

THE CHURCH BEAUTIFUL MESSES

A STUDY ON 1 CORINTHIANS



"The Gospel"
1 Corinthians 15:1-19
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Proposition:

Paul calls us to ***hold to the message I preached to you...*** He wants us to hold to the Gospel! The Gospel should be the preeminent message of our lives.



Driving Question:

What exactly is the Gospel and why is it a message we must hold on to?



1. The Gospel Defined

3 For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...



A. Its A Message

3 For I passed on to you as most important what I also received:

B. Its About Christ

... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...



2. The Gospel Witnessed

...he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. 6 Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers and sisters at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one born at the wrong time, he also appeared to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.



A. The Witness Of Scripture

... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...

B. The Witness Of The Church

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3. The Gospel Embraced

14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith. 15 Moreover, we are found to be false witnesses about God, because we have testified wrongly about God that he raised up Christ—whom he did not raise up, if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. 18 Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. 19 If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone.



What does embracing the Gospel look like?

a. We Have Assurance

14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith.

b. We Have God's Truth

15 Moreover, we are found to be false witnesses about God, because we have testified wrongly about God that he raised up Christ—whom he did not raise up, if in fact the dead are not raised.



c. We Have Victory Over Death

16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

d. We Have Priceless Faith

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless...



e. We Have Power Over Sin

... you are still in your sins.

f. We Have Eternal Life

18 Those, then, who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished.

g. We Have Purpose

19 If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone.



Driving Question:

What exactly is the Gospel and why is it a message we must hold on to?

Answer:

The Gospel is the person and work of Jesus Christ by which sinners like us receive all the blessings of God!