

**THE GOOD NEWS**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 15:1**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. The apostle Paul preached the gospel. (1 Cor. 15.1,2)
2. What was the good news message that Paul preached?
  - a) **1 CORINTHIANS 15.3:** “Christ died for our sins”
  - b) **1 CORINTHIANS 15.4:** “He rose again the third day”

**I. THE DEATH OF CHRIST**

- A. The scene of His death. (John 19.17)
  1. The crown of thorns on His head. (John 19.2)
  2. The hands that were nailed to the cross. (cf. John 19.21)
  3. The back that was scourged. (cf. Luke 23.34)
- B. Why is the death of Christ good news?
  1. God is “*the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity whose name is Holy*” (Isa. 57.15; cf. 59.2)
  2. Man is full of sin. (Ps. 51.1,2; 1 John 3.4)
  3. Man is full of transgression. (Psa. 51.1,2; Heb. 3.15-18)
  4. Man is full of iniquity. (Ps. 51.1,2; 2 Pet. 2.20-22)
  5. Jesus reconciles God with man. (2 Cor. 5.21; 1 Pet. 2.24)

**II. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST**

- A. The scene of His resurrection. (1 Cor. 15.4)
  1. Mary comes to the tomb. (John 20.1,2)
  2. John comes to the tomb. (John 20.3-5,8-10)
  3. Peter comes to the tomb. (John 20.6,7)
  4. Jesus appears to Mary. (John 20.12-18)
- B. Why is the resurrection of Christ good news?
  1. **1 CORINTHIANS 15.14-20:** Hope for the future!
  2. **ROMANS 6.1-7:** Newness of life. (cf. Gal. 1.4; Titus 2.14)
  3. **EPHESIANS 2.4-8:** The resurrection of Christ demonstrates the love, mercy and kindness of God.

**CONCLUSION:** His death gives me life. His resurrection gives me eternal life. (John 5.28,29)

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“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”  
-Mark 16.15

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**MEETING TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM**  
**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM**  
**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM**  
**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:30 PM**

**Free Coffee This Way** 

Running errands yesterday, I passed by a large church building. On the large billboard at the entrance of their parking lot was the name of their church as the words “Free Coffee This Way” with a large arrow pointing to their main entrance.

Today, it is common practice among denominations to use the allure of food and recreational activities to attract new members to their church. Even congregations of the Lord’s church are resorting to this kind of practice. We could address the issue of authority and show that using the Lord’s money to fund such things is beyond the teachings of scripture and not in keeping with the pattern of the work and worship of the church (2 Tim. 1.16; 1 Cor. 11.34). However, there is another more pressing issue that this presents.

In New Testament times, reaching hearts for Jesus was not achieved through gimmicks or the promise of food, drink, and entertainment. People were converted to Christ through the message of Jesus (Acts 17.11,12), the promise of freedom from their past, the hope of eternal life (Acts 24.15), and what Jesus was willing to do to secure these promises (Heb. 12.2). And it is this hope that moved them to obey even in the midst of persecution (1 Thess. 1.6).

It is the gospel that has the power to save (Rom. 1.16). What attracts the lost is not free coffee but the promise of true freedom that can only be found in Christ (John 8.36; Acts 4.12).                      CLP

## JESUS IS OUR HOPE

### ACTS 6:14

#### INTRODUCTION:

1. In the book of Acts, the apostles bore witness to the events and teachings of Jesus that they personally experienced. (Acts 1.8)
2. From their preaching, we learn about Jesus and view Him through their eyes. (cf. 1 John 1.1)
3. In Acts 6, Jesus is presented as the better choice.

#### I. THERE WAS A COMPLAINT

- A. Unfolding the text. (Acts 6.1-7)
  1. **Acts 6.1:** *“Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying”* The church was growing.
  2. **Acts 6.1:** *“there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists”* (cf. Acts 2.5)
  3. **Acts 6.2-4:** *“It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.”* Arrogance?
  4. **Acts 6.5-7:** The solution to the complaint.
- B. How do we address complaints in the church?
  1. There needs to be communication. (Acts 6.2)
  2. There needs to be a delegation. (Acts 6.5)
  3. There needs to be focus. (Acts 6.2)

#### II. JESUS IS THE BETTER WAY

- A. Unfolding the text. (Acts 6.8-15)
  1. **Acts 6.8-10:** Stephen preaches in the synagogue arguing with the Jews who could not resist his wisdom.
  2. **Acts 6.11-13:** False witnesses accused Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin.
  3. **Acts 6.14:** *“we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth...”* Stephen was preaching about Jesus.
- B. Who was Jesus to Stephen?
  1. Stephen was accused of speaking against Moses and the Law. (Acts 6.11,14). Jesus is better than the old system.
  2. **Hebrews 8.6:** *“a more excellent ministry...a better covenant...better promises.”* What makes them better?
  3. Why should Jesus mean so much to you? Only in Jesus is there hope. (Col. 3.4)

**CONCLUSION: 1 Timothy 1.1:** *“the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope”*

## Five Ways to Earn a Good Reputation

Having a good reputation is a quality to be desired. Having a good reputation is required to serve as an elder (1 Tim. 3.7). A good reputation is a thing on which we are to meditate (Phil. 4.8). Without a good reputation, it can be difficult for others to believe or trust you. Therefore, it would make it difficult to touch hearts with the gospel. But how do you earn a good reputation? In Acts 6, the Hellenist widows were being neglected in the daily distribution (Acts 6.1). The apostles proposed a solution to *“seek out from among you seven men of good reputation”* (Acts 6.3). From this account, we gain insight of what is needed to have a good reputation.

First, to earn a good reputation, you must be *“full of the Holy Spirit”* (Acts 6.3). We do not have the miraculous indwelling of the Holy Spirit with the ability to work miracles as they did in the first century. But we can still have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us by the influence of the word of God (Rom. 8.2). Galatians 5.22,23 refers to the *“fruit of the Spirit”* which consists of nine virtues. When I am guided by the word of God, these virtues will be present in my life.

Second, to earn a good reputation, you must be *“full of...wisdom”* (Acts 6.3). In Job 28, wisdom is sought after in the most remote places but never found. Then Job comes to this conclusion: *“Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom”* (Job 28.28). When I live my life with a respect for God and His word, I will have a good reputation.

Third, to earn a good reputation, you must be *“full of faith”* (Acts 6.5). Faith is defined in the Bible as listening to God (Rom. 10.17), and then obeying God (Heb. 3.18,19). I need to be seen by others as someone who turns my attention to scripture and does what the Bible says to do. By this, I will earn the respect of others.

Fourth, to earn a good reputation, you must be *“full of grace”* (Acts 6.8). Some translations will use the word “faith,” but it translates the Greek word “charis” meaning “grace.” Ephesians 2 defines grace as the composite of mercy, love and kindness (Eph. 2.4-7; cf. Titus 3.4-7). People need to see mercy in the way I treat others. They need to know that I want what is best for them. They need to observe a disposition of kindness in my interaction with others. This is what earns a good reputation.

Fifth, to earn a good reputation, you must be *“full of power”* (Acts 6.8). The word translated as “power” is a word that refers to our abilities. If I have a good reputation, I need to use my God-given abilities to glory God and serve others (Rom. 12.6-8).

A good reputation is essential to be a good influence. Only by our being a good influence can we begin to touch hearts for Jesus and change destinies.