




# *WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?*

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**






*1 Cor 15:12 - Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?*


*Acts 17:32 - Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer...*





*1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand. 2 by which also you were saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.*





***Matt 13:20–22** - 20 The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*





*3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received...*

*2 Tim 3:16 - All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;*



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**Non-negotiable gospel elements to be clear about...**

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*3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins...*



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*Col 1:15–19 - He is the image of the invisible God, ... 16 For by Him all things were created...17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18 He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. 19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,*



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- II. BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT JESUS DID

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*3 ...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...*

*Phil 2:6–8 – 6 although He existed in the form of God, (He) did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*



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*Rom 4:25 – He...was delivered over because of our transgressions..*

*Rom 5:6 - ...Christ died for the ungodly.*

*1 Pet 3:18 - For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust...*



# Non-negotiable gospel elements to be clear about...

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II. BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT JESUS DID

- A *SATISFACTORY* death

*1 John 2:2 - and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins ...*

- A *SUBSTITUTIONARY* death
- An *ATONING* death



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*Isa 52:13 – 53:12*



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*Luke 24:25-27 – 25...O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things...27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.*

*Acts 26:22-23 - 22...nothing but what the Prophets and Moses said was going to take place; 23 that the Christ was to suffer...*



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- A. *HE DIED*

*4 and that He was buried...*



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- A. *HE DIED*

- B. *HE ROSE*

*4...He was raised on the third day...*



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*Matt 16:21 - ... Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.*

*Acts 5:30 - The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death ...*

*Acts 10:40 - God raised Him up on the third day...*



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*4...according to the Scriptures...*

*Acts 17:2–3 - 2 And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead...*



*1 Sam 2:6 - The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to Sheol and raises up.*

*Job 19:25–26 - 25 As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth. 26 Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God;*

*Dan 12:2 - Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.*

*Psa 16:10 – For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.*



*John 20:9 - For as yet they did not understand the Scripture,  
that He must rise again from the dead.*



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*5...He appeared to Cephas*

*5...then to the Twelve*

*6...more than five hundred brethren*



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*6 ... most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;*



## II. BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT JESUS DID

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*7 then He appeared to James*

*Gal 1:19 - But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother.*

*John 7:5 - For not even His brothers were believing in Him.*

*Acts 1:14 - These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.*



## II. BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT JESUS DID

A. *HE DIED*

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*7 ...then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.*

*1 Cor 9:1 - ... Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord?...*



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




### III. BE CLEAR ABOUT HOW JESUS SAVES

*10 But by the GRACE OF GOD I am what I am, and His GRACE toward me did not prove vain...*

*Eph 3:7–8 - 7 ... I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me ...8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ...*

*Eph 2:8–9 - 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works...*





JOHN NEWTON – *I am not what I ought to be.... Not what I might be.... Not what I wish to be.... I am not what I hope to be.... But I am not what I once was, a child of sin, and slave of the devil.... I think I can truly say with the apostle, ‘By the grace of God I am what I am.’*



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*10 ... but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.*

*2 Cor 11:23 - Are they servants of Christ? ... I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death.*

*Col 1:29 - ... I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.*





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**#3 – The Right Confidence in Ministry**





*Acts 17:30-31 - God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.*



