

The Gospel Is Good News, Not Good Advice

EVANGELIUM #1 - Pastor Gary Combs – Easter Weekend, March 30-31, 2013 – 1 Corinthians 15:1-22

Gospel –

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, 17-22 (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. ...¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

A. THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS BECAUSE...

1. It is based on _____.

2. It relies on _____.

3. It is the biggest _____.

B. THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS, NOT ADVICE BECAUSE IT LEADS US TO...

1. _____ has already done, not what we need to do.

John 19:28-30 (ESV) After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "**It is finished,**" and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

2. _____ of its message, not how we feel about our believing.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV) for we walk by faith, not by sight.

John 20:29 (ESV) Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

3. _____ for a Savior, not a self-help manual.

Romans 10:9 (ESV) if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.