

# 1 CORINTHIANS

*Seeing Life through the Mind of Christ*

“Good News that Changes Everything”

1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11

# 1. *The “gospel” – what is it?*

- A. V3. Of **first importance**, I preached the **gospel** to you and you received it (“DBRA”):
  - 1. Christ **died for our sins...** V 3, Isa 53:5
  - 2. Christ was **buried**. V4, Isa 53:9
  - 3. Christ was **raised** on 3<sup>rd</sup> day... V4. Rom 1:4
  - 4. Christ **appeared...** V5-8
- B. What gives the **gospel** the power to change lives? The power to heal? To bring purpose? The power to give me a future wo a past, to renew me, redeem my mistakes, cleanse my sin, and heal my wounded heart?

*The Gospel is like a seed planted in the ground of the human heart that is dormant until activated by my faith, along with my repentance. As I yield to the HS, he changes me, and that changes everything.*

- Acts 2:38 And Peter said to them, "**Repent** and be **baptized** every one of you in the **name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins**, and you will **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**. (ESV)
- Jn. 14:16-18



2. *The Holy Spirit took Paul's past and used it to reveal the depth of God's grace and love that Jesus had purchased for him. In spite of his wrong path, everything changed for Paul – that was the good news.*

A. Christ also appeared to me. V 8

1. As one “**untimely** born”

2. The **least**. 1 Cor 15:9, 9:2, Ep 3:8

3. I **persecuted** the church, wounded her people. V9.

• I went horribly **wrong**.

B. Who better to be an instrument of God's grace than someone **who was in desperate need for it?**

- Eph. 2:8-9 **For by grace** you have been saved **through faith**. And this is not your own doing; **it is the gift of God**,<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.
- Rom. 3:23-24 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,<sup>24</sup> and are **justified by his grace as a gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, (ESV)
- Romans 8:1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus.

3. *Spiritual gifts, like the gospel, will often lay dormant until the Holy Spirit reveals them, as we begin to put them to use. Eph 2:10*



## Primary Spiritual Gifts

## NT Reference

**Teaching/preaching/prophecy**

1 Cor 14:1, Ephesians 4:11

**Miracles**

1 Corinthians 12:10; Acts 19:11

**Faith**

1 Corinthians 12:9

**Discernment**

1 Corinthians 12:10

**Giving**

Romans 12:8

**Leadership**

Romans 12:8

**Encouragement**

Romans 12:8

**Wisdom**

1 Corinthians 12:8

**Evangelism**

Ephesians 4:11

**Hospitality**

Romans 12:13



4. *The Holy Spirit takes our story (part 3), and uses our spiritual gifts and talents (part 1, part 2), in an area of service or ministry. Together, we join the HS in growing God's church.*

A. Three different gift-categories ("GSA"):

1. 1 Cor 12:4. "varieties of spiritual **gifts.**"
2. 1 Cor 12:5. "varieties of **service.**"
3. 1 Cor 12:6. "varieties of **activities**"

## Next Steps:

1. What is your story? How can the HS take your story and help someone in theirs?