

**Sermon Title:** Good News

**Sermon Series:** The Way

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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**Acts 24:14 ESV**

14 But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets,

*What's the toughest question you have ever been asked?*

—Dan Rather

*Do you think you'll go to heaven?*

—Jack Welch

*"It's a long answer, but I said that if caring about people, if giving it your all, if being a great friend counts—despite the fact that I've been divorced a couple of times, and no one's proud of that. I haven't done everything right all the time. I think I got a shot. I'm in no hurry to get there and to find out any time soon."*

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**If I asked you, do you think you will go to heaven, what would you say?**

**I hope so? I don't know? I am confident I'll go?**

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-4 ESV**

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

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### **Gospel = Good News**

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**Saved = \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_**

I believe in or have committed my life to Jesus. – 6/10 Americans would acknowledge this.

**Matthew 7:14 ESV**

14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

**The Gospel**

**Christ** \_\_\_\_\_

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**For Good news to be embraced, bad news must be understood**

**Romans 6:23a ESV**

23 For the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is death,

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23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**John 19:30 ESV**

30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

**And \_\_\_\_\_ From the Dead**

**Romans 4:25 ESV**

25 who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

**1 Corinthians 15: 17, 19 ESV**

17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins...19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

**Vs. 1 – This must be \_\_\_\_\_**

**John 11:25-26 ESV**

25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

**This must be embraced**

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*“One thing will always secure heaven for us — the acts of charity and kindness with which we have filled our lives. We can do no great things, only small things with great love.”*

—Mother Theresa

### **Matthew 7:22-23 ESV**

22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

### **Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV**

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

*“The only thing that I contribute to my salvation is the sin from which I must be saved.”*

—John Stott

**Christ died for my sins and rose from the dead, and I embrace it**

**If you embrace this, can you lose it?**

### **1 Corinthians 15:2 ESV**

2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

### **Preservation of the Saints**

**God will secure and never reject those who come to Him by faith.**

### **John 10:27-30 ESV**

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are one.”

**Perseverance of the Saints — Those who truly come to faith in Jesus are preserved by God and will not fully and finally turn away.**

**Hebrews 3:6 ESV**

6 but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

**1 John 2:3-6 ESV**

3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

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