

HOPE IS ALIVE

“Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...” **I Corinthians 15:1-5**

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Gospel means “ _____ **”**

FIRST - JESUS _____ **FOR OUR SINS**

“So the soldiers took charge of Jesus. Carrying his own cross, he went out to the place of the Skull (which in Aramaic is called Golgotha). here they crucified him, and with him two others— one on each side and Jesus in the middle.” **John 19:16b-18**

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”....And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.” **Matthew 27: 45-46; 50**

“The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again...” **John 10:17-18**

“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” **Romans 3:23**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” **Romans 6:23**

“God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them.” **2 Corinthians 5:19**

SECOND - JESUS WAS _____

THIRD - JESUS WAS _____

“The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” **Matthew 28:5-6**

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins...But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” **I Corinthians 15:17, 20-22**

JESUS’ RESURRECTING BRINGS _____

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.” **I Peter 1:3-4a**

Hope is an eager, confident expectation.

“Therefore we do not give up. Even though our outer person is being destroyed, our inner person is being renewed day by day. For our momentary light affliction is producing for us an absolutely incomparable eternal weight of glory. So we do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal” **2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (CSB)**