

Keeping the gospel clear and simple
1 Corinthians 15:1-8 – Core Value #2
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I. THE GOSPEL ETERNALLY SAVES ALL WHO PLACE THEIR FAITH IN ITS MESSAGE (1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-2).

- A. The gospel (=good news) must be **declared** (15:1a; Acts 18:1-11).
- Paul *preached* the gospel in Corinth.
- B. The gospel must be **understood** (15:1b).
- The Corinthians *received* (= embraced as authoritative) the gospel and *took their stand* on it (= firmly believed).
- C. We are eternally **saved** by **believing** in the **gospel**, and trusting in anything else is worthless (15:2).
- Saved from what? Eternal judgment (John 3:16-18, 36).
 - “*Hold fast*” (= maintain), “*believe*” (= place trust in)

II. THE GOSPEL IS: JESUS DIED FOR OUR SIN AND ROSE AGAIN (1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-8).

- A. Jesus **died for our sins** (1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
- *First importance* – This is the most important truth in the Bible because it brings eternal life (John 3:16-18).
 - *According to the scriptures* – Old Testament scriptures foretold Jesus’ death and resurrection (Isaiah 53:1-12).
 - *Buried* – Proof Christ truly died on the cross (MMLJ)
- B. Jesus **rose from the dead** (15:4-8; 15:12-23; Matthew 28:6).
- *Appeared* – Proof Christ truly rose from the dead (MMLJ)

Core Value #2 - The Gospel – We want to keep the gospel clear and simple – We are all sinners unable to earn salvation. Eternal life is given by God to all who trust in Jesus Christ alone who died for our sin and rose again.