

## THE SIMPLE GOSPEL

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I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. — 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

There are moments when we don't need something new—we need to be reminded of what is eternally true. The gospel is not complicated, yet it carries an eternal weight that reaches beyond our understanding. It is simple enough for a child to receive, yet profound enough that angels long to look into it (1 Peter 1:12).

Christ died for our sins. Not as a symbol, not as a tragedy, but as a substitution. “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

At the cross, justice and mercy met. Every sin—past, present, and future—was placed upon Him. “He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21)

He was buried. The burial is often passed over, in a way that shows that Jesus was completely human, and it confirms the reality of His death. This was no illusion. Hope itself lay in a tomb. The disciples' expectations were buried with Him. Silence filled the space where promises once echoed.

Yet even in the silence, God was working.

Then—on the third day—everything changed. “He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.” (Matthew 28:6)

The resurrection is not just an event; it is the declaration of victory. Sin was defeated. Death was undone. The grave lost its claim. “Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” (1 Corinthians 15:54-55) The resurrection is God's “yes” to every promise He has made. It is the assurance that what was finished on the cross is now fully secured in eternity.

And because He lives, we do not merely survive—we are made alive. “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.” (Ephesians 2:1) “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3)

So this is the simple message of the Gospel;

Jesus is the gospel: He was crucified, buried, and risen. Not just a message to believe once, but a truth to live in daily. We don't move past it—we grow deeper into it. Every fear, every burden, every

question finds its answer in God's "third-day solution." So we live in the light of the empty tomb—redeemed, restored, and forever held by the victory of Jesus, the simple and Holy Love of Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be thy NAME!

With Heavenly Anticipation