

THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1. What is the heart of the gospel we are to preach and teach?
2. That this is the heart of the gospel implies that there is more to the gospel message that we must present. See 2 Thessalonians 1:8. List aspects of the gospel that must be obeyed.
3. Based upon the following Scriptures write a brief paragraph that explains when God knew that Jesus' sacrificial death was going to be necessary and what Jesus' role and motivation in His atonement was. 1 Peter 1:18-20; Revelation 13:8; Acts 2:32; John 10:17, 18; Matthew 26:51-53; Philippians 2:8
4. The sins of forgiven people since Calvary have been covered by Jesus' blood. How were the sins of people living before Calvary covered or forgiven? See Hebrews 9:15; Isaiah 1:16-20; Hebrews 10:1-4; Hebrews 11:39, 40)
5. Explain the connection of baptism and the Lord's Supper to the heart of the gospel. See Romans 6:1-11; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 11:23-26; Luke 22:19, 20.
6. Write your response to those who say
 - a. Jesus didn't die, but was temporarily unconscious.
 - b. Jesus' resurrection was spiritual, not literal (bodily).
 - c. Jesus' disciples stole Jesus' dead body.
7. Explain why you would or would not be a Christian if Jesus did not, in fact, conquer death by His bodily resurrection.