



**Resurrection Sunday, April 4, 2021**  
**Fulfillment Hour Panel Discussion Guide**  
**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

**Overview**

The average American Christian seems to understand and appreciate Christianity's inessentials but does not understand and appreciate Christianity's essentials - the Gospel message. There is salvation in only the gospel message. The Apostle Paul described the Gospel as "the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes" (**Romans 1:16, NKJV**). The Gospel is essential for salvation. The Gospel is also essential for righteous living. The Apostle Paul recorded that Christ "died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but Him who died for them and rose again" (**2 Corinthians 5:15, NKJV**). Therefore, in light of Holy Week and Resurrection Sunday, we will examine the substance and significance of the Gospel for believers and those who are not believers yet. The Gospel message is more than a good story. It is power for living in this world and in the world to come.

**Discussion Outline**

The Gospel is the *Good News* of what God accomplished through Christ Jesus.

Paul writes **1 Corinthians 15** to address the false claims that Jesus Christ has not bodily raised from the dead. He begins with a reminder of the Gospel he preached to them. They are saved because they heard the Gospel and believed. The evidence they truly received the Gospel is that they continue to believe the true message. They continue to stand firm in the Gospel message.

Paul records that the Gospel is a message that is to be passed on (**verse 3**). The same message he received is the same message he passed on. The most important

message is that “Christ died for our sins, just as the Scripture said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said.”

What is the significance of this message?

First, Christ died for our sins, just as the Scripture said (**verse 3**). What is the significance of the death of Jesus?

- a. 1 Peter 2:24
- b. Isaiah 53:5-6
- c. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- d. Hebrews 9:22
- e. Colossians 2:13-15
- f. Galatians 3:13-14