

Introduction:

Text: : 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Key Points. The gospel of salvation is:

- a. Christ-centered
- b. Scriptures-based
- c. Sin-solution focused

A. Right Gospel Definition

1. The gospel is the person of Christ.
2. The gospel are the events of Christ's death and resurrection for our sins.

B. Amazing Gospel Implications

1. Our self worth is defined by the pure and priceless blood of Christ paid for our sins, not by our degrading life situation, or our delightful success story.
2. Our sins are deadly serious, but Christ handled them for us.
 - a. Christ will handle our sins as we surrender our life to Him.
 - b. We cannot just walk away from the consequences of our sins wherever we go.
 - c. Let our sins and their consequences drive us to Christ, not away from Christ.
3. We cannot save ourselves from our sins no matter how hard we try, but Jesus can:
 - a. Jesus was born to save us from our sins (Matt. 1:21).
 - b. Christ is the great Savior who can save the world sinner (1 Tim. 1:15).

C. Practical Gospel Mission

1. Pass on the gospel to others as of first importance (1 Cor. 15:3).
2. Address people's felt needs to get their attention, like Jesus did.
3. But point people to Christ as their deeper need beyond their felt needs.
4. To build a community of winners in Christ,
 - a. Make sure our people are in Christ. not just in a church
 - b. Disciple our people how to be winners in Christ
 - c. Pick up our fallen brothers and sisters who got wounded by the troubles of life

d. Inspire one another to carry out our global gospel mission.

D. Christ's Valiant Death

1. Was voluntary (John 10:14-15, 18)
 - a. Christ died on the cross not because He was overpowered by the religious and political establishments of His day.
 - b. But Christ died on the cross because He volunteered to die for our sins back in eternity (Rev. 13:8).
2. Was vicarious (Isaiah 53:3-6)
 - a. Christ took our place and experienced our pain on the cross.
 - b. Christ died on the cross in our place.
3. Was victorious (Rev. 1:8, 17-18)
 - a. Christ's resurrection made His death victorious.
 - b. Christ is our victory over Satan, sin, and death.

Conclusion:

TABLETALK STARTERS (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1. In light of the gospel of salvation, defined as Christ's death and resurrection for our sins, what are some of the misunderstandings about the gospel that you know of?
2. What gives you personal hope and encouragement from this text?
3. Apostle Paul made the gospel "as of first importance" (v. 3) in his preaching. How should we apply this in our Children and Youth ministries, Life Groups, pulpit and website messaging?
4. To be relevant in missions strategy, how should we balance addressing people's felt needs, and their deeper need of Christ?
5. Under Point D of the sermon outline, what is your response to Christ's voluntary, vicarious, and victorious death for you?

PRAY!