

The Message of the Gospel

Lesson for Sunday, May 24, 2026

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ Question #1: How sure are you that you are saved? ____%
 - ⇒ Question #2: If you stand before God, and He asks you why He should allow you into Heaven, what would you say?
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BIBLE STUDY:

1. What is the Gospel?
 - a. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 is the clearest expression of the Gospel in the Bible.
 - b. The Gospel is the _____, _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ.
 - c. The word “gospel” comes from a combination of two old English words – good spell, or spelling out good things, telling good things.
 - d. The Greek word literally means “good news.”
 - e. The best news that the world has ever received came from a graveyard outside Jerusalem, “He is not here; He has risen!”

2. Why is the Gospel Good News?
 - a. Good news is not good news unless there is the possibility of bad news.
 - b. Man has a problem. That problem is _____.
 - c. Sin brings about three things:
 - i. Sin brings _____. We owe God obedience but have each fallen short. We each have a sin-debt. (See Romans 3:23 & 6:23.)
 - ii. Sin brings _____. We are impure, dishonored and unfit for God’s presence. We are defiled. (See Mark 7:20-23.)
 - iii. Sin brings _____. Instead of being under the dominion of Christ, we are mastered by our sin. (See Romans 6:14-23.)

3. The _____ of the Gospel
 - a. By Christ’s _____, our sin debt was removed (vs. 3).
 - i. His death is a blood atonement that pays the debt we owe to God.
 - ii. When we receive the Gospel, our sin is annulled and the penalty and the debt is taken away.
 - b. By Christ’s _____, sin’s defilement was cleansed (vs. 4a).
 - i. Jesus’s burial was the confirmation and completion of Jesus’s sacrificial death through which our guilt and pollution are dealt with.
 - ii. Paul ties this together in Romans 6:4. When we are saved, we are buried with Christ to dying to sin. Sin’s power and defilement are broken.
 - c. By Christ’s _____, sin’s dominion is broken.

- i. Jesus's resurrection is God's stamp of approval on Christ, distinguishing Him from Buddha, Confucius, and Mohammed, who all died and remained dead.
 - ii. By rising, He breaks sin's dominion, saves us from "me," and lives His life in and through believers.
 - d. The intent of the Gospel? _____ and be saved! "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31; Romans 1:16).
- 4. The _____ of the Gospel
 - a. The Gospel extends to every _____. (See John 3:16 – "the world.")
 - b. The Gospel extends to every _____. One can be saved anywhere.
 - c. The Gospel extends to every _____. Only the gospel addresses humanity's three major problems: sin, sorrow, and death.
 - d. As we seek to obey our commission, we cannot take the Gospel to the wrong person or the wrong place!

APPLICATION:

- ⇒ Look back at your answers to the questions we asked at the beginning of this lesson.
- ⇒ Read to yourself what you wrote. The difference between Heaven and Hell is the Gospel. The only reason anyone will go to Heaven is because they have received the Gospel.
- ⇒ How sure are you now? If you cannot say 100%, please talk with your teacher today!