



“Let that abide in you
which you heard from
the beginning”

1 John 2:24a



The Good News
God Wants
Everyone to Know

1 Cor. 15:1-8

“The Gospel”

- Christ died for our sins
- Christ was buried
- Christ was raised on the third day
- Christ appeared to many witnesses

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- Jesus Christ died and was buried
 - Predicted in the Old Testament
 - Isaiah 53
 - Psalm 22
 - Dan. 9:26 – “Messiah will be cut off”
 - Zech. 12:10 – “pierced”

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- Jesus Christ died and was buried
 - Attested by eye-witnesses
 - “And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.” (John 19:35)

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- Jesus Christ died and was buried
 - Noted by historians
 - Josephus
 - Cornelius Tacitus
 - Julius Africanus (by Thallus (*eclipse*))
 - Phlegon (*eclipse and earthquake*)

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 - Isa. 53:10
 - Ps. 16:10 -> Acts 2:22-36; 13:35
 - Jonah 2:10 -> Matt. 12:40; 16:4

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 - **Attested by eye-witnesses**
 - “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.” (Acts 2:32)
 - Cephas (Peter), *The Twelve*, 500+, James (Jesus’ brother), all the apostles, Paul (near Damascus) (1 Cor. 15:5-8)

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 - Josephus – *Antiquities* 18:3
 - Phlegon – *Chronicles*, cited by Origen

2. Based on Human Need

- Jesus Christ died for our sins
 - Our sin separates us from God
 - “And you were [spiritually] dead in your trespasses and sins” (Eph. 2:1)
 - “you were formerly alienated [from God] and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds” (Col. 1:21)

2. Based on Human Need

- Jesus Christ died for our sins
 - Our sin separates us from God
 - Sin is those things we do, say, or think that violate or contradict God's holy character or will
 - God's standard is perfection, and sin makes us fall short of that goal

2. Based on Human Need

- Jesus Christ died for our sins
 - Jesus takes away our sin
 - “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29)
 - God “sent His Son to be the propitiation [or *atoning sacrifice*] for our sins.” (1 John 4:10)

2. Based on Human Need

- Jesus Christ died for our sins
 - How does Jesus do that?
 - God sent “His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin” (Rom. 8:3)
 - Jesus “released us from our sins by His blood” (Rev. 1:5)

2. Based on Human Need

- Jesus Christ died for our sins
 - We can be right with God
 - “in Christ [God was] reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them” (2 Cor. 5:19)
 - “He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death” (Col. 1:22)

2. Based on Human Need

- Jesus Christ was raised from the dead
 - To prove to us it was all true
 - “having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead” (Acts 17:31)
 - “if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain” (1 Cor. 15:14)

2. Based on Human Need

- Jesus Christ was raised from the dead
 - To provide the new *Life* we need
 - “so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.” (Rom. 6:4)

2. Based on Human Need

- Jesus Christ was raised from the dead
 - To provide the new *Life* we need
 - “For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Rom. 6:10-11)

Why would God do this?

- Because of His great love for us!
 - See Rom. 5:6-11
- To “show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus” (see Eph. 2:1-10)

So What?

- Have you *received & believed*?
 - *I preached -> you received (1)*
 - *So we preach -> so you believed (11)*
- We must understand the message, accept it as true, and act on it (*faith*)

So What?

- Is this “in which you also stand”?
 - “by which also you are saved, **if** you hold fast the word which I preached to you” (1 Cor. 15:2)
 - We must not deviate from God’s *Good News* (Gal. 1:6-9; 1 John 2:21-24; 2 John 7-9)