

Grasping the Personal Importance of ... **KNOWING AND BELIEVING THE GOSPEL**

- True Christianity is ...

A. The IMPORTANCE of the GOSPEL ... “Why Is the Gospel So Important?”

1. Because the Gospel is God’s only message of _____. (Romans 1:16)
2. Because it is the means to be _____. (1 Cor.4:15; John 3:3)
3. Because the Gospel will be the basis of _____. (2 Thess.1:7-9)

- Does everyone need to hear and believe the true Gospel?

B. The CLARITY of the GOSPEL ... “Why is the Accuracy of the Gospel So Necessary?”

1. Because the Gospel is the message believers are to _____. (1 Cor.1:17-18; Mark 16:15)
2. Because the Gospel is under _____ attack. (2 Cor. 4:3-5; 11:3-4, 13-15)

- Is clarity and accuracy regarding the Gospel a problem in our day?

C. The MEANING of the GOSPEL. (Romans 15:18-20)

1. Our English word "Gospel" is translated from the Greek word "euangelion" which literally means _____.

2. In the New Testament, "euangelion" is used to refer to the Gospel of the _____ (Matt. 9:35, 10:5-7) and to the Gospel of the _____. (Acts 20:24).

- What should this teach you?

D. The EMPHASIS of the GOSPEL. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

1. In the New Testament, the word "Gospel" is found approximately _____ times, with the vast majority found in _____ epistles.

2. Jesus Christ and His finished work are referred to at least _____ times in the epistles alone, or approximately _____ times per chapter.

- What should this emphasis teach you?

E. The DIRECTION of the GOSPEL. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-8)

1. Throughout the New Testament, the word "Gospel" refers to good news from _____ to _____.

2. This is because one's salvation is a work of _____ for man, not a work of _____ for God.

F. The NATURE of the GOSPEL. (Galatians 1:6-12)

1. The Gospel Paul preached was a _____ and _____ message of _____ that allowed for no _____.

- Why was Paul so dogmatic about this?

2. The Gospel underscores God's _____, not man's works, behavior, rituals, religions, etc.

- Is the Gospel offensive to people?

G. The CONTENT of the GOSPEL. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

1. The Gospel centers in a *specific person*... who is _____ - God who became a man; the one mediator between God and man.

2. The Gospel centers in a *specific work* ... namely that Christ _____ and _____.

3. The Gospel centers in a *specific accomplishment* ... namely that "Christ died _____".

- What is assumed by this phrase that clarifies the context of the Gospel?
- What exactly is being explained when the Gospel is preached?

H. The EVIDENCES of the GOSPEL. (1 Corinthians 15:3-11)

1. The Gospel is _____. (15:3-4)

2. The Gospel is _____ and _____. (15:5-8)

3. The Gospel is _____. (15:9-11)

- What does this confirm?

I. The ONLY RIGHT RESPONSE to the GOSPEL.

1. The sole and singular condition for your eternal salvation is _____ alone in _____ alone and His _____ alone. (Acts 16:30-31; Rom.1:16; 3:21-25, 28)

2. God's gift of eternal salvation is not obtained or maintained by your _____ . (Romans 4:1-5, 5:1; Gal.2:16, 21; Ephesians 2:8-9)

3. Modern-day confusion that garbles the Gospel of grace and its only right response are such conditions as ...

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| a. believe and _____. | b. believe and _____. |
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| c. believe and _____. | e. believe and _____. |

J. The RESULTS of the GOSPEL.

- What is a sampling of the spiritual blessings that become yours the moment you trust in Christ alone as presented in the Gospel?
- How does all of this apply to you?