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THE GOSPEL (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

INTRODUCTION

"Gospel" - good news; (Rms. 1:16) "the gospel ... it is the power of God unto salvation;"
(Luke 2:10) "I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people"

The gospel contains: 1) facts to be believed 2) commands to be obeyed 3) promises to be enjoyed

1. THREE FACTS OF THE GOSPEL TO BE BELIEVED

1) "Christ died for our sins" (unfolded in a series of events)

Jesus was betrayed and arrested (Mtt. 26:47-56; John 18:1-14)
Jesus was tried by the Jews (Mtt. 26:57-75)
Jesus was tried by the Romans (Mtt. 27:1-2)
Jesus was scourged (Mtt. 27:26; John 19:1)
The Roman soldiers at the Praetorium (Mtt. 27:27-30)
Pilate presents Jesus to the people saying, "Behold the man" (John 19:5)
Jesus is led to the place of execution (Mtt. 27:32-34; Luke 23:26-32)
Jesus was crucified, died (Mtt. 27:35-56)

2) "and that he was buried"

Foretold by Isaiah: (Isaiah 53:9)
Joseph of Arimathea goes to Pilate to ask for Jesus' body (Mtt. 27:57-58)
Nicodemus helps Joseph prepare the body for burial.
He's buried (Mtt. 27:57-60)

3) "he hath been raised on the third day according to scriptures"

(Acts 13:30) "But God raised him from the dead"
Jesus promised he would be raised (Mtt. 20:19, 27:63); the Bible records it;
angels attest to it (Luke 24:5-6); the early church believed it;
and there were eye-witnesses (Acts 1:3).
Eye-witnesses: apostles (Acts 1); Mary Magdalene (John 20:16-18);
the women (Luke 24:22-24); 2 disciples (Luke 24:13-35);
disciples without Thomas (John 20:19-24); disciples with Thomas (John 20:26-28);
7 disciples at Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-23); 11 apostles (Mtt. 28:16-17);
more than 500 at once (1 Cor. 15:6); Simon Peter (Luke 24:34);
James (1 Cor. 15:7); Paul (Acts 9:3-6, 1 Cor. 15:8); John (Rev. 1:1-20).
The conversions of two individuals are especially persuasive:
James, the Lord's brother: (John 7:5; Acts 1:14; 15:13-21; 1 Cor. 15:7)
Saul, became apostle Paul: (Acts 9:1-30; 2 Cor. 11:24-28)

2. COMMANDS TO BE OBEYED: (Mark 16:15-16) "Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ..."

3. PROMISES TO BE ENJOYED: forgiveness, reconciled, children, heirs, eternal life, ...

CLOSE: 1) Believe 2) Obey 3) Enjoy