



Gospel CORE – TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Why REMIND the Corinthians and US of the Gospel? (1 Cor. 15:1)

We forget WHAT THE Good News STORY is:

- 1) **GOD made FLESH – JESUS, the CHRIST (MESSIAH):** 1 Cor. 15:3acd
 - a) **God INDWELLING man:** Colossians 1:19
 - b) **God REVEALING Himself to MAN:** John 1:14 See: John 1:18; Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:7; 1 Timothy 3:16; Heb. 2:14, 4:15
 - c) **AT WORK bringing HEALING in a BROKEN WORLD:** Acts 2:22
- 2) **KILLED by sinful MEN as part of GOD’S PLAN:** 1 Cor. 15:3; Acts 2:23
- 3) **BURIED:** 1 Corinthians 15:4ac
- 4) **RAISED from the DEAD, BY God:** 1 Cor. 15:4; Acts 3:15, 5:30. See: Acts 4:10, 10:40, 17:31; He. 13:20; 1 Ptr 1:21; 2 Ti. 2:8; Rev. 1:17-18
- 5) **ASCENDED:** Luke 24:50–51. See also: Mark 16:19; John 20:17; Acts 1:2, 7:55–56; 1 Timothy 3:16
- 6) **FACTS not FAKE NEWS:** 1 Corinthians 15:5-8; Acts 2:32. See also: Acts 1:8, 3:15, 5:32, 10:39-41, 13:31; 1 Cor. 15:20

We forget WHY this STORY is GOOD NEWS: 1 Corinthians 15:3

- 1) **The Gospel is God’s WISE PLAN and POWER for our SALVATION:** 1 Corinthians 1:22–24 See also: Romans 1:16
- 2) **Jesus TOOK OUR PLACE, so we can receive HIS REWARD:** 2 Cor 5:21
- 3) **Through JESUS we are CLEANSED of our sins, MADE HOLY and COUNTED RIGHTEOUS:** 1 Corinthians 6:11. See also: John 1:29; Romans 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9
- 4) **Through JESUS we are RECONCILED to GOD:** 2 Corinthians 5:19 See also: Isaiah 59:2; Colossians 1:19-22; 1 Peter 2:25
- 5) **Through JESUS we are FREED from SIN’S BONDAGE and REMADE into NEW CREATIONS:** 2 Cor. 5:17. See: John 8:36; Acts 13:39; Romans 6:18, 8:2; 1 Cor 7:22; Gal. 1:3-4; Col. 1:13; 1 Peter 2:24

- 6) **Through JESUS we are REDEEMED to LIVE for God:** 2 Corinthians 5:15. See also: 1 Cor. 1:30, 6:19-20; Galatians 3:13, 5:1; Titus 2:14
- 7) **Through JESUS we are EMPOWERED to MINISTER by His indwelling Holy Spirit:** 1 Cor. 15:10b. See: 2 Cor. 3:4-6; Philip. 2:13; Col. 1:29

We forget HOW we were SAVED:

- 1) **God HUMBLER us by SHOWING us that NONE of us DESERVE to be SAVED:** 1 Corinthians 15:9; 1 Timothy 1:15. See: Romans 3:23, 6:23; Ephesians 3:7-8; 1 Timothy 1:13-14
- 2) **God DEMANDS we come to Him by HIS GRACE [undeserved / unearned favor] ALONE:** 1 Corinthians 15:10a
- 3) **God REVEALS the gift of His Grace through JESUS:** 2 Cor 4:6
- 4) **We must RECEIVE this gift of Grace:** 1 Cor. 15:1, 11. See also: Romans 5:17, 8:15; Galatians 3:2, 4:5; Colossians 2:6; Heb. 4:16
 - a) **Through FAITH and REPENTANCE:** Acts 20:21. See also: Mark 1:15; Acts 2:38, 5:31; Romans 3:25; 10:9-10; Ephesians 2:8
 - b) **Even SAVING FAITH and REPENTANCE are God’s GIFT:** Acts 11:18, 13:48. See also: Acts 16:14; Eph. 2:8; 2 Tim 2:25
- 5) **JESUS saves us because HE LOVES us!** Ephesians 2:4–6 See also: John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 1 John 3:1, 4:9-10

We forget WHERE we STAND: 1 Corinthians 15:1

- 1) **Jesus is the ONLY SOLID FOUNDATION for a believer’s LIFE:** 1 Corinthians 3:10–11
 - a) **We can have NO OTHER ultimate SECURITY, source of SIGNIFICANCE or SATISFACTION:** Romans 5:1–2
 - b) **It is NOT POSSIBLE to OUTGROW our present and ongoing NEED for the GOSPEL:** 2 Peter 3:1 See: Eph. 4:13-16; 1 Peter 2:2
- 2) **It is POSSIBLE to SHIFT our lives into FUNCTIONAL UNBELIEF (ACTING as if the Gospel is INSUFFICIENT Good News):** 1 Cor. 15:2
 - **When this happens, our lives don’t EXHIBIT or BEAR Gospel FRUIT:** Mark 4:19
- 3) **Both our SALVATION and our EXPERIENCE of God’s SALVATION are CONTINGENT upon our PERSEVERANCE:** Colossians 1:21–23a
- 4) **Paul URGES us to EXAMINE OURSELVES to see where we might be standing in some OTHER Gospel:** 2 Corinthians 13:5
- 5) **Today, God’s GOSPEL of GRACE is calling you to MAKE IT YOUR FOUNDATION:** 1 Peter 5:12

“Gospel In Life” questions for REFLECTION & APPLICATION

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?

- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?

- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)

- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?

- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with?

- 6) **PREPARE for NEXT WEEK:** Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-34