

Morning Worship Service

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THE GOSPEL TRUTH

Introduction: "Religion today in the USA is a salad bar where people heap on upbeat beliefs they like and often leave the veggies - like strict doctrines - behind." (USA Today)

1 Cor 15:1-8

I. _____ OF THE GOSPEL - vs. 3 "first importance"

1. _____ - not _____

2. _____

1 Cor 2:2 - *"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."*

II. _____ OF THE GOSPEL

1. Christ _____

- For our _____
- According to _____

2. He was _____

3. _____ - _____ on

4. _____

III. _____ OF THE GOSPEL

1. _____ of our _____

vs. 2 - *"By this gospel you are saved..."*

1 Cor 1:18 - *"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those of us who are being saved it is the power of God."*

Rom. 1:16 - *"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes."*

2. _____ of our _____ of _____

1. Cor 15:17-19 - *"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile: you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men."*

3. _____ and _____ of life

1 Cor 15:32 - *"If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus for merely human reasons, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die'."*

Conclusion: Baptism and communion are _____ of the gospel. We observe them to _____ ourselves on the death, burial, resurrection and coming again of Jesus.