

# The Gospel

*1 Corinthians 15:1-6*

Introduction: Paul starts in chapters twelve through fourteen discussing spiritual gifts. In chapter fifteen he reminds them what it is that saves: the gospel.

## **I. The Gospel Implies God's Foreknowledge**

- A. Many things have changed since the first century  
Social media, countries, machinery
- B. Mankind's needs have remained the same  
Security, forgiveness, reconciliation to God, purpose
- C. God know man's greatest need, 1 Peter 1:2, Romans 1:16

## **II. The Gospel Implies That God Loves Mankind**

- A. The gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection, 1 Cor. 15:1-6  
God loves us, John 3:16
- B. God has shown his love to us, Romans 5:6-8 Died for us.  
Death, Burial, Resurrection, Romans 6:3-4

## **III. The Gospel Implies That We Cannot Save Ourselves**

- A. We are powerless to save ourselves  
Not intellect, political power, social standing,  
education, material things  
Rom 3:23, Isaiah 55:8-9
- B. From a humanistic standpoint we are nothing more than material  
Implications of evolution, man treats man roughly

## **IV. The Gospel Implies Mankind Can Respond To The Gospel**

- A. The gospel places confidence in man
- B. Sin does not make you incapable of responding  
Some are not moved by the gospel, 1 Corinthians 1:20-24  
Greeks as foolishness.  
Some do obey, Acts 18:8

Why? See the parable of the sower, Luke 8 hard, rock, thorns, good

## **V. The Gospel implies God uses man to save man**

- A. Jesus commanded us to go and preach the gospel  
Mark 16:15
- B. Why does the Lord use us?  
It shows our love for God and others, Jeremiah 20:9  
We can sympathize with the lost.

Conclusion: Why not obey right now?