The Saving Gospel of Christ

Preach the gospel the way the apostles did. Proclaim—

**1. Christ’s *substitutionary* atonement**

A. The *seriousness*of sin

B. The *necessity*of a substitute

**2. Christ’s** *bodily* **resurrection**

A. Not a *spiritual*resurrection

B. A *complete*victory over death

**3. The necessity of** *persevering* **faith in Christ**

A. A *temporary* faith does not save

B. A *trial* faith does not work

**4. The** *harmony* **of testimonies to Christ**

A. The testimony of Old Testament *prophecy*

Psalm 16:10 (with Acts 2:22-32); Isaiah 53

B. The testimony of New Testament *witnesses*

They were *forewarned*

(Mark 8:31; 9:31-32; 10:33-34)

They were *surprised*

They were *numerous*

They were *transformed*

C. The testimony of the *Holy Spirit*

1 Corinthians 2:14-16

**For Personal Reflection or Family Discussion**

1. What was the most important or helpful thing you heard in the sermon?

2. What questions did the sermon raise in your mind?

 What was the most convicting part of the message?

3. Why is the bodily resurrection of Christ an essential part of the gospel (Romans 10:9-10)?

4. Why is persevering faith necessary for salvation (Hebrews 10:35-39)?

Who keeps God’s children in the faith so that their inheritance is secure (1 Peter 1:3-5)?

5. Ecclesiastes 4:12. Why are the testimonies of the Old Testament prophets and the New Testament apostles important, in addition to the inner testimony of the Spirit as expressed in the familiar song?

*He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!*

*He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.*

*He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!*

*You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*