



The Gospel:
Preach It to Yourself Every Day



THE GOSPEL

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.



What is the Gospel?

What the Gospel is not:

- The first step of a long journey/stairway
- The foundation of a house we build on
- Just the basics
- Information that the knowledge of secures salvation
- Magic pill, mantra
- Not ethical teaching or a moral improvement program
- Not the two most important commandments



What is the Gospel?

The Gospel is:

- By definition: Good news
- Specifically: The proclamation of the redemption preached by Jesus and the Apostles, which is the central content of Christian revelation.



What is the Gospel?

In a sentence:

- The Gospel is the good news about the great salvation purchased by Jesus Christ, by which He reconciled sinful men to a holy God.
- The Gospel is the news that Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, died for our sins and rose again, eternally triumphant over all his enemies, so that there is now no condemnation for those who believe, but only everlasting joy.
- The gospel is the good news that the everlasting and ever-increasing joy of the never-boring, ever-satisfying Christ is ours freely and eternally by faith in the sin-forgiving death and hope-giving resurrection of Jesus Christ.



1 Corinthians 15:3-6

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Three main points with three underlying assumptions:

1. Main Point – **Christ**
2. Main Point – **Died for our sins and buried**
3. Main Point – **He was raised**
 1. Assumption – God
 2. Assumption – Sinful humanity
 3. Assumption – Complete Salvation



The Gospel:

- A Holy God
- Sinful Humanity
- Christ
- Death and Resurrection
- Reconciliation and Salvation



Application: Corporate

- In the preaching of the Word, look and listen for the Gospel
- In the praise/worship time, look and listen for the Gospel and the thank and praise God for it
- In the Sacraments, recognize that the Gospel is what they are about



Application: Life Group

- 1 Corinthians 2:2 - For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- Find a way to make the point of every meeting the Gospel



Application: Personal

- Resource – Living the Cross-centered Life by C. J. Mahaney
- “A cross-centered life is made up of cross-centered days.”
- Mark 16:15 - And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”
- Preach the Gospel to Yourself
- David Martyn Lloyd-Jones – *“Have you realized that most of your unhappiness in life is due to the fact that you are listening to yourself instead of talking to yourself?”*
- Default position of our inner dialogue
- Psalm 42:5

