The Good News of the Gospel
1 Cor. 15:1-4

Introduction:
A. Gospel is “good news.”
   2. Old English = Good Spell or good story.
B. Gospel not good news to everybody (cf. 1 Cor. 1:18).
   1. See only the demands, suffering, and sacrifices of gospel.
   2. Do not see the seriousness of sin on their lives and destiny.
C. Gospel is “good news” for two important reasons:

Discussion:
   A. Salvation (1 Cor. 15:1-2, 17)
   B. The resurrection hope. (1 Cor. 15:12-22).
   C. New and better things.
      1. Better Covenant with better promises (Heb. 8:6; 9:11-15;)
      2. Better hope and priesthood (Heb. 7:19, 23-27)
II. The Gospel Is Good News Because of the Rewards Associated with its Demands.
   A. The good news associated with repentance and baptism — the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38, 41).
      1. Repentance often demands turning from things near and dear.
         a. Sensual acts of the idol worshiper.
         b. Herod’s marriage (Matt. 14)
      2. Benefits of forgiveness outweighs demands of obedience.
         a. No more consciousness of sin (Heb. 10:2 NKJ, NIV)
         b. No more wages of sin (Rom. 6:23).
   B. The good news associated with struggling, sacrificing, and suffering for Christ — heaven.
      1. Denying ungodliness and living godly — blessed hope (Titus 2:11-13).
      3. Faithful and enduring service — crown of life (2 Tim. 4:7,8).

Conclusion:
A. Events of gospel re-enacted in baptism. (Rom. 6:4)
B. Gospel must be believed and obeyed (Mk. 16:15, 16; 2 Thess. 1:8)