

## The Gospel - 1 Corinthians 15:1- 11

**Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

### 1. We need \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel! Vs 1a

- Will you simply tell the story, the good news, the Gospel of Jesus Christ?  
This is what God has empowered you to do. See Acts 1:8; 2:1 and 4:31

Preaching the gospel is the \_\_\_\_\_ of each \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.  
*"Do the work of an evangelist" 2 Tim 4:5*

**Acts 8:3-4** As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. 4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

- **KEY: What is in your \_\_\_\_\_ will come out of your \_\_\_\_\_! Matthew 12:34**

Being an extrovert isn't essential to evangelism—obedience and love are.

- **The world is far more ready to \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel than Christians are to \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Mark 16:15**
- In what manner should we communicate the Gospel? **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**
- **Key: People are \_\_\_\_\_ to the extent that we are \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Romans 1:15-16; 10:13-15**

### 2. People must \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel! Vs 1b-2a

Paul had come to Corinth and he preached the good news of the Gospel. They believed. Their faith had then transformed their lives. They were still standing.

***Have you received the Gospel?***

*Receiving the Gospel changes your life. Now, this is your \_\_\_\_\_ before God. Romans 5:1*

### 3. Belief in the Gospel isn't \_\_\_\_\_. Vs 2 It is salvation!

- "ye are saved" is in the present tense.

**KEY: There are 3 " \_\_\_\_\_ " to your salvation.**  
Salvation isn't just an event in your past - but an ongoing process! **Example: 2 Corinthians 1:10**

*"believed in vain."*

- To believe in vain is to believe the Word but not \_\_\_\_\_ it for yourself! **Luke 8:11-15**
- To believe in vain is to believe, but then see no \_\_\_\_\_, no \_\_\_\_\_ for living life (not able to stand) in Gospel truth!
- "believed in vain." That would be the case if the resurrection of Christ were not \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel are factual! Vs 3-4

- **The Gospel defined.**

- *He didn't just die. Christ died for our sins! Galatians 1:4; Titus 2:14* see also Romans 5:8-19

*The result: 2 Corinthians 5:21*

- *He didn't just die. Christ died according to the Scriptures! Isaiah 53:5-6; Psa 22:13-18*  
Compare Jn 19, Mt 27, Mk 16 and Lk 23.

- ***His corpse was committed to the ground. But death could not hold Him! Ephesians 1:19-20***

- **KEY:** The empty tomb emphasizes that Jesus' resurrection was \_\_\_\_\_.

All four gospels declared that the body was missing!

Mt 28:5-6; Mk 16:5-6; Lk 24:3-4; Jn 20:6-8.

- **KEY:** A dead Saviour cannot \_\_\_\_\_ anybody.

- *Christ's burial and resurrection was "according to the scriptures:"*

Jesus taught that He would be killed and raised the third day. Matthew 16:21; 12:38-40

*Compare Jonah*

**Key prophecy:** Genesis 22:2-8

For further study, see: Hosea 6:1-2 compare Colossians 2:10-15 and Romans 6:1-12

- *He was seen! Vs 5-9*

This was a critical key to the power of the Gospel.

Christ's resurrection is the most provable fact of history. Vs 5-7

**They knew him!** After His resurrection, Jesus' physical body could be touched (John 20:27); could be recognized... with difficulty (John 20:14-15; 21:4,7)

***They saw His resurrected power. He could come and go through locked doors (John 20:19, 26)***

***They were in relationship with Him. He ate and drank with them (Lk 24:42-43; Ac 1:4; 10:41).***

**RESULT:** Everyone knew that Jesus was risen; so when the persecution came, they doubled down on preaching the Gospel. Acts 8:3-4

- *The resurrection of Jesus Christ is proven to you!*

The authorities made sure that His death was \_\_\_\_\_!

They outwitted themselves when they took so many precautions to make sure Jesus was dead and remained in the grave! Everyone knew Jesus was dead.

Now His resurrection is \_\_\_\_\_.

The fact that the rulers were promoting the story that the body was stolen was an admission that the sepulcher was IN FACT empty. Matthew 28:11-15

The fact that the soldiers who guarded the tomb lived to tell the tale meant they were lying!

Ex: Acts 16:23-31