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SCRIPTURE READING: **1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4**

1 Corinthians 15:1, *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel* which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message October 20, 2019

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. **1 Corinthians Chapter 15** is considered the Great Resurrection chapter. Our subject today, *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel*
- b. This reminds me of the story of John Newton's life, who penned Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. John Newton was a merchant seaman who became a hardened infidel. A man who had been the victim of violence and who had willingly used violence against others. A vicious slave trader who had sunk so low, he himself had been a slave. A captain hated by his crew and known among sailors as "The Great Blasphemer." He degraded others, and he himself sank to the depths of human degradation. Yet, God found him, and saved him. He was the writer of hymns that have touched people for centuries. What an awesome testimony, of a person that was saved by God's amazing grace. This is the same gospel that saved John Newton that we preached at this church.
- c. It is very fitting today that our study comes from one of the most crucial chapters in the entire Bible.
- d. This chapter is extremely important in that it answers the first heresy of the church, which was the denial of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. **Matthew 28: 13-14**, *Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. 14, And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. 15, So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.*
- e. We will find this resurrection chapter deals with the Gospel.
- f. **The Gospel** is defined as the **death, burial, and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 4:25**, *Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.*
- g. In His resurrection He gave us a sure abundant entrance into Heaven.

- h. We must understand we stand in His righteousness. The aforementioned verse says "delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."
- i. **Justification means "Just as if I have never sinned."**
- j. This resurrection was not a spiritual resurrection but was physical. **Luke 24:3,5-7**, And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. **5**, And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, **Why seek ye the living among the dead? 6, He is not here, but is risen:** remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, **7**, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
- k. If you look at the definition of resurrection it means the standing up of a corpse.
- l. One of these days, our bodies will be raised and changed as Jesus was also raised from the dead. **1 Corinthians 15:51-52**, *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*
- m. The aforementioned verse in no way, shape, or form speaks to any spiritual resurrection as some would have us to believe.
- n. **The soul of a believer never dies.** We must remember when Adam willfully disobeyed God at that point his soul died. **Ezekiel 18:4**, *Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.* It is the soul of mankind that is saved by the blood of Christ and not the flesh. **Hebrews 10:39**, *But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.* **Leviticus 17:11**, *For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.* **Numbers 15:28**, *And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.*
- o. This is something we need to think about and accept the facts of Scripture. It is the Gospel that saves. This is explained in the main points of the message today.
- p. The minute the body dies it goes to the grave and the soul goes to paradise in the third heaven based upon prior reservations of believing the record that God gave of His Son. **1 John 5:11-12**, *And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12, He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.* **Ecclesiastes 9:10**, *Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.* No activity in the grave speaks of the body not the soul and the spirit.
- q. If you are a child of God - **absent from the body, present with the Lord.** **2 Corinthians 5:6-8**, *Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7, (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8, We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*
- r. If you are not a child of God then the soul goes to a place that our Lord labels the lower parts of the earth also known as the torment side of hell; **a place of torment awaiting the Great White Throne Judgment.** **Revelation 20:11-12**, *And I saw a great*

white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. **12**, And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

- s. Paul emphasizes the bodily resurrection is very much a part of the Gospel.
- t. As a matter of fact, there would be no Gospel without the **bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.** **1 Corinthians 15:13**, But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen **14**, And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. **15**, Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. **16**, For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: **17**, And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.
- u. **Christianity does not rest upon ideas, creeds, rituals, or ceremonies but upon actual facts outlined in God's Preserved Word.**
- v. The Gospel message; our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ being raised from the dead, seen by above five hundred brethren at one time; is nothing but an absolute fact.
- w. As a result of these facts, we can stand on the truth that God hath raised Jesus Christ from the dead which makes salvation possible. **Titus 1:2**, In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; **Galatians 1:1** Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;
- x. We would concluded that the Gospel is a series of facts concerning the person and the work of Jesus Christ on behalf of God the Father as He accomplishes God's will on Earth. **2 Peter 1:17**, For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **John 17:4**, I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
- z. With that introduction let's see what we can glean from God's Word today.

