

The Gospel of Great Importance

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1. The True Gospel Saves vs. 1-2

Apostle Paul reminded the church of Corinth that only the gospel that he shared with them is the gospel that truly saves them from the bondage of sin, provides them eternal life, and begins transforming their lives. So, hold on to it firmly!

Question:

- Read Romans 5:6-11. In what ways do we experience God's saving grace because of what Jesus did on the cross for us?

2. The Central Doctrine vs. 3-4

Paul shared a creed (oral record) that the Church of Corinth would be familiar with; that emphasizes the most important historical gospel events: Jesus dying for our sins, he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

Question:

- Using verses 3-8, how would you explain the gospel to someone today who is hearing the gospel for the first time?

3. The Encounters with the Risen Christ vs. 5-11

Apostle Paul reminds the church of Corinth that many people have encountered the risen Christ (including the apostles, over 500 people saw the risen Lord, Jesus' half brother James, as well as himself) and many eyewitnesses are still alive who have been impacted by God's saving grace.

Apostle Paul's sharing of his own personal experience of the risen Christ (vs. 8) alongside the historical facts he had learned (vs. 3-7) reminds us that our personal encounters with Jesus alongside the historical facts are worth sharing with others.

Question:

- Explain why the gospel (the good news of Jesus) is important to you?