

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS

A Study of First Corinthians

THE REAL GOSPEL: ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 Jeff Schreve

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! Galatians 1:8

What is the real gospel?

1. It is the atoning death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

A. The real gospel is of first importance.

B. The real gospel cannot be modified, altered, or truncated.

1. You cannot get your Christology wrong: Jesus is God.
For unless you believe that I am He, you will all die in your sins. John 8:23

2. You cannot get your situation wrong: You're in trouble.
All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

3. You cannot get your facts wrong: Jesus died and rose.

*If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless;
you are still in your sins. 1 Corinthians 15:17*

*Now when they heard of the resurrection of the
dead, some began to sneer ... Acts 17:32*

*After that He appeared to more than five hundred
brethren at one time, most of whom remain until
now, but some have fallen asleep.
1 Corinthians 15:6*

2. It is the only gospel that has life-changing power.

A. The real gospel is what saves.

B. The real gospel always changes a life.

*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old
things passed away; behold, new things have come.
2 Corinthians 5:17*

Where do you stand with the real gospel?