

REMEMBER THE RESURRECTION

Mark 16:16

“There is virtue in repeating basics that shouldn’t be forgotten. The resurrection is not simply a component of the gospel; it is the main event. It is the glorious centerpiece of divine redemption, the cornerstone of the gospel promise, and the guarantee of eternal life for those who believe. The resurrection is not the epilogue or postscript to the life of Christ, it is the culminating climax of His atoning work.”

(John MacArthur)

“The narrative of Jesus’ resurrection forms the grand climax of the story of Jesus Christ in all four Gospels. It is the keystone to the Christian message: without His resurrection, there never would have been any preaching of the good news of salvation in Him.”

(D. Edmond Hiebert)

I. **Commission** of the Good News

1. **Every Christian** is on a daily mission to serve and represent Jesus.
2. **How we fulfill** this mission matters to God.
3. **God has defined** what this mission involves and how to accomplish it for Him.
4. **It matters to God** how you and I live our Christian lives, because...
5. **What** we **believe** and **how** we **behave** are what we make disciples from.

And all of this helps us **remember to remain** prayerfully aware of making disciples in the image of our **Savior** and not of self or our society.

II. **Condition** of the Good News

How does anyone become a follower of Jesus? The good news that we each proclaim says 'be saved from your sins by believing, trusting, and following Jesus.'

But what is the condition attached to responding?

II. **Condition** of the Good News

Christians take the gospel to their world, and the people who hear “*will be saved*” **or** “*will be condemned*,” depending on how they **respond** to the gospel message brought to them.

We need to ask, ‘what is the gospel, what is believing, and what is baptism as they each relate to being **saved** or being **condemned** in the greater context of Scripture?’

II. **Condition** of the Good News

The gospel **is not**:

- “Jesus is Lord.”
- “God will remake this fallen world.”
- “God wants to transform our culture.”

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The gospel **says**:

- **God is holy.**
 - God is each person's Creator and Judge.
 - Each person is **separated** from God by his/her sinful nature.

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The gospel **says**:

- **God is holy.**
- **Our sin nature** is expressed in attitudes and actions of **self-will** against God, His law of life, and against others.
 - That sin nature produces **death** in us.

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The gospel **says**:

- **God is holy.**
- **Our sin nature** results in death.
- **God sent His Son**, Jesus Christ, to live and die and live again on behalf of people enslaved to sin.
 - God offers His forgiveness for sins **only** through His Son, Jesus Christ.
 - God forgives those who **turn** away from their sinful rebellion and who **trust** Jesus Christ alone to make them right with God.

II. **Condition** of the Good News

Believing in Jesus means that **you** believe that Jesus did all of this as **your** substitute, in **your** place, for **you**, on **your** behalf.

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