3. THREE POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

a. Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:1**, Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
2. Paul makes it very clear that he is declaring the Gospel.
3. If we were to define the Gospel we would say; **Christ died for our sins, was buried, and bodily rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.**
4. Right off, there are three historical facts indicated in the aforementioned verse, which constitutes a definition of the Gospel. **First**, Christ died for our sins, **secondly** was buried and **thirdly** bodily rose again the third day.
5. There is nothing here about the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, doing the best you can, religion, water-baptism, church membership, confirmation, or philosophy or speaking in tongues. These examples are not the Gospel but fall into the category of another gospel. **Colossians 2:8**, Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. **Galatians 1:6**, I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: **Galatians 1:9**, As we said

- before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. Galatians 3:1, O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
6. Man-made approaches to God cannot work because they fail to deal with the sinful nature of mankind. Remember we were born in sin and shapen in iniquity. **Psalm 51:5**, *Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.*
 7. God must give us a divine nature and it only comes through believing the Gospel. **2 Peter 1:4**, *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Hebrews 10:39, But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; **but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.***
 8. This same verse tells us that Paul preached the Gospel to them, which he received directly from the Lord Jesus Christ. **Galatians 1:12**, *For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
 9. The Bible says in **1 Corinthians 1:21**, *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*
 10. Also notice these people were recipients of the Gospel, "which also ye have received," which indicates that we are to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and believe the record that God hath given of His Son. **John 1:12**, *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 1 John 5:11-12, **And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12, He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.***
 11. The Gospel does not tell us of something we must do; *the Gospel tells us what Jesus Christ has already done for us.* How that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. **Titus 3:5**, *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;*
 12. There is no denying the fact that these are historical records, we know that His body did not just disappear. The Bible adds that He was literally taken down from the cross by Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus and buried which confirms the fact that He was dead. **Luke 23:46**, *And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost. John 19:40, Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.*
 13. *He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, as reflected in the third point to the message.*
 14. The resurrection is a vital and essential part of the Gospel.
 15. **Mark 16:6**, *And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.* This is the first proof that there was a bodily resurrection.

Luke 24:39, Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

16. The last part of the verses indicates "and wherein ye stand;"
17. This means we stand in the Gospel; we stand in the righteousness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:21**, For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

b. By which also ye are saved.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:2**, By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
2. The Apostle Paul tells us the Gospel is for salvation. There is no question we are saved by the Gospel plus nothing minus nothing!
3. There is no salvation in any other. **Acts 4:12**, Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.
4. Salvation is of the Lord. **Jonah 2:9**, But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. **Hebrews 12:2**, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
5. If there is no Jesus and no bodily resurrection from the grave there is no salvation and we are all lost and still in our sin.
6. The Bible says unless we have believed in vain. "unless ye have believed in vain."
7. **I can tell you today, we have not believed in vain. The tomb was empty, praise the Lord!**
8. There is none who has found the bones of the authentic, classic, the original Jesus Christ the Son of God. Our Saviour, who walked the face of the Earth for 33 years, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, went to the cross and died for our sins, **bodily resurrected**, went to the Mercy Seat and placed His blood at the Throne of God in the third Heaven.
9. As a result of this God the Father can view you and I as perfect through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 9:22**, And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. **Hebrews 10:14**, For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.
10. He was without spot or wrinkle, there was no blemish upon Him, He was the perfect one to die for us. God the Father said of Him in **Matthew 3:17**, And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. **John 17:4**, I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **1 Peter 1:19**, But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
11. We have not believed in vain! The tomb was empty and remains empty to this present moment.

c. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received.

