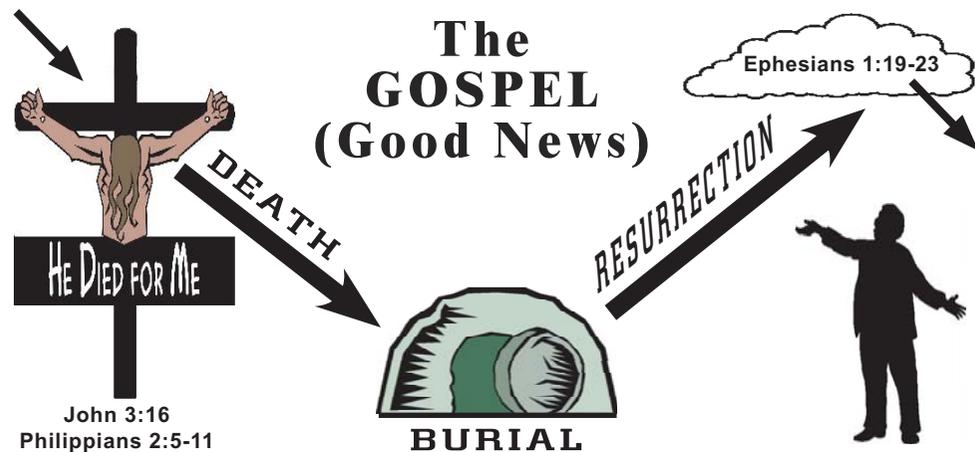


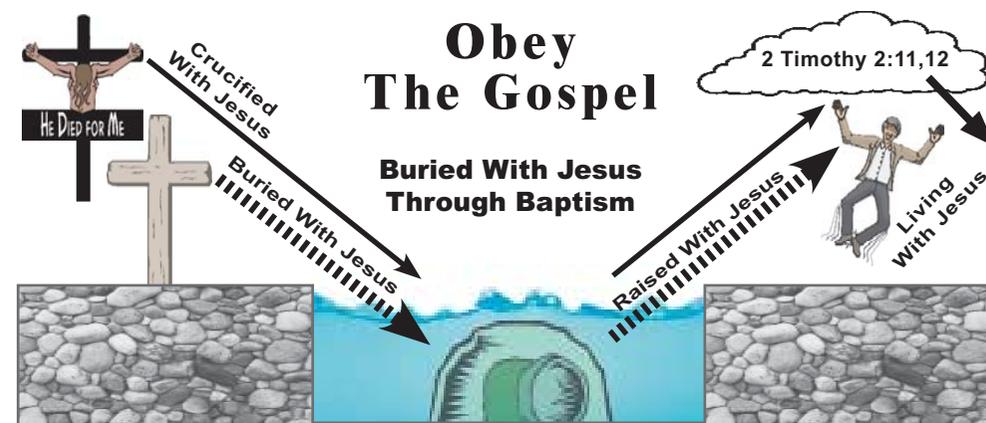
1 CORINTHIANS 15:1,2: “Moreover, brethren, I **declare** to you the **gospel** which I **preached** to you, which also you **received** and in which you **stand**, by which also you are **saved**, if you hold fast to that **word** which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.”



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.
- **IF:** Those who are saved by obedience to the gospel continue to place their faith in the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus (See 1 John 1:7).
- **WORD:** God used both spoken or written words (New Testament) to reveal the gospel. The New Testament is our inspired “newspaper” today that reports the truth of the gospel (See Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12).

ROMANS 6:3,4: “Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized into Christ** Jesus 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.**”



ROMANS 6:5,6: “For if we have been **united together in the likeness of His death**, we will also be in the **likeness of His resurrection**; knowing this, that our **old man was crucified with Him** so that the body of sin might be destroyed, that we should no longer be bondservants to sin.”

- When one crucifies himself or herself **with Christ** through repentance (Luke 13:3), he or she must then be **buried with Christ**, raised **with Christ**, in order to begin living the gospel **with Christ** as a disciple (See Colossians 1:1-17).
- Through obedience to the gospel in baptism, one puts on Christ, and thus becomes a son of God through faith (See Galatians 3:26-29).
- Through obedience to the gospel in baptism, one comes into a relationship with Christ, wherein he or she enjoys all spiritual blessings that God offers concerning our salvation (See Ephesians 1:3,7; 2 Timothy 2:10).
- Through obedience to the gospel in baptism, one receives the remission of all past sins in order to live a gospel-sanctified life in Christ (See Acts 2:38).
- Through obedience to the gospel in baptism, one washes away all past sins, and thus is connected again in a relationship with God (See Acts 22:16).
- Those who do not obey the gospel will be separated from God when Jesus comes again (See 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9; 1 Peter 4:17).
- This is an opportunity to believe in Jesus and obey the gospel in baptism in order to be saved (See Mark 16:15,16). By doing such, one comes into a gospel covenant with God that will continue as a personal relationship with God in heaven throughout eternity (See Matthew 28:19,20).

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