

## THE ONLY TRUE GOSPEL – LUKE 24:46-47

### Series: The Gospel Paul Taught

<sup>8</sup> But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! **Galatians 1:8 (NIV)**

In this series we will answer these key questions:

- What are the essential elements of the Gospel message?
- How can we be certain we have it right?
- How should we be proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the world?

### 1. NO “OTHER” \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. **1 Corinthians 15:9 (NIV)**

<sup>4</sup> For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough. <sup>5</sup> But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those “super-apostles.” <sup>6</sup> I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge. We have made this perfectly clear to you in every way.

**2 Corinthians 11:4-6 (NIV)**

<sup>10</sup> But God’s grace has made me what I am, and his grace to me was not wasted. I worked harder than all the other apostles. (But it was not I really; it was God’s grace that was with me.) <sup>11</sup> So if I preached to you or the other apostles preached to you, we all preach the same thing, and this is what you believed. **1 Corinthians 15:10-11 (NCV)**

### 2. “THE \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ TO YOU”

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. **1 Corinthians 15:1-5 (ESV)**

Ramifications for:

- Hamartiology – the doctrine of sin
- Soteriology – the doctrine of salvation
- Christology – the doctrine of the person and work of Christ

### 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ PROBLEM

<sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. **1 Corinthians 15:15-16 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? **1 Corinthians 15:12 (ESV)**

- The Corinthian Christians did believe in Christ’s death and resurrection.
- What they questioned was the future bodily resurrection of believers who die.
- Paul addressed that issue in 1 Cor. 15

### 4. PAUL’S \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE GOSPEL (1 CO. 15:3-5)

#### A. Atonement – “Christ died for our sins”

<sup>2</sup> He is the payment for our sins, and not only for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world. **1 John 2:2 (GW)**

<sup>3</sup> I passed on to you the most important points of doctrine that I had received: Christ died to take away our sins as the Scriptures predicted. **1 Corinthians 15:3 (GW)**

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. **Hebrews 9:22 (NIV)**

#### B. Burial – “... was crucified, died and was buried”

<sup>33</sup> But when they came to Jesus and found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. **John 19:33 (NIV)**

#### C. Resurrection – “... He rose again the third day ..”

<sup>5</sup> The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. **Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV)**

#### D. Eyewitness Proof – “then He appeared to more than 500 brothers ...”

<sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. **1 Corinthians 15:5-8 (NIV)**