1. **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**, For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also

received, how 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:

2. There are some who question as to whether the Gospel originated with Paul; I tell you emphatically it did not originate with Paul. **Galatians 1:12**, For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.
3. The Gospel originated in the mind of God the Father, Jesus Christ who is God and God the Holy Spirit designed the plan of salvation in order to redeem mankind. **1 Peter 1:20**, Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,
4. This plan was conceived even before man ever sinned. Jesus willingly accepted the responsibility to come to Earth to identify with mankind and purchase our redemption. **Hebrews 7:26**, For **such an high priest became us**, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; **1 Timothy 3:16**, And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**
5. Paul received it from God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit and made it known unto us. **2 Peter 1:21**, For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. **Psalms 12:6-7**, The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. **7**, Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
6. This is factual proof that a man named Jesus Christ rose from the grave and is seated at the right hand of the Father. How can anyone believe that His bones have been found on Earth?
7. We cannot explain away the Gospel; we are saved by His death and His resurrection.
8. Without the resurrection we would have no Gospel, no living Christ, no Saviour so we would all be in our sins.
9. The body of believers; those who know Christ as personal Saviour, is also proof of the resurrection. **1 Corinthians 1:18**, For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
10. Another proof is "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures."
11. When the Bible says "according to the scriptures." it is speaking of the canon of the Old Testament; Preserved Word of God. Many Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled when God came in the flesh. **Micah 5:2**, But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.
12. Paul, upon arriving at his missionary journeys was so zealous for the preaching of the Gospel; He could look back at **Genesis** and look at the offering of Isaac, which pointed to the Lord Jesus Christ going to the cross. **Genesis 22:8**, And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.
13. Paul could have turned to the Mosaic sacrifices and gleaned that every single

animal that was sacrificed in the Old Testament was a picture pointing to the time Jesus Christ would go to the cross and shed His blood. **Hebrews 10:3-5**, *But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4, For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5, Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: John 10:17-18, Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18, No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.*

14. The **five** offerings in the **Book of Leviticus** all point to the fact that Jesus was to die on the cross and be bodily resurrected.
15. The Day of Atonement, the two goats would picture Christ's death and His resurrection.
16. The sighting of Aaron's rod that budded points to Christ.
17. The **Book of Jonah** typifies the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
18. Paul could also turn to **chapter 22** and **chapter 16 of Psalms**. He would show them that **Isaiah 25 and 53** points out that Jesus was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities.
19. Validation by Jesus Himself indicates that He was to rise from the grave. **John 2:19**, *Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. John 2:21, But he spake of the temple of his body. Christ was crucified on Friday and the resurrection took place on the first day of the week, which is our Sunday which is the reason why we worship on Sunday and not on Saturday that is considered the Jewish Sabbath. We must remember that this is three days and three nights in accordance with the way the Jews reckon time. This is in accordance with the Jewish calendar and not the Roman calendar. According to the Jewish method; any portion of a day was considered a full day. Matthew 12:40, For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*
20. This is why when we speak of the Scriptures the expectation of the Old Testament was not only for this life but also for the life to come as well.
21. **The King James 1611; the Preserved Word of God, is as up to date today as it ever was and needs no improvement from mankind.**
22. Yes, an historical fact is that Jesus rose bodily from the grave can be substantiated from the Old Testament and validated in the New Testament.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Would you come to the side of the living Saviour today?
- b. **1 Corinthians 1:21**, states why our first priority at Chesswood Baptist Church is preaching the Word of God. *For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*
- c. You have not committed the unpardonable sin; the Holy Spirit is drawing you to the side of the living Saviour.
- d. Would you come to Christ and be saved?
- e. The unpardonable sin is not on the basis of what you have done or what you will do,

it is on the basis of the fact that if you reject God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit and the plan of Salvation that Jesus Christ purchased by His resurrection; Hell is your lot for eternity. **Hebrews 6:4-6**, For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, **5**, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **6**, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

- f. You must understand that you are not going to be condemned you are condemned all ready. **John 3:18**, He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- g. There is no question left to be answered concerning the bodily resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The next move is up to you. **1 John 5:11-12**, And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12**, He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. Come to Jesus and be saved today.
- h. Please stand.

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