

CALLED TO BE SAINTS TOGETHER

A Gospel Reminder

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

2 REASONS WE NEED A GOSPEL REMINDER:

- 1) _____ over the gospel
- 2) We have a tendency to _____ the gospel

What gospel did Jesus preach?

Mark 1:14-18 (ESV)

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵**and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."** ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷**And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men."** ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 8:27-31 (ESV)

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on **the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"** ²⁸And they told him, **"John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets."** ²⁹And he asked them, **"But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ."** ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

In their book, *The Discipleship Gospel*, Bill Hull and Ben Sobels identify seven essential **elements of Jesus' gospel**. These 7 elements provide the framework for a gospel definition.

1. _____ (Mark 1:15)

2. _____ (Mark 8:29)

3. _____ (Mark 8:31)

4. _____ (Mark 8:31)

5. _____ (Mark 1:15)

6. _____ (Mark 1:15)

7. _____ (Mark 1:17)

Gospel definition: The _____ has come through Jesus. He is _____, **the King, God's only Son. He lived a perfect life**, _____ on the cross for our sins, was buried, and was _____ on the third day according to the Scriptures. God, our loving and graceful Father, saves everyone who _____ of their sin, _____ the gospel, and _____ Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. When King Jesus returns on the last day, the Great Day of Judgment, everyone who trusted in Him will enter the eternal Kingdom of God. (Adapted from *The Discipleship Gospel* by Bill Hull and Ben Sobels)

This is God's will for you: your _____. (1 Thess. 4:3)

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 (ESV)

"When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

Conclusion:

2 Corinthians 13:5 (ESV)

"Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?"