



What's The Gospel In A Nutshell?

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Good question huh.

He doesn't want a stiff legal relationship with you; He wants a warm loving relationship with you that will last forever. God is not at all mean or religious—He's not into rituals, ordinances, worthless traditions, stiff regulations and He has no religious solution for your situation.

God is practical, alive and knowable today through Jesus Christ alone! This Bible Jesus—and getting right with Him apart from financial cost or works—is the only Way into Heaven. There's no other solution or entry for you or me.

Yes, the Gospel is about gaining unending life from God, and it can happen as we each confess and turn from doing wrong and appropriate by faith... yes, simply inviting the resurrected Jesus into your very person to rule your forever.

One great benefit of the Gospel is avoiding eternal torment in Hell and another it enjoying fellowship and Friendship with a holy righteous God as we obey Him. The Bible clearly teaches this. It's not enough to know about God and what He has done, we each must know Him (Jesus Christ) as our Savior and Lord.

In 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, the Apostle Paul gives us the most basic elements to the Gospel Message, namely, it's about Christ's vicarious death on the cross at Calvary (it was in your/my place to address the sin issue in our lives), about this God-man's burial, His physical bodily resurrection, and the appearances of this wonderful resurrected Christ post exit from the tomb. Please look at the bold type Bible verses 3-5 below:

First Corinthians 15:1 says, *"Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the Gospel that I preached to you, that you received and on which you stand, 15:2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the Message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 15:3 For I passed on to you as of first importance what I also*

received—that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 15:4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 15:5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve...

Those very verses.. which were literally an early-church-Christian's personal confession.. give us the very heart of the Gospel Message. And it's interesting to me that Paul described this Message as ***"of first importance"***—a statement that shows that it is always to be of high priority.

Actually, the central idea of the Gospel Message is basically two-fold: 1.) **Christ died for our sins and 2.) He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.**

It happened just as He said it would happen—yes, it can be verified by the Bible (See: Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:8-10) ..it can also be verified by irrefutable historical evidence such as the empty tomb and the eye witness accounts (with over 500 people who saw Jesus' alive after He came out of the tomb. See 1 Corinthians 15:6). Therefore the other two elements talked about here accomplish two important things regarding the Gospel Message.. the fact that He was buried verified His death, and the fact that He appeared to others verified His physical resurrection.

This is so radically important for us, and because of these real facts you can be forgiven of everything you've ever done wrong by the shed blood of Jesus (as you turn away from a lifestyle of breaking God's Commandments—sin), and be born anew spiritually into a personal, meaningful relationship with the Father God who will provide for all your needs. It's so exciting to count the cost of discipleship and then with all honesty as you speak to God and Christ to deal with this quickly! We don't want to hope so, when the Bible says we can know so! John said, ***"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may [continue to] believe in the name of the Son of God"*** (1 John 5:13). Just to enjoy a clean conscience and assurance that you'll spend all eternity with God and Family in Heaven is worth more than any amount of money can buy (See John 3).

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