

"THE GOSPEL – PLAIN AND SIMPLE"

I. THE REVELATION OF THE GOSPEL

A. It's IMPORTANCE... "Why Is the Gospel So Important?"

1. Because the Gospel is God's only message of _____. (Romans 1:16)
2. Because the Gospel is the means to be _____. (1 Corinthians 4:15)
3. Because the Gospel will be the basis of _____. (1 Thessalonians 1:7-9)

B. Its CLARITY... "Why Is the Clarity of the Gospel So Necessary?"

1. Because the Gospel is the message believers are to _____. (1 Cor. 1:17-18)
2. Because the Gospel is under _____ attack. (2 Cor. 4:3-5; 11:3-4, 13-15)

* What should this indicate to you?

C. Its MEANING. (Romans 15:18-20)

1. Our English word "Gospel" is translated from the Greek word "euangelion" which literally means _____.
2. In the New Testament, "euangelion" is used to refer to the Gospel of the _____ (Matt. 9:35, 10:5-7) and to the Gospel of the _____ (Acts 20:24).

* What should this teach you?

D. Its EMPHASIS. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

1. In the New Testament, the word "Gospel" is found approximately _____ times, with the vast majority found in _____ epistles.
2. Jesus Christ and His finished work are referred to at least _____ times in the epistles alone, or approximately _____ times per chapter.

* What should this emphasis teach you?

E. Its DIRECTION. (1 Thessalonians 2:1-8)

1. Throughout the New Testament, the word "Gospel" refers to good news from _____ to _____.
2. This is because one's salvation is a work of _____ for man, not a work of _____ for God.

* What does this clarify for you?

F. Its NATURE. (Galatians 1:6-12)

1. The Gospel Paul preached was a fixed and inflexible message of _____.

* Why was Paul so dogmatic about this?

2. The Gospel Paul preached underscored God's _____.

* What should this warn you about?

G. Its CONTENT. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

1. The Gospel centers in a specific person... who is _____.

* Who is Jesus Christ and why is He significant?

2. The Gospel centers in a specific work... namely that Christ _____ and _____.

* Why is this important?

3. The Gospel centers in a specific accomplishment... namely that "Christ died _____
_____."

* Why is this significant?

H. Its EVIDENCES. (1 Corinthians 15:3-11)

1. The Gospel is _____ . (15:3-4)

2. The Gospel is _____ and _____. (15:5-8)

3. The Gospel is _____. (15:9-11)

* What does this confirm?

I. Its OFFENSE. (1 Corinthians 1:17-31)

1. The Gospel is a _____ to the Jew and _____ to the Greek.

2. The Gospel uplifts _____ and devastates human _____, _____, and _____.

* Galatians 5:11

J. Its SCOPE. (Mark 16:15)

1. Christ commanded His disciples to "go ye into _____."
2. Christ commanded His disciples to "preach the Gospel to _____."

* Does God leave anyone out?

K. Its DYNAMIC. (Romans 1:16-17)

1. The Gospel is "the _____ of God unto _____."
2. The word "power" means _____.

* What should this remind you of?

II. THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

A. What is the RIGHT RESPONSE to the Gospel?

1. The sole and singular condition for your salvation is _____ alone in _____ alone.
(John 1:12-13, 3:14-18, 3:36, 5:24, 6:35-40, 6:47, 8:24, 11:25-26)

2. The Greek words "pistis" (faith) or "pisteuo" (believe) literally mean _____
_____.

3. "Believe" is a transitive verb that needs a _____ (someone to do the believing) and
an _____ (something to believe in), with the value of one's faith based upon its
_____. (Acts 16:31)

* How does this apply to you?

B. What is the WRONG RESPONSE to the Gospel?

1. God's gift of salvation is not obtained or maintained by your _____.
(Ephesians 2:8-9; Isaiah 64:6; Galatians 2:21; 2 Timothy 1:8-11; Titus 3:5)

2. Modern-day confusion that garbles the right response to the Gospel are such conditions as...

* What does all this mean to you?