The Four Basic Propositions of the Christian Gospel

- 1. "That Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture" (3).
- 2. "That He was buried" (4a).
- 3. "That He was raised on the third day according to the Scripture" (4b).
- 4. "That He appeared [to many witnesses]..." (5-10).

The Foundation of Our Faith 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Five tragic consequences if Christ has not been raised ...

- I. No Legitimate Gospel (14a)
- II. No Reasonable Faith (14b)
- III. No Reliable Revelation (15)
- IV. No Real Forgiveness (16-17
- V. No Eternal Life (18)



Because Christ Has Been Raised...

- 1. The gospel is a legitimate message of grace and hope.
- 2. Our faith is reasonable, and our confidence in the gospel is thoroughly justified.
- 3. All who have witnessed to Christ's resurrection are trustworthy, and the Scripture is God's reliable revelation.
- 4. Christ's death accomplished genuine and permanent forgiveness—our sins are gone forever!
- 5. No Christian ever really dies!

If Jesus Is <u>Not</u> your Savior & Lord...

- 1. Jesus' resurrection proves His claims to be the Son of God (Acts 2:36; Rom. 1:4).
- 2. Jesus' resurrection is essential to be saved from your sins (1 Cor. 15:1-2, 4; Rom. 10:9).
- 3. Jesus' resurrection means He will be your judge if you refuse to turn from your sins and believe in Him (Acts 17:30-31).

If Jesus <u>Is</u> your Savior & Lord...

- 1. Jesus' resurrection secured and guarantees all He purchased in His death (Rom. 5:10; Heb. 7:25).
- 2. Jesus' resurrection means that you and all who die in Christ will be raised from the dead (1 Cor. 15:55, 57).
- 3. Jesus' resurrection—and ours—inspires a life of faithful service to Him (1 Cor. 15:58).