

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Don't Forget the Gospel Molasses

INTRO: The great omission- Caleb's infamous "ginger" cookies.

What "key ingredient" is sometimes missing from our gospel presentations?

In the opening section of this landmark chapter of Scripture we encounter **3 Essential Points:**

In verses 1, 2, and 11

I)

In verses 3-4

II)



In verses 5-10

III)

For Further Reflection/Application:

How did the opening illustration about accidentally forgetting the molasses tie into believers sharing *the complete* gospel message (note vv. 1-4)? Christ's resurrection is vitally important to the good news message, explain how so?

Just how important is the historical resurrection of Christ to the Christian gospel (see vv. 1-11)?

Just how important is the bodily resurrection of Christ to believer's future hope (see vv. 12-28)?
"While graveyards remind one of the brevity of life, the resurrection ensures the brevity of death."

Must one embrace "the empty tomb of Christ" to be truly saved (note Romans 10:9; 1 Cor. 15:1-19; John 11, 20)?

As "fishers of men" are we faithful transmitting the biblical gospel (see Gal. 1)?

Have you gladly received the free gift of eternal life? (Romans 6:23) If not, what keeps you from repenting and, in faith, gladly receiving the indescribable gift of salvation (2 Cor. 9:15; Matthew 8:18-22)?

Those who do not "continue in the faith" (Col. 1:23; 1 John 2:19) jeopardize their future with God! (John 8:31) How is perseverance connected to salvation?

If the gospel is "God's gospel" do any creatures have the right to tamper with it? Think about the implications of 1 Cor. 15:3-4 (see also Galatians).

The Gospel is of "first rate importance" because of what it accomplished and because of what it proved.

With a bodily resurrection it wouldn't be "Good Friday," it'd be Freaky Friday! Explain.

In what ways was the gospel message (1 Cor. 15:3-4) corroborated and validated.
4x the word APPEARED appears in vv. 5-10.

How does the transformation of Saul of Tarsus validate and affirm the truthfulness and power of the gospel? (Grace saves and transform us)

The overarching charge in this message is to "not forget the gospel molasses?" Think about who in your life needs to hear this message and pray for God to give you opportunities to share with them (Col. 4:3-4).

Related Praise Songs:

Hail the Day! Sovereign Grace Music
Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Christ Arose! (Lo in the Grave He Lays)
Because He Lives (AMEN)
See What a Morning!
Christ is Risen! Matt Maher
Was it a Morning Like This? Sandi Patty
Forever- Kari Jobe

Related Biblical Texts:

John 11; 20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:1-58; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Colossians 4:3-4; Romans 1-5; Isaiah 53; Psalm 16:10, Psalm 22; Acts 17:22-34;