

## “The Third Day”

**Easter Sunday**

**April 5, 2015**

**Romans 1:1-4.** <sup>1</sup>This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. <sup>2</sup>God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. <sup>3</sup>The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David’s family line, <sup>4</sup>and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

**1 Corinthians 15:1-10.** <sup>1</sup>Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. <sup>2</sup>It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place. <sup>3</sup>I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>4</sup>He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the Scriptures said. <sup>5</sup>He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. <sup>6</sup>After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of all the apostles. In fact, I’m not even worthy to be called an apostle after the way I persecuted God’s church. <sup>10</sup>But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. [AD 53-54]

### Of First Importance...The Essence of the Gospel

1. Christ died for our sins (v. 3)
2. He was buried (v. 4)
3. He was raised from the dead! (v. 4)

### The Easter Event

1. Is \_\_\_\_\_

*For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile. —Romans 1:16*

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2. Makes us \_\_\_\_\_ with God

*We have been made right in God’s sight by faith; we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us... God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. —Romans 5:1, 8*

*God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. —Ephesians 2:8*

- a. From the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin
- b. From the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin
- c. From the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin

3. When we...

- \_\_\_\_\_ it

*Faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ. —Romans 10:17*

- \_\_\_\_\_ it

*For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. —Romans 10:10*

- Stand \_\_\_\_\_ in it

*It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you... —1 Corinthians 15:2*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ the prophetic Word of God

*...as the Scriptures said. — 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4*

*He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all. —Isaiah 53:4-5*

5. Confirmed by eye-witness \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ lives

*This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God’s wonderful grace. —Colossians 1:6*

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