

The Gospel or Nothing
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Pew Bible p. 961
July 3, 2022

I. Salvation and the Gospel (V. 1-2)

A. The gospel is not just a door to becoming a Christian; it is the very ground on which every Christian stands.

B. The gospel does not just save you at one point in time; it saves you every day for the rest of your life.

II. The Cross and the Gospel (V. 3-7)

A. Without the cross of Christ, the gospel of Christ means nothing.

B. Without the resurrection of Christ, the cross of Christ means nothing.

III. God's Grace and the Gospel (V. 8-11)

A. The cross of Christ commissions God's grace to the Christian.

B. God's grace:

1. Comes by faith, not works
2. Inspires works, not apathy

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.
2. Why is it important for a Christian to be reminded of the gospel, as verse 1 says? Why is it so important?
3. What are some absolutely essential components to a good gospel presentation? What are some good things that may not have to be included in a good gospel presentation?
4. What does the cross of Christ, from verses 3-7, have to do with the grace of God, discussed in verses 8-11? How does the gospel mean we can have God's grace?
5. What is the difference between saying that grace comes from works, which verse 10 speaks against, and saying that grace inspires works, which verse 10 speaks for?
6. Pray for our church, that we would continue to make the gospel the center of all. Consider attending the next church prayer meeting next Sunday at 7 pm. Register at the church website at www.apollobaptist.org.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Leviticus 11-13

June Memory Verses: Leviticus 18:1-5



Psalm 121:1-3

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the LORD who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 8/7/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- Cancelled due to Celebrating God in America event.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
Marge Dillon – Salvation for son Matthew
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Family of Genny M., Beverly T. (husband, Al), LeRoy H. (wife, Kay), David T. & family (wife), Louise R. (husband), and Ed G. & family (mother), Family of Phyllis W.
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Debbie B. (health issues), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B's husband (gaining strength), Debbie P. (healing/improved health), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (recovery from open-heart surgery), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), Margaret J. (recovery from cancer surgery), Paul W. (recovery from neck surgery), Jan O. (vertigo), and John E. (eyelid cancer)
- Others that you are aware of