

Easter: The Message of First Importance

“For I passed on to you as most important what I also received...” (1 Cor. 15:3a)

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**The most important message is the message of the Gospel.
What is the Gospel?**

The Gospel is the fact that Christ _____ for our sins, he was _____, and he was raised on the third day.

The most important message in the Bible causes you to...

- 1) See your _____ (vs. 3, “Christ died for our sins”)**
 - a. We are all sinners (Romans 3:10, 3:23)**
 - i. The 10 Commandments**
 - 1. You shall have no other gods before me.**
 - 2. You shall not worship Idols.**
 - 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord in vain.**
 - 4. Remember the Sabbath day, keep it holy.**
 - 5. Honor your father and mother.**
 - 6. You shall not murder. (1 John 3:15)**
 - 7. You shall not commit adultery. (Matthew 5:27)**
 - 8. You shall not steal.**
 - 9. You shall not lie. (Revelation 21:8)**
 - 10. You shall not covet.**
 - b. Our sins separate us from a holy God (Romans 6:23)**
- 2) See your _____ (vs. 3, “Christ died for our sins”)**
 - a. Jesus was 100% God and 100% Man. (Philippians 2:5-6)**
 - b. Jesus was sinless. (Hebrews 4:15)**
 - c. Jesus is the perfect substitute and mediator (1 Timothy 2:5)**
 - d. Jesus’ blood cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7)**
- 3) See your _____ (vs. 4 he was buried... he was raised on the third day...)**
 - a. Jesus died for our sins**
 - b. Jesus was buried**
 - c. Jesus was raised again**

We are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.

Application Questions

1. Why did Paul pass on what he had received? (15:3)
2. How did Christ's life fulfill the Scriptures? (15:3)
3. What are the key points of the gospel? (15:3-8)
4. To whom did Christ appear after His resurrection? (15:5-8)
5. Why did Paul emphasize the facts of Christ's resurrection? (15:5-8)
6. Why did Paul describe himself as one "abnormally born"? (15:8)
7. Why did Paul feel unworthy to be called an apostle? (15:9)
8. For what reason was Paul able to call himself an apostle? (15:10)
9. On what did Paul's apostleship rest? (15:10)
10. How would you describe, in your own words, the importance of the gospel to your life?
11. What has God's grace accomplished in you?
12. In what one area of your life have you been stubborn about allowing God's grace to work?
13. What does it mean for you to hold firmly to the gospel?
14. What are the implications of the fact that the truth of the gospel is of first importance to God?
15. What difference does it make that Christ's death and resurrection fulfilled Old Testament prophecy?
16. How does Christ appear or make Himself known to us today?
17. What evidence could you use to persuade others this week about the truth of the gospel?
18. How could you rely on God's grace in your efforts to tell your friends about Christ?

**To grow in your love for and understanding of the Gospel, I would recommend the following books:
Gospel by J.D. Greear (B&H Books, 2011)
What is the Gospel by Greg Gilbert (Crossway, 2010)
Romans by the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul**