



“GRAVITY OF THE GOSPEL”

Standalone Message, Part 1 of 1

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 & selected scriptures

Big Idea: The gospel is of infinite importance not just for salvation, but to live the Christian life the way God intended for us to.

“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance, the only thing it cannot be is moderately important.” - C.S. Lewis

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NIV), “Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,”

Romans 3:23 (ESV), “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 6:23 (ESV), “the wages of sin is death.”

Hebrews 9:27 (ESV), “And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.”

I. **Saved by a person**

Acts 4:12 (ESV), “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.”

John 3:3, 5 (ESV), “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again[b] he cannot see the kingdom of God...unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”

Hebrews 4:5 (ESV), “in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV), ““For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

II. Saved powerfully

John 10:28 (ESV), “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

Ephesians 1:13-14, “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”

Titus 1:16a, “they profess to know God, but they deny him by their works...”

III. Saved for a purpose

John 17:1-3 (ESV), ““Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

Acts 20:24 (NIV), “I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace”

Matthew 6:31-33 (ESV), “do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”