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# LIVING AS WITNESSES

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Pray, Meet People, Tell Them About Jesus

## Tell Them About Jesus

*What to Tell them – The Message:*

The good news that God uses to save people is the gospel (Romans 1:16).

The Essential Gospel (1 Corinthians 15:1-11):

- Paul’s intent in this passage is to declare the gospel (v. 1).
- Paul reviews the “essential gospel:”
  - Gospel Truth #1 (v. 3): “...that Christ died for our sins...”
  - Foundation #1 (v. 3): “...according to the Scriptures,”
  - Proof #1 (v.4): “and that He was buried,”
  - Gospel Truth #2 (v.4): “and that He rose again the third day...”
  - Foundation #2 (v. 4): “...according to the Scriptures,”
  - Proof #2 (v. 5): “and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.”

The essential gospel is that: Christ died for our sins and rose again.

The Essential Message (Romans 1:16-17):

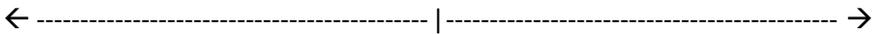
### 1. The Bad News (Romans 1:18-25; 3:9-20)

- Every person has sinned against their Holy Creator and is condemned to eternal punishment.
- Romans Road – Romans 3:23 and 6:23 - “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” and “...the wages of sin is death...”
- Notice the three important parts of the bad news:
  - God –

- Man –
- Death –
- Other Passages: Romans 5:12, John 3:17-18

## 2. The Good News (Romans 3:21-26)

- Jesus paid for the sins of all people by dying on the cross in our place, fully satisfying God’s wrath *and* offering God’s righteousness to those who believe. He completed his work by rising from the dead.
- Key idea - Justification by faith. It means we are *declared righteous* when we believe the gospel. Two things happen:
  1. We are cleansed. Our sin is removed and charged to Jesus’ account – He paid the price in full.
  2. We are made righteous. Jesus gives us His divine righteousness.



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Infinite Righteousness

- Other passages: Romans 5:8, 6:23; 1 Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 10:12; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 15:20-23.

## 3. The Choice (Romans 1:16)

- Each person must respond to this news. Those who believe in this message about Jesus receive salvation.
- Saving faith doesn’t merely agree that the gospel is true. Saving faith depends on the gospel for salvation.
- Other passages: John 1:12, 3:14-15, 3:36; Acts 16:31; Romans 3:22, 23-25, 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-10.