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Preaching the Resurrection & Living the Resurrection 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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We need the gospel because

Romans

1:18-21 *For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them. For His invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.*

3:9-18 *Both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “There is none righteous, no not one, no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.” “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.” “The venom of asps is under their lips.” “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known.” “There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God.*

But God

Ephesians 2:4-10

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved-and and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we might walk in them.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word 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 in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

The Gospel

V1 Now I would remind you brothers, of the gospel I preached to you...

V3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received

- The Gospel is first priority
- Jesus Christ and the gospel must be and remain preeminent in our lives and His church
- **Colossians 1:17-18** *And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.*

The Gospel

V3 that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures

- *That Christ (The exclusivity of Jesus Christ)*
 - *1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus*
 - *John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*
 - *Acts 4:11-12 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*

The Gospel

V3 that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures

- *Died for our sins*
 - The atoning death of Jesus Christ (substitutionary atonement)
 - Romans 3:23-25 *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.*
 - 1 John 4:10 *In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*
 - 1 Peter 2:24 *He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.*

The Gospel

V3 that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures v4 that He was buried

- *That He was buried*
 - This is the confirmation of Jesus death
 - Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*

It is essential that we proclaim that it is through Christ alone that there is hope, and it is essential that we proclaim that He suffered & died for our sins.

- I think we do a good job of this
- But the gospel doesn't end here (this is an incomplete gospel message)

The Gospel

V3 that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures v4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

- *He was raised on the third day*
 - The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an essential part of our gospel, but I am afraid it is being mentioned in passing (if mentioned at all)
 - If Jesus is still in the tomb, we have no gospel
 - 1 Corinthians 15:14 *And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.*
 - *V17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins*
 - Do you preach the resurrection of Christ with this level of significance, or do you mention it in passing?
 - If we stop at the atoning death of Jesus Christ, we leave those listening to us in the same place the disciples were before the resurrection
 - John 20:19 *On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them “Peace be with you.”*

The Gospel

V3 that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures v4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

- *He was raised on the third day*
 - A gospel without an full understanding of the resurrection leaves hearers wondering if this can be trusted
 - “How do we know if God accepts this Sacrifice?”
 - The resurrection answers that question “*(Jesus) was delivered up for trespasses and raised for our justification*” Romans 4:25
 - The resurrection of Jesus Christ affirms that God’s accepts the atoning death of Christ as payment for sin
 - The resurrection of Jesus Christ affirms He has conquered sin and death
 - The resurrection is an essential to our gospel and the understanding of it is essential to our hearers
 - Let’s not forget this essential when proclaiming the gospel and when we do proclaim it, let’s not just tack it on the end or mention it in passing
 - Let’s treat it for the essential, wonderful affirmation it is
 - When Jesus died, everything He had spoken, taught and done was tittering on the graves ability to conquer Him, but He rose “*because it was not possible for Him to be held by it*” Acts 2:24

The Resurrection

V3 that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures v4 that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures

Knowing this to be true:

- Knowing our God has conquered sin and death
- Knowing our God has secured salvation and eternity through the life, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.....How then should we live?
- We should live, knowing and believing this to be true:
 - We should live fearless of man
 - We should live dead to sin
 - We should live with a willingness to give up everything for the sake of Christ
- Are we going to choose earthly comforts or the cross
- Do our lives shout “He has risen”?
- A sin atoning, death conquering, justification giving resurrection should produce radical living to get that message out
- Are we living resurrection worthy lives?