

# WHAT WE NEED TO REMEMBER

## *“The Gospel Which I Preached to You”*

Scripture Reading: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-5

- ) **SLIDES 1-6.** Bible Jeopardy!
- ) **SLIDE 7-8.** Read today’s Scripture text.
- ) **SLIDE 9.** Today is my final Sunday to preach the Word of God here at BGCC. What is this Book all about? So I’ve titled today’s message *“The Gospel Which I Preached to You”* (v1). Today’s message could possibly be the most important message someone in here has ever heard.
- ) Story time. Tell story about Joy’s niece. *“Mister, were you in trouble?”* Yes I was. And so were you. And there’s a good chance that someone listening to this message today, either here or online, is in trouble as I speak.
- ) What kind of trouble might that be? It’s the worst thing that could ever happen to a human being. Cancer? No. Divorce? No. Loss of a child? No. Dying and going to hell. Because once we die, there are no second chances and there is no such place as purgatory.
- ) **SLIDE 10.** But God created a plan of salvation. And that plan of salvation is the gospel. ROMANS 1:16-17.
- ) **SLIDE 11.** 1 COR 15:3-4. Many preachers will say this is the gospel. We must believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That’s certainly part of it, but that’s not all of it.
- ) **SLIDE 12.** Today I want us all to make sure we have the gospel right. If we get it wrong, or we have an incomplete gospel, or if we believe another gospel, we are setting ourselves up for eternal damnation. GAL 1:8-9.

- ) As we read the pages of the NT, I have the gospel down to 6 non-negotiable truths. Let's cover those this morning to make sure we have the right gospel.
- ) **SLIDE 13.** The **SINFULNESS** of mankind.
- ) **SLIDE 14.** ROMANS 3:23. This is step #1 for anyone to get saved. We must understand and believe that we have violated the laws of God. Everyone.
- ) **SLIDE 15.** The **HELPLESSNESS** of mankind.
- ) **SLIDE 16.** EPHESIANS 2:8-9. All of my good works and merit cannot cure me of my sin problem. Because if they did, we all could boast about what we have done to enter heaven.
- ) **SLIDE 17.** The **DIVINITY** of Jesus.
- ) **SLIDE 18.** JOHN 1:1-2. Here it clearly states that the Word (Jesus) is God.
- ) **SLIDE 19.** JOHN 8:24. Jesus has been saying all along that He and Father are one (divine). If we don't believe that, we will die in our sins.
- ) Folks, you must have the right Jesus. The JWs have the wrong Jesus. The Mormons have the wrong Jesus. And Jesus is not a Burger King where we can have Him our way. He is who He says He is. He is the Son of the living God.
- ) **SLIDE 20.** The **EXCLUSIVENESS** of Jesus.
- ) **SLIDE 21.** JOHN 14:6. There's only one way to heaven. And that's through Jesus. All other paths to heaven will not work. This is not the Oprah Winfrey school of theology. Explain.
- ) **SLIDE 22.** This is where we get back to our Scripture reading for today and begin to tie all this together. 1 COR 15:3-4.
- ) Review. We all have a sin problem, right? The wages of sin is what? Death. What works or merit can we do to fix our sin problem? Nothing.

- ) Here's our next question. What did Jesus do that makes Him the only path to salvation?
- ) **SLIDE 23.** The **ATONEMENT** for our sin debt by Jesus' death on the cross and His victory over our death sentence by His **RESURRECTION** from the grave. And this is what 1COR 15:3-4 is alluding to. Let's dig a little deeper.
- ) **SLIDE 24.** COLOSSIANS 2:13-14.
- ) As the little girl said: "*Are you in trouble?*" Yes, we are all in trouble. It's called a sin problem. Our sin has separated us from the Father. The wages of those sins is death. But what do the Scriptures here teach us? Jesus has canceled that debt, taken all of our sins past, present and future, and nailed them with Himself to the cross.
- ) That's the cross. What about the Resurrection?
- ) **SLIDE 25.** 1 CORINTHIANS 15:16-17. This part 2. If you have a death with no resurrection, that death is worthless. But the Father did raise Jesus from the grave. Both sin and death has been defeated. And because of this, our Spiritual death can be defeated too.
- ) **SLIDE 26.** ROMANS 1:16-17. What ties all these truths together. Faith. By faith I accept the truth that I am a sinner. By faith I accept the truth that I cannot fix or contribute to fixing my sin problem by myself.
- ) By faith I believe the truth that Jesus Christ is God incarnate (in the flesh). By faith I believe the truth that Jesus is the only way unto salvation. By faith I trust in His sacrifice on the cross and I trust in His resurrection from the grave. By faith I trust in Christ alone for my salvation. By faith I trust that my sins have been imputed onto Christ and His righteousness has been imputed onto me. BY FAITH!
- ) **SLIDE 27.** EPHESIANS 2:8-9. I may not fully understand all the theological details. But, by faith, I believe them.

- ) So, what happens when we, by faith, accept and believe all that we have learned so far this morning? Do we really have this saving faith? Where's the proof? Being a true child of God demands a changed life and lifestyle.
- ) **SLIDE 28.** The **REPENTANCE** of our sins.
- ) **SLIDE 29.** 1 JOHN 2:3-6. Proof of being in Christ.
- ) To repent means we change our minds about how we view our sins. What we once loved to do, we now hate to do. It does not mean we become sinless. It does mean there is a strong desire and a hunger to turn away and not do those "*old self*" things anymore. Remember, if we are truly in the faith, we are new creations in Christ.
- ) **SLIDE 30.** Repentance. You cannot be saved without your desire to do it, and you are not saved without a lifestyle that models it. Repeat.
- ) **SLIDE 31.** There are some who teach that a person who believes and accepts the gospel can now live any way they want. This practice is called antinomianism and it's not Biblical.
- ) **SLIDE 32.** In JOHN 8 Jesus meets a woman accused of adultery. The people who were going to stone her depart. Jesus is left alone with this woman. JOHN 8:10-11.
- ) **SLIDE 33.** "*Mister, were you in trouble?*" Yes I was. And so was or is every person on this planet. Are you in trouble now?
- ) **SLIDE 34.** MATTHEW 7:13-14. Are you on the wide and broad path that leads to destruction that many find? Or are you on the small and narrow path that leads to life that only a few find? Church, there's only one gospel. And there's nothing you can do but accept it by faith. It's really that simple.