

## Soteriology: The Gospel

### 1 Corinthians 15

The Church loves to talk about Salvation, but in the midst of our Consistency, we often lack Clarity. This is why we're focusing on Soteriology, which is the study of Salvation. Because the better we understand salvation, the greater we appreciate the life God offers to humanity by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This week, we're broadening our understanding of how the Gospel can be experienced and expressed in our daily lives.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:1-2**

Now I want to **make clear** for you, brothers and sisters, **the gospel** that I preached to you, that you received and on which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message I preached to you — unless you **believed in vain**.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:3**

For I passed on to you as of first importance what I also received—that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures

#### **Isaiah 53:3-5**

He was despised and rejected by people,  
one who experienced pain and was acquainted with illness;  
people hid their faces from him;  
he was despised, and we considered him insignificant.  
But he lifted up **our illnesses**,  
he carried **our pain**;  
even though we thought he was being punished,  
attacked by God, and afflicted for something he had done.  
He was wounded because of **our rebellious deeds**,  
crushed because of **our sins**;  
he endured punishment that made us well;  
because of his wounds we have been healed.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:4**

and that he was buried, and that **he was raised on the third day** according to the scriptures,

#### **1 Corinthians 15:20**

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the **firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep.

#### **1 Corinthians 15:5-11**

and that he appeared to **Cephas**, then to the **twelve**. Then he appeared to more than **five hundred** of the brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Then he appeared to **James**, then to all the **apostles**. Last of all, as though to one born at the wrong time, he appeared to **me** also. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been in vain. In fact, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God with me. Whether then it was I or they, **this is the way we preach and this is the way you believed**.