



Center City Church

Receive and Remember the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-6

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¹ 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.

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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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⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Issues in Corinth

Chapters 1 - 4: **Comparison and Division**

Chapters 5 - 7: **Sexual Impurity**

Chapters 8 - 10: **Food Controversy**

Chapters 11 - 14: **Disorderly Church Services**

Two main questions...

1 What is the gospel?

2 Why believe the gospel?

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1 Christ died for our sins (v3)

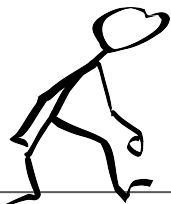
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(A few others...Psalm 22, Isaiah 53:10-11, and Daniel 12:2-3.)

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Matthew 28:11-15

¹¹ While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. ¹² And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sufficient sum of money to the soldiers ¹³ and said, “Tell people, ‘His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.’”

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¹⁴ And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

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- Explains the Empty Tomb
- Many witnesses...WHO LIVED LIKE THEY BELIEVED IT

“I know in their own terms what they saw was the raised Jesus. That’s what they say, and then all the historic evidence we have afterwards attest to their conviction that that’s what they saw. I’m not saying that they really did see the raised Jesus. I wasn’t there. I don’t know what they saw. But I do know that as a historian that they must have seen something.”

- Paula Fredrickson
(leading historical scholar, non-Christian!)

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- HOPE!...Because death is now sleep

Reflection and Application

Have you received this Gospel?

- If not, what is holding you back?

How are you remembering the Gospel?

- What is something you could implement in your life or remove that would help you remember the gospel?