nice sunshine. Later you call the waiter and order a nice drink just to cool things down. The waiter was very friendly. That had given you the opportunity to start a little conversation. It went something like this:

Waiter: By your accent you must be Canadian.

You: Yea, you bet.

Waiter: Escaping the cold?

You: Of course. You know we have only two seasons in Canada: Winter and construction!

Waiter: I see. May I ask you a question?

You: Sure!

Waiter: Are you a Christian?

You: Yes, but why do you ask?

Waiter: I see you are reading the Bible. Why are you a Christian?

You: I would love to tell you but do you have time now?

Waiter: O yea, my boss is cool. Besides, we are not that busy today.

You: By the way, my name is Paul.

Waiter: My name is Diego.

Paul: Okay, I would love to tell you how why I am a Christian.

I grew up in a Christian home. I am very thankful for that but that doesn't make me a Christian. Like growing up in a bakery doesn't make you a baker. I realized one day something was missing in my life. Even life didn't make sense to me. I was watching news one evening and was strike by all the mess in this world. I shared my experience with a good friend and she helped me a lot. She pointed out that God didn't turn his back on this mess and on us. The amazing thing is that He entered our mess with the birth of Jesus and reconciled us with God through his death and resurrection. Jesus became what I am, a sinner, to make me what I don't deserve, a child of God. What a God!! I am so thankful to God that I want to make a difference in the messy world by doing good.

Diego: So what you say is that good works cannot save you?

You: No. The Bible makes it very clear that good works cannot save you. If your good works are able to save you, then you can actually boast about it. The other problem is that if your works can save you, when do you know you have done enough good works. We are not saved by doing good but to do good.

Diego: I never thought about it in this way. It makes sense to me. How can I make this my own because I want to follow Jesus?

You: You just need to accept what Jesus did for you and start a journey of growth.

Diego: It sounds too good to be true. Is their small print (smile)?

You: No (laugh). Can I pray for you?

Diego: That will be so cool!

You: Lord, Diego longs to be your child and to get to know you better. Thank you Lord that he can accept the free gift of eternal life through faith. Lord I pray for his new journey and that he will grow in You. Thank you Lord that you love him and that in Jesus he can know that he is forgiven and that nothing can separate him from You. We pray this in your name. Amen!

Diego: Wow! Thank you and thank God!

1. How do you feel about Paul's approach?

.....
.....

2. Do you think that Paul knew Ephesians 2: 1-10?

.....

