

MESSAGE 1. OUR MESSAGE: EVANGELISM ACCORDING TO CHRIST

Seven characteristics of the Gospel to avoid running in vain.

Outline 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1. THE **ORIGIN** OF THE GOSPEL
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• What are the essential ingredients of the biblical Gospel?

• What is the beginning of the Gospel?

The Outline follows 1 Corinthians 15:1-4: "1 **Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which 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 according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures**".

1. THE **ORIGIN** OF THE GOSPEL (v. 3b,4b): God and His "**Scriptures**".

G___ is the g___ news! God has s___ in S_____.! Introducing God the King, His attributes, His kingdom, and His rebellious servants. He planned Redemption as shown in Scripture. Deuteronomy 32:4: "**The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.**" 1 Timothy 1:17: "**Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen**". The Triune God: "the **name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**" (Matthew 28:19).

2. THE **NEED** OF THE GOSPEL (v. 3b): "**our sins**".

Our sins c_____ us to h___ under God's wrath. There is no good news without this b___ news.



Psalm 7:11: **"God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day"** (NASB), the KJV translates: **"God is angry with the wicked every day."** Why is God angry with men? Because of their unrepentant sin: Romans 6:23: **"the wages of sin is death"**. In John 8:34b, Jesus said: **"unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins"**.

3. THE **CONTENT** OF THE GOSPEL (v. 3b-4a): **"Christ died for our sins [...] was buried [...] was raised on the third day"**.

The Gospel is the P_____ and w_____ of the biblical Jesus. It is an objective e_____ in History. 2 Corinthians 5:21: **"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him"**. Jesus **"was declared [or vindicated as] the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead"** (Romans 1:4).

4. THE **PRIORITY** OF THE GOSPEL (v. 3a): **"as of first importance"**.

The Gospel is l_____ or d_____ question. **"if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!"** (Galatians 1:9).

5. THE **TEST** OF THE GOSPEL (v. 2b-c): **"if you hold fast the word [...] unless you believed in vain"**.

The test of the r_____ of the true faith in the Gospel: an e_____ transformation. Jesus said to believers: **"if you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine"** (John 8:31). 2 Corinthians 5:17: **"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature"**.

6. THE **POWER** OF THE GOSPEL (v. 2a): **"by which also you are saved"**.

The gospel is the power of G_____ to s_____ sinners: **"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes"** (Romans 1:16).

7. THE **RESPONSE** TO THE GOSPEL (v. 1a-d): (1) **"you received [...] you stand"**.

God commands us to receive the Gospel by f_____ a_____ and to stand in it by r_____ of our sins. Ephesians 2:8-9: **"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast"**.

James 2:17,18: **"faith without works is dead [...] I will show you my faith by my works"**

(2) **"I make known to you", "I preached to you", "I delivered to you"** (v. 3). All Christians are c_____ to take part in personal e_____, it is your role in the mission of the church: **"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"** (1 Peter 2:9).

Jesus was **"proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom"** (Matthew 4:23) by saying **"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"** (Matthew 4:17).