

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

1 CORINTHIANS – PART SIX

The Gospel and Ending Notes

Chapters 15-16

Lesson 44

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Review

- Writes From Ephesus
- Visiting Soon
- Attacks Divisions
- Humbles the Proudful/Superspiritual
- Adjusts Practices/Behavior
- Defends Self and Message

Chapters 15 and 16

- The Gospel Detailed
- Resurrection of the Body
 - Baptism for the Dead!
- Personal notes/Plans

The Gospel

“Gospel”

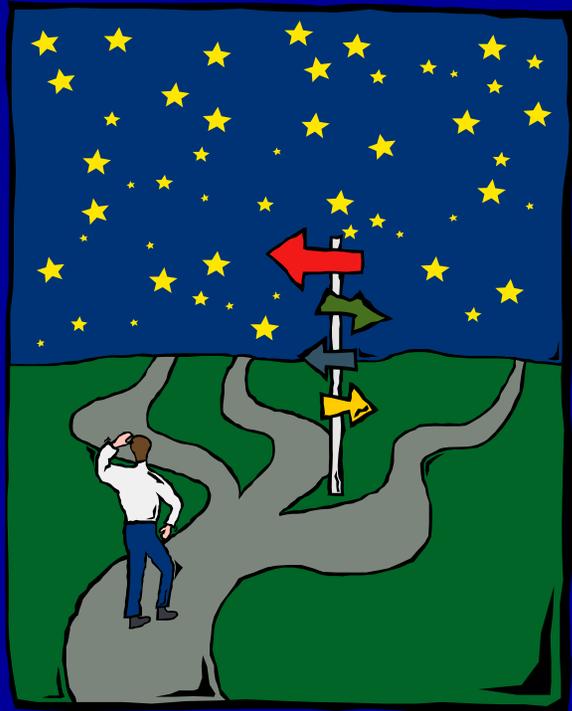
“The Truth?”

“Matthew,
Mark , Luke
or John?”

“I saw it on
Broadway!”



First, A Greek Lesson



To “The” Or
Not To “The”

“The” - The Definite Article

“*The*” Means the Next Word is a Very
Definite/Specific Noun

Not to be Confused With Any Ordinary
Noun! (“A”)

“The” - Definite Article Versus “A” - An Indefinite Article

“I go to *a*
University
of Texas”

“I go to *the*
University
of Texas”



“The” - Definite Article Versus “A” - An Indefinite Article

“I’m sure *the*
Sunday
School class
was good today”

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Paul and Gospel

“I am not ashamed of *the*
gospel”
Rom. 1:16

Paul and Gospel

“I am astonished that you are turning to *a* different **gospel** which is really no **gospel** at all” (Gal. 1:6-7)

“For in *the* gospel, a righteousness from God is revealed.” (Rom. 1:17)

Paul and Gospel

“We speak as men approved
By God to be entrusted
With *the* gospel”

I Thes. 2:4

So What is “*The*” Gospel?

The Gospel

Greek: *eu* (ευ) “Good”

PLUS

angelon (αγγελον) “Message”

Not “*a*” Good Message

The Good Message

“*The*” Gospel / Good Message

“I want to remind you of *the* gospel
I preached to you
which you received
On which you have taken your
stand
By *this* gospel you are saved...”

“The” Gospel / Good Message

“Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day...”

I Cor. 15:1-4

THE Good News

- Death Burial
Resurrection
of Christ

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes... In it a righteousness from God is revealed...”

Rom. 1:16-17

Witnesses to Resurrection

- More than 500
- Paul Names Names!

Resurrection of the Dead

Resurrection

Don't want to die!
There is no
resurrection!

Of course there is
a resurrection!
It's Spiritual!



Paul on Resurrection

- If no Resurrection:
 - Jesus not Resurrected
 - Faith a Lie
 - Preaching Useless
 - Pity the Idiot Christians
- Baptism For the Dead

Paul on Resurrection

- New Body
 - Imperishable
 - Raised in Glory
 - Raised in Power
 - Likeness of Jesus

Paul on Resurrection

- How?
 - In a flash
 - Twinkling of an eye
 - At the last trumpet

Good News!

- Jesus Resurrected, Believers Resurrected
- No Sting of Death
- Great Reason to live Fully for God
- Life Not in Vain
- The Start of Eternal Service to God

Concluding Personal Notes

- Set Aside on Sundays (16:1-4)
- Who's Going Where
- Admonition to Live Holy

Points For Home

- Good News! Jesus Died, Buried, Resurrected!
- We Share the Resurrection
- Death Has No Power
- Life is Worth Living For God