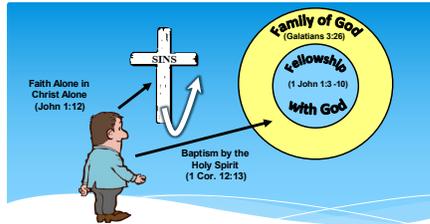


THE ONLY GOSPEL THAT SAVES (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

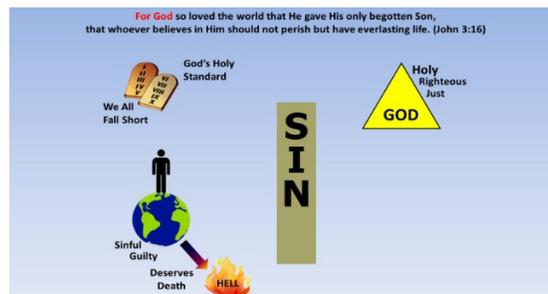
A. The CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE of the GOSPEL ... “What Difference Does It Make?”

1. The Gospel is the God’s good news of _____ through Jesus Christ. (Rom. 1:16-17)
2. The Gospel is the means by which a lost sinner is _____. (1 Cor. 4:15)
3. The Gospel will be the basis of God’s _____ of you. (Rom. 2:16; 2 Thess. 1:8-9)
4. The Gospel is the message that believers are to _____ around the world. (Mark 16:15; 2 Cor. 5:18-20)
5. The Gospel is so important that God pronounces a _____ upon any message that changes it. (Gal. 1:6-9)
6. The Gospel is under _____ towards the lost (2 Cor. 4:3-5), as well as the saved. (2 Cor. 11:3-4, 11-13).
7. The Gospel needs to be held fast to as it has great ramifications in the believer’s ongoing spiritual _____, _____, and _____ to Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:1-5; Col. 2:6-7; Eph. 5:25; 1 Cor. 11:25-26; 1 Thess. 4:13-18)



B. The CONTEXT of the GOSPEL ... “Why Do You Need to Be Saved?” It is because ...

1. God is _____ and we are _____, and one day we will give an account to Him. (Rom. 1:20; 1:32)
2. God is _____ (Isa. 63) and we are _____ (Rom. 3:23) and unable to _____ ourselves. (Is.64:6)
3. There is a _____ we deserve to spend eternity separated from God (Rom. 6:23) and a _____ that we don’t deserve (Matt. 7:13-14; 25:46) but God offers eternal life to us by His _____!



C. The CONTACT of the GOSPEL. (Rom. 10:17; 1 Cor. 15:1-2)

1. Their *past encounter & responses* to the Gospel. (15:1-2a) Moreover, brethren, I declare to you _____, which I _____ to you, {in the past} which also you _____ {in the past} and in which you _____, {perfect tense}

2. Their *present issue & challenges* involving the Gospel. (15:2b) by which also you are saved {present tense - are being saved; 2nd tense}, if {1st} you hold fast that word {the Gospel} which I preached to you-- unless you believed {aorist, active, indicative of piseuo} in vain {without just reason or failing its purpose}. 15:11 Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

D. The CONTENT of the Gospel. (15:3-4)

1. The Gospel of salvation was _____ by Paul without apology.
2. The Gospel of salvation was of _____...” first of all”.
3. The Gospel of salvation centers in a *specific person* who is _____. Why is this significant?
4. The Gospel of salvation centers in a *specific work*, namely that Christ _____ and _____. Why is this significant? (2 reasons)
5. The Gospel of salvation centers in a *specific accomplishment*, namely that Christ died _____. Why is this significant? (2 reasons)

E. The CONFIRMING EVIDENCE of the GOSPEL (1 Corinthians 15:3-11)

1. **Proof #1: The Gospel** _____. (15:3-4) Where in the Old Testament are these found?
2. **Proof #2: The Gospel is** _____. (15:5-8) What is significant about this? These witnesses of the resurrected Christ were so impacted by seeing the resurrected Christ that they were never the same, preaching the Gospel in many countries with many of them eventually even giving their lives in martyrdom for the testimony of Jesus Christ!
3. **Proof #3: The Gospel is** _____. (15:9-11) Exhibit A of this truth is how the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ transformed _____ into the _____. (15:10) The testimony of Paul emphasizes the _____ in salvation, spiritual growth, and service for Jesus Christ. (15:10)

F. The CORRECT RESPONSE to the GOSPEL is _____ alone in _____ alone and His finished work alone apart from your good works, your efforts to keep the Law, or religious rituals.

1. The only human response consistent with God’s grace is _____ alone in Jesus Christ alone.
 - 1 Corinthians 15:11; Romans 11:6; 4:5
 - Acts 16:30-31
 - John 3:16-18; Ephesians 2:8-10 - Where do good works fit in?
2. Hebrews 9:22 “Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins” Consider the chart:
 - What does this mean to you as a believer in Jesus Christ?
 - What does this mean to you if you have never been saved by God’s grace?