

know, believe, live the gospel

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

When people ask us why we believe in the Bible, Jesus, and all these things, how do we respond? In our study of 1 Corinthians, starting from the early chapters, we observed how Paul addressed various issues such as division, immorality, marriage, gray areas, food, idols, worship, and problems with spiritual gifts. Last Sunday, we focused on the resurrection. The Apostle Paul highlighted in chapter 15 that we need to KNOW, BELIEVE, and LIVE the gospel!

know

In 1 Corinthians 15:1-2, Paul introduces another matter: the gospel which he preached and made known to the Corinthians. It wasn't an opinion or wishful thinking, but rather a crucial matter impacting salvation. He reminded them to continually cling to this truth. Paul made it clear that he did not invent this — that he received it directly from Jesus (Galatians 1). The gospel is simple: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. Jesus is the only Person who died for the sins of others! Not only did He die, but He was also buried and resurrected, according to the Scriptures. God provided a solution for our sinfulness and disobedience as early as Genesis 12:3 and Genesis 22:18: He declared every family in the world will be blessed through Abraham's seed. Isaiah 53 speaks clearly of prophetic statements about Jesus' ministry: v.5 speaks of the Messiah who will be pierced for our sins or transgressions, v.6 declares that all of us have gone astray but the Lord charged it to this suffering Servant, and vv.9-10 describes even the death and burial of Jesus! Romans 1:3-4 summarizes this: Jesus Christ is the Savior (Messiah) who resurrected from the dead! Christianity is not a legend or a myth, but it is a REALITY. We must not only know, but also BELIEVE.

believe

James 2:19 tells us that believing is not only for Christians — even demons believe, and they shudder in fear and reverence. Belief should flow from the mind to the heart! It shouldn't come as a surprise when people leave the church or the faith. In 1 John 2:19, John explains that such do not belong to the body at all because they did not truly believe what they initially professed. Matthew 24:12-13 instructs us to endure to the end and

not give in to the world's influences. This is called "the perseverance of the saints": we must believe to the end. In 1 Corinthians 15:5-8, Paul continued to talk about further proof of the resurrection from eyewitnesses like Peter, James (Jesus' brother), Paul himself, and even 500 more people! Truly, Jesus died and rose again! The apostles in the book of Acts always emphasized the resurrection as they preached. In fact, these apostles died for the truth they proclaimed.

Famous lawyers like Simon Greenleaf, Lionel Luckhoo, and journalist Lee Strobel were initially unbelievers who, upon investigating, found the resurrection and Christianity to be true. Christians who LIVED out the faith helped these individuals come to faith!

live

In 1 Corinthians 15:9-11, Paul talked about how he lived out his faith, laboring for the gospel and preaching extensively because he wanted others to know what he knew. He attributed it to the GRACE OF GOD. Will you choose to follow leaders like Peter, James, and Paul? Many may say no because of their past, but grace was extended to them too! Understanding God's grace enables us to live out the power of the gospel in our daily lives. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 that if you truly understand the gospel, including the resurrection of Christ, your life will be different. If Christ had not been raised, everything we do is useless! But because we know it is true, our lives should be transformed and we must live out the love, grace, and abundant hope we have in Jesus.

Peter, foreseeing the end times, encouraged us in 2 Peter 3:10-12 to change our behavior and live lives glorifying to God. And in Philippians 2:10-11, Paul declared that at the end of the world, people will bow down to Jesus and confess that He is LORD! He also adds that if the Resurrection were not true, then let us just eat and drink, for one day we will die (1Corinthians 15:32). There is LIFE AFTER DEATH, and a great future awaits. 1 Corinthians 15:58 encourages us to be "steadfast, immovable, abounding in the work of the Lord" because it will never be in vain. It is a worthy cause! Have you shared this great truth with others?

last week's memory verse

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

discuss this message

Based on 1 Corinthians 15, what is the gospel?

Why should you believe in the literal resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Give examples on how you will live out the Gospel?

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1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13



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