

THE GOOD NEWS

The Gospel That Saves

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO BE SAVED!

Salvation is by grace through faith.

Contrary to popular belief, there is only one way to be saved from eternal damnation according to Scripture. To be saved a person must believe and trust some very specific information. This information is laid out for us in simple terms. The terms are clearly defined by the apostle Paul.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4.

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, **unless ye have believed in vain.**

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

4 And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**



PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THIS STRONG WARNING!!!

There is no other gospel that saves.

Galatians 1:6-9

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7 Which is not another; but **there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.**

8 But though **we**, or an **angel from heaven**, **preach any other gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **let him be accursed.**

9 As we said before, so say I now again, **if any man preach any other gospel** unto you than that ye have received, **let him be accursed.**

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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Believe The Gospel

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Over the course of my ministry and hopefully until the Lord calls me home to Heaven, you are going to hear me read the first four verses of 1 Corinthians 15, because I believe they are the most important verses in all of scripture for those of us in the Church Age. Nearly every sermon I have preached include the first 4 verses of this chapter. These verses and the reverence giving to them is one thing that separates Bible believing Christianity from all of the counterfeit religions that have robbed Christians of their name. As far as I am concerned, they can take the name and they can elevate themselves with their works and their emotions, and I will be happy to keep the sound doctrine and keep on exalting the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The number one way a Christian can exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, edify the Church, and glorify God the Father all at the same time is to boldly proclaim the gospel. The gospel is the only message that saves. That is what makes it the most important message out there. Satan knows how powerful the gospel is and he will do everything in his power to close the mouth or destroy the credibility of the one who believes that gospel message. If Satan can keep the Bible believer's mouth shut or keep the message from being accepted, then he will prevent folks from hearing and believing the gospel. The false church has promoted salvation by works, salvation by emotional or feelings, salvation by heritage, and salvation by dumb luck (Calvinism). Knowing and believing this message is so important, because not knowing and believing it is an automatic death sentence. Knowing it is not an automatic pardon, but believing it is. Believing this gospel message is the only requirement to dwelling in Heaven for eternity. Not believing it the only requirement of spending eternity trespassing in a devil's Hell that was not made for you.

According to Jurisprudence, which is the theory or philosophy of law. The verbal testimony that has been recorded in writing and preserved in scripture. What that means for us today, is any honest court of law would have to accept the testimony of Cephas, the rest of the disciples, 500 more witnesses, James, the rest of the apostles, and then the Apostle Paul. Based on this written testimony that has been preserved for us today, we have the proof Jesus Christ was what He was, and Who He was, and did what He did. There is not an honest court on the planet that can produce the first shred of evidence that could deny the facts presented by this witness testimony.

As a believer there are two things you need to know about the fact that the resurrection would stand up in a court of law.

1.The first thing is that fact does not make scripture truer. God does not need a court of laws help verify His Word.

2.The second thing is if you ever find yourself in a conversation where the burden is placed on you to prove the either the existence or Deity of The Lord Jesus Christ. You can use this testimony for proof of one thing. You can use it to prove that those who deny the existence of God do so by ignoring the evidence.

Outside of you and I being witnesses of the work that the Holy Spirit has done in our lives, and the evidence written down for us in the book, it is not our place to convince folks that God is real. You are not going to make a believer out of an atheist unless the Holy Spirit gets ahold of them. Our Job is no different than that of the 500 plus individuals who saw Jesus resurrected from the grave.

We are to be witnesses of what we know, not try to explain things to someone who is choosing to not believe. Can I tell you something that is majorly wrong with the Church today? You have too many people who refuse to do what they should be doing, and too many people being allowed to do what they shouldn't be doing.

1 Corinthians 15:9

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

There is a false teaching that verse 9 helps us to clear up. To be clear, I don't believe this false teaching has any effect on salvation, but that doesn't stop some of the more dogmatic brethren from believing it does. File verse 9 under right division. The false teaching is that the church did not begin until acts chapter 9. This is known as mid-acts theology or hyper dispensationalism. The basis of hyper dispensationalism is that the church did not have its start until acts chapter 9 when Paul was saved. (Read **Acts 9:1-16**) Now if the church started here the way the hyper dispensational brethren claim it does, what church did Paul persecute? If the church didn't predate the apostle Paul's conversion, then Paul would have been lying in verse 9 when He says he persecuted the church of God.

I have one more proof for us that the church existed before Paul's conversion.

Romans 16:7

7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

1 Corinthians 15:10-11

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

11 Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

Paul the greatest example of Christian that I know of, knows that everything he was able to do by laboring for the Lord, was a product of the grace that God gave him. The apostle Paul knew that his future was secured, by believing the gospel. Because his future was secure, He was able to focus on the task at hand, preaching the gospel with authority. I want to leave you with this golden nugget today. If you struggle with anxiety when it comes down to sharing the gospel to a lost and dying world, or if what people might say to you or about you or even do to you is what is keeping you from being faithful to spread the gospel, just know that no matter what the world, the flesh, and the devil throw at you. Your future is secure as long as you have believed the Gospel. If you are unsure, I invite you to believe that gospel today. If you have believed that gospel, I invite you to take the next step.

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