



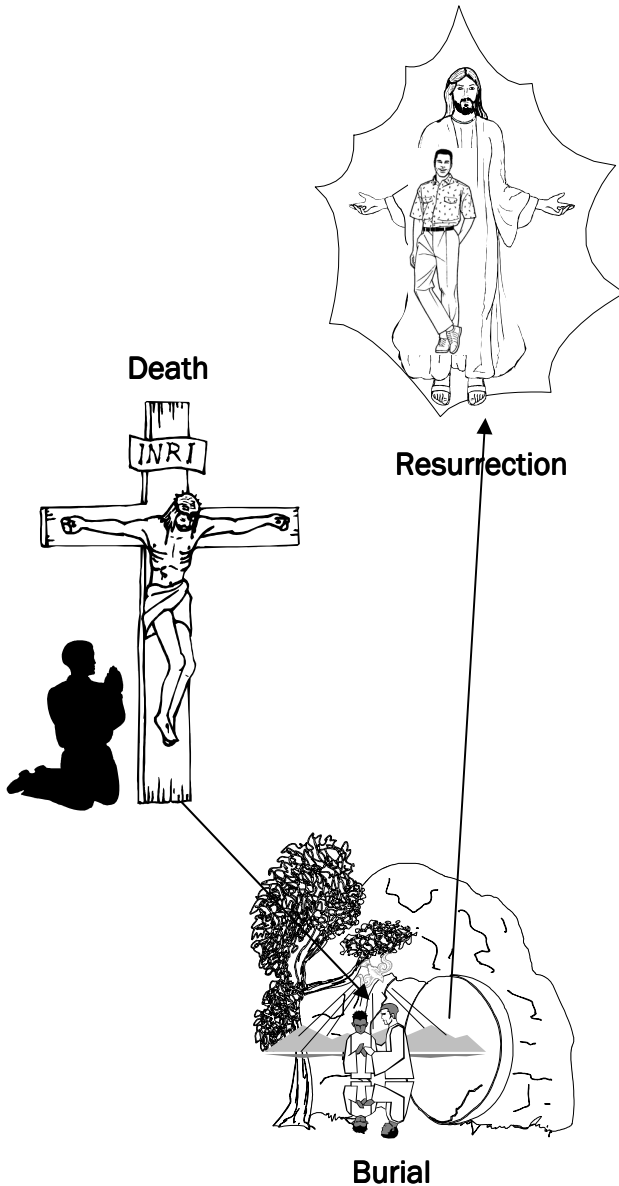
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*Here is the Gospel obeyed in picture form.*

*The Gospel re-enacted in Baptism*

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**The Gospel enacted**  
I Corinthians 15:3-4



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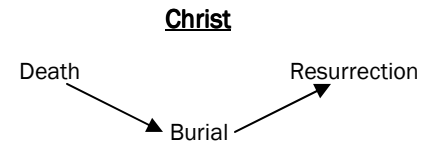
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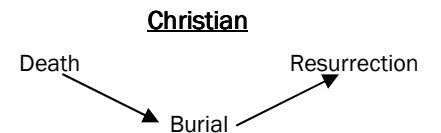
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**The Gospel enacted in baptism**  
Romans 6:3-6



Our baptism puts us in contact with Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

# The Gospel of Christ



The Gospel of Christ is the most important thing that we can hear in our life-time. We as human beings have a sinful nature which is in conflict with the nature of God. The Gospel, or “good news” about Jesus, is the only thing that gives us the ammunition to deal with our sinful nature and to discover a way to rid ourselves of the stain and guilt that is separating us from the safety and peace with God. There is no sin that God is unwilling to forgive.

Romans 1:16 says “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God until salvation to everyone that believeth to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

2 Thessalonians 1:7b & 8 says “ The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

What the apostle is saying is that the Gospel is the means which God uses to save us, and He will take vengeance on all that do not obey the Gospel.

## What is the Gospel?

The apostle Paul went to the city of Corinth and preached the Gospel to them. Some of them obeyed, but after the apostle left Corinth, false teachers came in, so Paul wrote the letter of 1 Corinthians to correct this teaching. In the 15th chapter verses 1-4, Paul says, “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel which I preached unto you which also you have received, and wherein you stand, by which also you are saved, if you keep in memory what I have preached unto you, unless you have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”

## How to obey the Gospel

What the apostle is saying here is that the Gospel he preached to the Corinthians, which they were saved by, was Jesus; His death, burial and resurrection. If the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus is the Gospel, and God is going to take vengeance on us in flaming fire if we do not obey it, how can we do that? Can we die on a cross, be buried and raised again?

No, we cannot do that. So what is the apostle talking about? Let’s see what the Word of God has to say. Romans 6:17 says, “But God be thanked, that you were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.” What is a form? If I were going to build a house, I would first build a form to pour cement for the foundation. When I tear down the form, I have the real thing.

The doctrine or teaching that they obeyed was the likeness of the death, burial and the resurrection of Jesus. How do we do this? Romans 6:3-7 “Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into his death?”

This is how we get into Christ and we are baptized into his death. This is where Jesus shed His blood and it is the blood of Christ that cleanses us of our sins. Ephesians 1:7

Verse 4 “Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in the newness of life.”

Verse 5 “For we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.”

Verse 6 “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”

Verse 7 “For he that is dead is freed from sin.”

What we have here is a word picture of Jesus hanging on the cross, but He places you and me there with Him when we say to self, “I know the way I’ve been living is wrong and now I am going to live the way God wants me to.” This is called repentance or crucifying the old man (verse 6). Jesus was buried, we are buried with Him by the means of baptism. We can not be buried in the ground, so the Lord gave us baptism or water to be buried in (verse 4).

This is where the body of sin is destroyed (verse 6). Jesus was raised by the Glory of the Father and we are to rise from the watery grave in the likeness of His resurrection. We are raised to live a new life or a new way of living.

Verse 7 “For he that is dead is freed from sin.” Now you are freed from sin.

In the Book of Acts, the 2nd chapter, we have a record of the first Gospel lesson that was preached after the ascension of Jesus into Heaven. The apostles began to preach about Jesus, His suffering, his death, and ascension. But some of the people that were listening to them were the same people, when Jesus had to go before Pilate for His trial and Pilate said he found no fault in Him, began to cry out “crucify Him”, “crucify Him”! Peter knew this so he concluded his lesson. Acts 2:36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made that same Jesus whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

Verse 37 gives their reaction to this, “Now when they heard this they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, “men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Verse 38 “Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Verse 41 gives their reaction to this: “then they that gladly received His word were baptized, and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”

Verse 47 tell us how one is added to the church. “Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

When these people reenacted the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ in their own lives for remission of their sins, the Lord added them to the church He gave His life for. They did not go out and join something and become so and so Christians. The Lord added them and they became just Christians.

Would you like to take charge of your spiritual life, put your old sinful spirit to death, and begin a new lifestyle completely free from the wrongs of the past? God has made us caretakers of our own souls and responsible for our own deeds in this life. And as you have just read, forgiveness is yours if you will follow these few heart changing steps of reaching out to Jesus Christ and becoming a new creature. Would you like to be baptized into Jesus Christ and become just a Christian?