

Lessons in Salvation -- Lesson 2 "What is the Good News of the Gospel?"

Introduction:

The word "gospel" means good news of salvation. Last week we looked at the bad news – we need salvation because of our sin. This week we look at the means God uses to bring us the good news.

Read this passage at least five times then answer the questions as best you can:

NKJ 1 Corinthians 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you-- unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. (1Co 15:1-8 NKJ)

In verse three what is the first point of the Gospel?

Why did Christ die? Why is it important that He died?

What does "according to the Scriptures" mean?

What is the second point of the Gospel found in verse 4a?

What is the significance of this point?

What is the third point of the Gospel found in verse 4b?

Why does Paul list those who saw the risen Christ (verses 5-8)?

Is the Gospel found by looking inside ourselves or outside ourselves? Explain

What is the significance of verse 2?

Read the rest of 1 Corinthians 15. Why is the resurrection important to our faith?