

The Point Of The Apostolic Preaching In The Book Of Acts

How Did The Apostles Interpret And Apply The Gospel?

The Gospel, 1 Corinthians 15.1-8

- **Christ died** for our sins according to the Scriptures
- **He was buried**
- **He was raised** the third day according to the Scriptures
- **He appeared** to hundreds of witnesses after His resurrection

A Potpourri Of Contemporary Applications Of The Gospel

You too can achieve
prosperity!

You can feel good about
yourself because God
loves you!

If you were to die today,
do you know where you'd
go?

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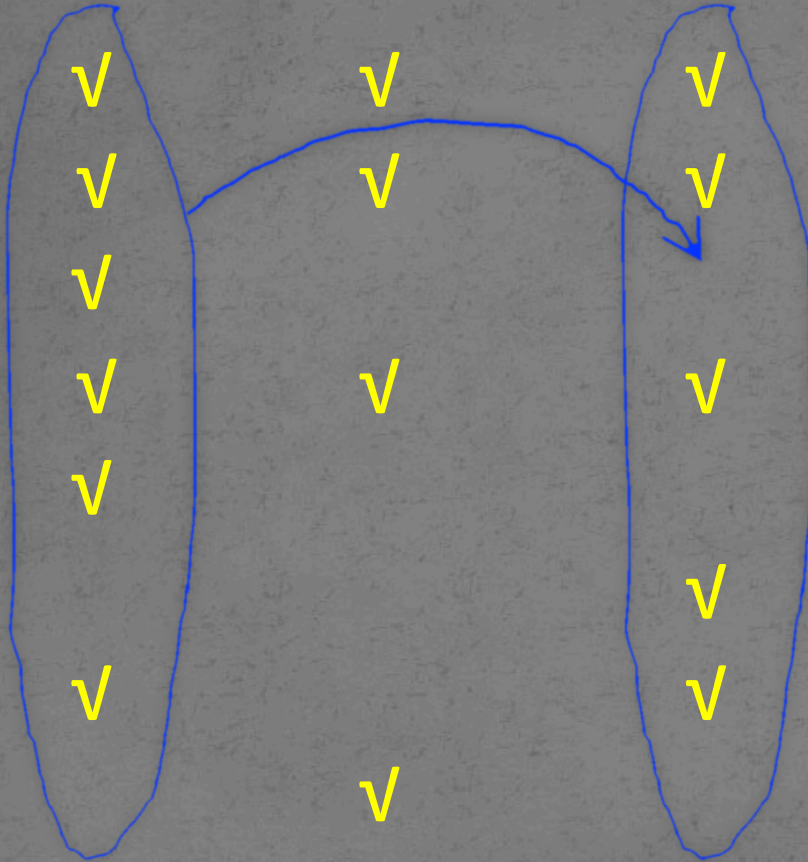
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Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that **God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself**, not counting their trespasses against them, and **He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg ~~you~~ on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God.**

(2 Corinthians 5.18-20)

Conclusion

1. Modern evangelism tends to appeal to human self-interest, emphasizing God's concern for man.
2. The preaching of the apostles appealed to the conscience, emphasizing man's indebtedness to God.

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5. For those who want to be embraced in the arms of their true Father, and look into the loving eyes of their Creator and Savior, **the gospel is the best news ever!**

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