

Easter 2023  
Remember the Gospel  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I. Intro

- A. REMEMBER THE GOSPEL
- B. We get soooooo clever in church today with all kinds of cool ideas and programs
- C. We love to argue and discuss theology, methodology, worship style, self centered church practices...and many others
- D. Lets hit reset today!
- E. The Gospel is why we gather this morning!

II. Text

- A. Verse 1-2:
  - 1. The gospel needs not to be forgotten
  - 2. "Being Saved": A completed task, based upon the work of Christ, but we live on in the flesh with a great hope of salvation: believing the promise
  - 3. You will continue in this truth unless you believed in vain.
- B. Verses 3-4
  - 1. The gospel in simplicity
  - 2. Jesus died, was buried, and rose from the grave
- C. Verses 5-8
  - 1. Many witnesses
  - 2. The evidence is astounding
- D. Verse 9
  - 1. Paul persecuted the church with zeal
  - 2. But that is not the end of his story
  - 3. His perspective: not worthy: proper perspective
- E. Verse 10
  - 1. By God's grace he is transformed
  - 2. And he continues the work, not resting on the rescue
- F. Verse 11
  - 1. He and the other Apostles preached the same message of good news
  - 2. The same message we are preaching today

III. Points

- A. Remember the Gospel
  - 1. The Gospel has not changed, and will never change.
  - 2. The gospel impacts every aspect of your life: salvation and sanctification
    - a) We are not a completed work in the flesh, but a work in process
    - b) Yet we are complete in the Spirit, though we will continue to grow.
  - 3. In a world that likes to change often, introducing the latest human philosophy as shock value, it is so liberating to find the STANDARD of TRUTH: The GOSPEL
    - a) There is only one gospel
    - b) It is the gospel of GRACE THROUGH FAITH
    - c) It is the plan of GOD
    - d) It is the Hope for humanity
    - e) It is PEACE in the storm
    - f) It is the RESCUE for sinners
    - g) It is SHELTER, and it is MARCHING ORDERS
    - h) It is the KINDNESS of GOD in a story
    - i) IT IS TRUTH!
  - 4. 1 Corinthians 3:5-6 is the heart of the gospel in a piece of a sentence.
  - 5. Single Verses that present the gospel:
    - a) Mark 10:45: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- b) Romans 5:8: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
  - c) Romans 6:23: The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
  - d) Romans 8:1: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
  - e) Romans 8:32: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?
  - f) 2 Corinthians 5:21: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
  - g) 2 Corinthians 8:9: You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.
  - h) 1 Timothy 1:15: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.
  - i) 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.
  - j) Revelation 5:9: "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."
- B. Remember the Rescue
- 1. No person is beyond the reach of the grace of Christ
  - 2. Nothing you have done is beyond the reach of God to draw you near.
  - 3. No matter what you have done, no matter the wicked heart, no matter the self righteous attitude...YOU CAN RESPOND TO CHRIST BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH.
  - 4. Paul has the right perspective:
    - a) He did everything right according to his tradition...He was Religious
    - b) He was zealous for the what he thought to be right...He was Committed
    - c) He was changed and his perspective grew to match God's.
  - 5. Whenever I was being called to ministry:
    - a) I was held back because I thought I was not good enough
    - b) Then I was set free by the same gospel that saved me, because I came to the realization that God wanted me to depend upon HIM.
    - c) When I discovered I would never be good enough in the flesh, I embraced the true SPIRIT FILLED LIFE!
- C. Remember the Priority
- 1. Remember this:
    - a) It is not who proclaims the message, but the message that is proclaimed!
    - b) It is not hard work of the individual that saves, but the work accomplished by Christ that saves.
    - c) It is not the power of man to impress God, but the power of God to SAVE mankind.
  - 2. Paul explains the priority:
    - a) I or they...doesn't matter
    - b) We preached...matters
    - c) You believed...matters
  - 3. Let us believe the gospel preached.
  - 4. The gospel is our priority:
    - a) One singular priority that impacts every aspect of our lives.
    - b) Family: is about the gospel
    - c) Leisure: is about the gospel
    - d) Church: is about the gospel
    - e) Work: is about the gospel

- f) Community is about the gospel
- 5. 5 parts of a healthy life:
  - a) physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and intellectual.
  - b) Each aspect of life has a gospel priority:
  - c) Physically: serve, hands and feet of Jesus
  - d) Emotional: healing and rest cannot be neglected
  - e) Social: community involvement
  - f) Spiritual: peace with God through Christ
  - g) Intellectual: Study to show yourself approved

IV. Close

- A. Make the gospel your priority
- B. Believe the promise of scripture and find peace with God
- C. Serve in community with others with the power of the gospel!

[1Co 15:1-11 ESV] 1 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, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.