

# **MY LIFE BEFORE KNOWING CHRIST**

# HOW I CAME TO JESUS CHRIST

**MY NEW LIFE IN CHRIST** 

## WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4

Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of <u>first importance</u> what I also received, that <u>Christ died for our sins</u> according to the Scriptures, and that <u>He was buried</u>, and that <u>He was raised on the third day</u> according to the Scriptures.

## **CHRIST'S DEATH - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3B**

The gospel announces that Christ died on the cross for sinners and paid in full the penalty we deserve for our sins (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; Colossians 2:13-14; 1 Peter 2:24a).

## **CHRIST'S BURIAL - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:4A**

The gospel announces that after Jesus' death, He was taken down from the cross and laid in a tomb (Acts 13:29). Jesus' burial certifies the reality of His death and points forward to the reality of His resurrection.

### **CHRIST'S RESURRECTION - 1 CORINTHIANS 15:4B**

The gospel announces that Christ rose from the dead on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures and appeared for forty days to a host of eyewitnesses (1 Corinthians 15:4a-7; see also: Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10; Acts 2:24-32). The resurrection vindicated Jesus' teaching, His sinless life and atoning death. In the resurrection, God the Father proclaims that He is fully satisfied with Christ's atonement for sin. On the cross, Christ cried, "It is finished," and in the resurrection, God the Father proclaimed, "It is accepted!"

### WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE?

The gospel demands a response. How then will you respond? Will you believe the gospel? Will you trust in Jesus alone to forgive your sins? The gospel's invitation is free, don't delay.

Your response is to simply: Admit that you are a sinner, believe the gospel, and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior! (Romans 10:9-10;13).

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