

# THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8

The most powerful thing in the universe? A \_\_\_\_\_ releases 27 trillion times more energy than our sun!  
But only the \_\_\_\_\_ has the power to take a human being headed to eternal hell and make him a child of God

### I. HOW IS THE GOSPEL THE MOST POWERFUL THING IN THE UNIVERSE? 15:1-2

A. By Being \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) We keep the greatest power in the universe under wraps if we refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ it, proclaim it
- 2) Jesus is the most \_\_\_\_\_ person we know: how natural it should be to speak of Him to anyone

B. By Being \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) We receive Jesus Christ; we accept the gospel as true; we \_\_\_\_\_ our faith as adults; we own it
- 2) When we receive the gospel, we stand in it in 3 ways: a) we have a standing before God in the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ b) we have a standing in the \_\_\_\_\_ c) we must stand in the \_\_\_\_\_

C. By Being \_\_\_\_\_ Present Tense

- 1) Salvation is not just in the past; the power of the gospel continues to work through our entire \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) If we are not depending daily on the \_\_\_\_\_, rehearsing it daily, our spiritual walk takes us astray

TRANSITION: Many people worldwide proclaim belief systems and embrace them and stand in them and believe they work for them in their daily lives. Some even consider them the greatest power in the universe!

What sets the gospel of Jesus Christ apart as the most powerful thing in the universe?

### II. WHY IS THE GOSPEL THE MOST POWERFUL THING IN THE UNIVERSE? 15:3-8

A. Because \_\_\_\_\_ Himself Descended into Human History

1) Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for Our Sins according to the Scriptures

- a) His death isn't a fairy tale; if we had been there that day we could have sensed it w/ all 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- b) The whole reason God entered human history was for one reason—to deal with our \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Jesus' death was always the plan from the beginning; it was "according to the \_\_\_\_\_"

2) Christ Was \_\_\_\_\_

This truth emphasizes that in every way that a human body could be dead, His body was \_\_\_\_\_

3) Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Again the Third Day according to the Scriptures

This is not some spiritual reality as liberals think, but a physical fact of history as real as your \_\_\_\_\_

B. Because There Are Human \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Jesus' appearing to \_\_\_\_\_ is not detailed in the NT; perhaps he needed to see Jesus desperately
- 2) The 12 were the 11 but Jesus showed them His hands + feet and ate to show He had \_\_\_\_\_ risen
- 3) We are not told where Jesus appeared to these 500, most whom were still \_\_\_\_\_ 20-25 years later
- 4) Jesus' 4 brothers did not believe during His ministry; why after His death? He appeared to \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) The qualification to be an apostle was to be a witness of Jesus resurrection, including \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) The final witness that Paul calls to testify is \_\_\_\_\_ --his encounter w/ Jesus on the Damascus Rd.
- 7) 40 years later, \_\_\_\_\_ wrote of his encounter with the risen Jesus in the first chapter of Revelation