

A Thorough Investigation

1 Corinthians 15: 1 – 4

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1 Corinthians 15: 1

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 are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

We must prioritize the significance of the gospel (v. 1–3).

- Even in the early church, there was a need to clarify the gospel.
 - It was by the gospel that you were saved.
- The gospel is the only way you can be saved.
- You cannot come to know God except through faith in Jesus Christ, which is a response to the gospel message.
- The gospel is of “first importance” – It is the most important message in the life of the church.

We must recognize the substance of the gospel.

- Jesus has only been dead 15-20 years, but Paul still clarifies the gospel for them.
- He did not want there to be any misunderstanding of the gospel message.
- Three main truths in the gospel:
 - Jesus died on behalf of our sins.
 - Jesus was buried proving His death.
 - Jesus was raised again on the third day.
- According to the Scriptures

We must emphasize the supremacy of the gospel

- Why is the gospel the most important message in the Bible and in the church?
 - Because this message is the only one that can take you from sin to salvation.
 - Who's Your One? This gospel message is the only hope for that person.
- “If you were lost, without Christ, and every Christian shared the gospel as much as you share the gospel, would you ever hear the gospel?”
- The gospel has the power to transform even the most depraved sinner.
- If the gospel is not true, nothing else matters, but if the gospel is true then it is the only thing that matters.

Conclusion

“Jesus came so that we would have a gospel to proclaim—and so that we would proclaim the gospel.”