THE GOSPEL (Good News)

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-2: “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast to that word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4: “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

• GOSPEL: The gospel is the heart of God revealed in the flesh and was crucified as the Son of God 2000 years ago (See Mark 15:12 - 16:9; John 1:1-14).

• OPPORTUNITY: The gospel is good news about our two greatest problems:
  1. Christ died for our sins that separate us from God (Isaiah 59:1,2).
  2. Christ was raised from the dead to give us hope that we too will be raised when He comes again (1 Corinthians 15:20-22; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

• DECLARE: Because the gospel is the heart of God that touches our hearts, faithful people are declaring this message to the world (See Mark 16:15,16).

• PREACH: The historical event of Jesus’ coming and death for our sins, and His resurrection for our hope, was proclaimed to millions (See Acts 5:42).

• RECEIVE: Millions in all nations have received, and thus accepted as true the gospel of Jesus’ death and resurrection (See Acts 2:36-41; 8:26-40).

• STAND: Since the gospel reveals the heart of God, it is a life-changing motivation for those who suffer the guilt of their own unrighteousness.

• SAVE: Because so many people have placed their faith in the historical truth of the gospel, and subsequently obeyed the gospel, they are now in a gospel relationship with God through Jesus, the Son of God.

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ROMANS 6:3,4: “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore, we are buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead through the glory of the Father, even so we also might walk in newness of life.”

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