

## ***Our Response To The Gospel Is At The Cross*** – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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### **Introduction**

1. Last week we discussed the meaning of the gospel. We concluded that the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Cor 15:1-4). It is the Son of God dying for our sins so we can have eternal life. We call it grace. Undeserved favor and love.
2. So how then should we respond to God's love? What do we do with the gospel?

### **I. HEAR**

- a. We should not hear to hear, not to "check-off" the list of "five steps"
  - i. The gospel is what God did for man FIRST! (Rom 1:14-17)
  - ii. Romans 5:6-10 – Listen to what God has done.
    1. We need to hear about God's love in action. About Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins!
  - iii. Hebrews 6:1-2 – Are our first principles the same as the Bible's?
  - iv. Salvation is not merely something you *do* but Someone you *receive*.

### **II. BELIEVE**

- a. We should not believe in believing.
  - i. The power of faith is in the object (2 Cor 9:15). Jesus Christ is the object!
  - ii. Romans 3:21-26 – Faith is only as good as its object.
  - iii. Romans 1:5, 16:16 – the bible teaches obedience of faith – we have taught faith in our obedience. John 15 shows apart from Jesus we are nothing.

### **III. REPENT**

- a. Notice Acts 2:36-38; 2 Corinthians 7:8-13 and Romans 2:4.
  - i. Repentance is caused by the goodness of God not the badness of man!
  - ii. Salvation is by grace not guilt. Hell does not save sinners. Fear is limited in its motivation. The cross will turn any open heart to ask, "what must I do to be saved?"

### **IV. BE BAPTIZED**

- a. We are not baptized to be baptized.
  - i. We are baptized in to the Christ Jesus and His death, burial and resurrection! (Romans 6:3-10)
  - ii. Colossians 2:12-14 – We don't get baptized to proclaim our faith, but to connect to the precious blood of Jesus that washes away all our sins!
  - iii. Paul did not come to preach baptism but the cross of Christ (1 Corinthians 1:17). Baptism is not an issue when seen from the cross of Christ.

The "five steps" within the themselves are nothing, but with the cross they save and have eternal meaning!