

Good News Sunday – 10-12-2025

1 Corinthians 15:1-5: *Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.*

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

INTRO to GOOD NEWS Sunday:

A few years ago, I became friends with an older man who had struggled nearly all his life to find answers regarding matters of faith. After retirement, he committed himself to seeking answers in our church. After several months of attending worship services and a Bible study weekly, he seemed to be growing in many areas. At one point, when I asked him if he was ready to give his life over fully to the Lord, he replied, “I believe in God, and I believe God loves me. But I haven’t decided yet what to do with Jesus.”

What will *you* do with Jesus? I believe there is no more important question in life than this one.

INTRO to **1 Corinthians 15:**

-In Paul’s letters to the church in Corinth, he constantly reminded them to reject the evil and sinful ways of the culture around them and to cling tightly to God’s truth.

In **1 Corinthians 15**, Paul makes clear that the most important message ever to be communicated was the truth about Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and second coming.

I. The highest point of all human history is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (vs. 1-5)

-Jesus is so much more than merely an important historical figure, a great teacher, or a religious leader. The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the “Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16), and He is “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).

-Jesus is not only the way, the truth, and the life in terms of entering heaven, He is the way to know God here on earth. He is the truth that sets us free from sin and death. In Him, we have life to the fullest both now and forever.

II. In Christ, we have victory over sin and death and the Kingdom of God is our inheritance. (vs. 50-57)

1 Corinthians 15:50-57: *I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”*

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Just as the grave could not hold Jesus, because through His death and resurrection He defeated sin, death, and the grave; so also the grave cannot hold those of us who are *in* Christ Jesus, because we too have victory over sin, death, and the grave through our faith in Him!

-The first step in knowing Jesus as “the way, the truth, and the life” is to surrender your life to Him as Savior and Lord. To call Jesus “Savior” means believing that He died on the cross for your sins.

-We’ve all sinned against God, which means we all need a Savior who will raise us from being dead in our sins into life with Him. This is what it means to be born again!

-As someone once said: “If you are born once, you will die twice. If you are born twice (born again), you will die once.”

-To call Jesus “Lord” means believing that God has placed everything that exists under His sovereign control, therefore we are all called to repent, or turn away, from our sins, and to commit our lives in faith to follow Jesus as Lord, Leader, and King forever.

-What will *you* do with Jesus? There is no more important question than this.

Other Scriptures Referenced:

Isaiah 40:28-31: *Do you not know?*

Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,

*and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Luke 4:18-19: *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

John 3:16: *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*