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THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE GOSPEL (1 Cor.15:1-11)

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TEXT—1 Cor. 15:1-11

THE EFFECT OF THE GOSPEL(V1-2)—The Apostle Paul encouraged the Christians in the city of Corinth by reminding them of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the powerful effect it's had on them.

Paul gives 3 effects of the Gospel in the lives of these Christians that are true of every Christ follower:

1) They *received* the Gospel message (**Jn.1:12; Rom.10:13**).

2)They *stand* in the Gospel (**2 Pet.3:18**).

3) They *are being saved* by the Gospel as they *hold fast* (continue) in their faith (Jn.10:27-28).

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Memory Verses—*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.*

Rom.1:16-17

Main Idea—The Gospel has power to transform lives providing forgiveness of sins, relationship with God, and hope beyond the grave for all who trust in Christ.

THE ESSENCE OF THE GOSPEL(V3-4)—Paul clearly states the truths of the Gospel message that must be believed and embraced in order to be in a right relationship with God.

Paul states 3 essential facts of the Good News of Jesus Christ:

Fact # 1) *Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures...*

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Rom. 3:23; Rom. 6:23

Is.53:4-6

2 Cor.5:21; Jn.3:16

Fact #2) *He was buried...*

Mt.27:65-66

3) *He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures...*

Mt.16:21

1 Cor. 15:56-57

THE EVIDENCE OF THE GOSPEL(V5-11)—Paul names eyewitnesses who saw Christ after His resurrection as proof positive that Jesus is alive and to give us hope beyond the grave.

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Jesus appeared to:

>Peter **(V5) John 21**

>The 12 **(V5). Jn.20:24-29**

>More than 500 brothers at one time **(V6)**

>James and All the Apostles **(V7) James 1:1**

>The Apostle Paul **(V8-9) Acts 9:3-6**

2 Cor. 5:17

HOW CAN YOU RECEIVE CHRIST (like Paul, the Corinthians or believers all over the world who have been transformed by Christ)?

ADMIT that you've sinned and need the Savior.

BELIEVE that Christ is the Savior who died for your sin & rose for you.

COMMIT your life to following Christ by calling on Him in prayer. **Rom.10:9-10,13.**