

V. DECLARE THE GOSPEL CONFIDENTLY

“5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.
6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.
7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.
8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.” I Corinthians 15:5-8

- A. After His resurrection Jesus spent forty days on the earth making post-resurrection appearances.

“to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.” Acts 1:3

- B. The purpose of these appearances was to move us from unbelief and doubt to belief and confidence.

“27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

29 Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

John 20:24-31

WE MUST UNITE TOGETHER AND DECLARE THE GOSPEL!

DECLARE THE GOSPEL

Declare The Gospel!
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INTRODUCTION

- A. What is our Global Missions Focus?

Mission: Making sure that everyone in the world hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ correctly and planting New Testament churches among those who believe.

“23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commanded them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.

26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”

Acts 14:23-27

- B. The theme of our 2021 Global Missions Focus is “DECLARE THE GOSPEL”.

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,”

I Corinthians 15:1

- C. In DECLARE THE GOSPEL, we will be challenged to go declare the gospel to everyone. This seven part series features the following messages:

July 11	Focusing On Missions
TODAY	Declare The Gospel!
July 25	Declare The Gospel By Going
Aug 1	Declare The Gospel By Sending
Aug 8	Declare The Gospel By Praying
Aug 15	Declare The Gospel By Evangelizing
Aug 22	Declare The Gospel By Loving

- D. TEXT: I Corinthians 15:1-8

DECLARE THE GOSPEL!

The word “gospel” means good news. This word is used in the Bible 101 times.

“10 Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.”

11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

I. DECLARE THE GOSPEL OBEDIENTLY

“1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.”

I Corinthians 15:1-2

Declaring the gospel is not an option. It is a commandment.

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

II. DECLARE THE GOSPEL PRIMARILY

“3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received:...” I Corinthians 15:3a

The declaration of the gospel is the highest priority of the church.

III. DECLARE THE GOSPEL COMPLETELY

“3... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,” I Corinthians 15:3b-4

A. Declare that Christ died for our sins.

“who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”

I Peter 2:24

B. Declare that Christ was buried.

“41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

42 So there they laid Jesus,...” John 19:41-42a

C. Declare that Christ rose again the third day.

“25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die....” John 11:25-26a

IV. DECLARE THE GOSPEL BIBLICALLY

“according to the Scriptures” (I Corinthians 15:3b, 4b).

A. The Bible reveals the one and only way of salvation through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

“and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

II Timothy 3:15

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

B. The Bible gives a stern warning against believing or preaching any other gospel.

“6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel,

7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”

Galatians 1:6-9