

The Gospel In The New Testament

Intro: Last week, we observed how the seeds of the gospel of Jesus Christ were planted in an Old Testament book called Judges. Let's review the "cycle of salvation" as seen in that writing. Today, we look at how we can respond to the "deliverer" that was supplied to all mankind. See 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1. We must believe in what the "Deliverer" brings.
 - A. Notice what he says to those who were rejecting him in John 8:21, 24
 - B. Notice what two preachers told some folks. Acts 16:31; 8:37
2. We must turn toward this "Deliverer" with the gift of our own lives.
 - A. A teacher made it clear to some who worshipped idols in Acts 17:30.
 - B. The teacher says in 17:31 it's because of God's justice and righteousness.
 - C. One group of people is a great example. 1 Thess. 1:9-10
3. We must inform others of our belief in this "Deliverer".
 - A. Telling people where we now put our hope. Romans 10:9-10
 - B. Jesus says it's a confession with no middle ground. Matthew 10:32-33
4. We must listen to the words of "Deliverer" to create a "beginning" in our relationship with him.
 - A. It's where, with faith, we show our desire to be forgiven. Col. 2:12-13
 - B. It's where we become a disciple, according to Jesus. Matthew 28:18-20
 - C. It is the place where forgiveness is granted. Acts 2:38; 22:16
5. We must determine to continue in that relationship.
 - A. We have a changed attitude toward the world's fun. 1 Peter 4:1-4
 - B. We have a changed attitude toward our self-righteousness. 1 John 1:9-10.
 - C. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15 that's how we maintain our connection to the Gospel that comes through Jesus.

Conclusion: Think again of the cycle of salvation. Like the people of Israel, there is no need to remain in the condition that separates us from a "deliverer". The "deliverer" is available to all who live and have breath. We close with Paul's quote of the prophet with the promise of the one who would offer to take away sin as read in Romans 11:26-27.