

## Lesson 4: The Definition of the Gospel

### Part 1: What the Gospel IS

Lesson 3 Objective: To precisely define the gospel of grace and achieve great clarity in understanding it.

#### I. A confused gospel

- A. Give your heart to Jesus
- B. Give your life to God
- C. Invite Christ into your heart
- D. Pray to receive Christ
- E. Accept Christ
- F. Repent

#### II. A clear gospel

**1 Cor 15:3-8, 11**

- A. Christ died for our sins vv.3-4a
  - 1. Essential – *He died according to the Scriptures* v.3
  - 2. Proof that He died – *He was buried* v.4a

**Significance → What does this mean?**

*Jesus Christ died in our place, as our substitute for our sins, so that we would not have to die.*

- B. Christ rose from the dead vv.4b-8
  - 1. Essential – *He was raised according to the Scriptures* v.4b
  - 2. Proof that He was raised – *He appeared* vv.5-8

**Significance → What does this mean?**

*Jesus Christ rose from the dead, proving He was who He said He was, and that He was victorious over sin and death.*

- C. The response whereby one is saved v.11

*All who believe in Him and Him alone have eternal life.*

#### III. Definition of saving faith

**To accept as truth the promises of Jesus Christ to save from sin and death all who believe in Him, placing faith in Him and Him alone as the only hope for eternal life. His death for our sin and His resurrection from the dead are the essential components of saving faith.**

***The gospel in ten words:***  
***Christ died for our sins and rose from the dead.***