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Gospel Above All

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(1 Corinthians 15:1-8)

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4) “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,”

(1 Corinthians 2:2) “For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.”

(1 Corinthians 3:10-11) “According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

(1 Corinthians 8:22-23) “...I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.”

WHY THE GOSPEL IS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

“The gospel is the message that because you and I are condemned in our sin, Christ came to earth to do for us what we could not do for ourselves: he lived a perfect life and died in our place so we could be forgiven. He lived the life we could not live and then died the death we were condemned to die. The key word in the gospel is “substitution.”

“The gospel is the good news telling us that the determining factor in our relationship with God is Jesus’ work for us, not our work for him. His commitment to us, not our commitment to him. His obedience for us, not our obedience to him.”

Without the gospel people are I_____.

(Luke 19:10) “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Without the gospel, there is no p_____ in Christianity.

(1 Corinthians 15:1-2) “Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you.”

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THINGS THAT COMPETE WITH THE GOSPEL

1. Putting emphasis on d_____ rather than d_____.

2. Taking salvation for g_____.

(John 3:3) “You must be born again.”

3. Prioritizing p_____ over mission.

4. Prioritizing uniformity is s_____ things.

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