# As of First Importance

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

Essential Christian Doctrines

Sermon Notes

As of first importance...JESUS CHRIST. 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

- I. The most <u>important and ultimate</u> Truth that GOD is revealing to people in the Bible or Scripture is the Gospel of JESUS Christ. (Mark 12:29-30, John 5:39-40)
- II. Believing in the Gospel of JESUS Christ is the power of GOD for Salvation and the <u>only way</u> people can and must be saved. (Rom. 1:16-17, Acts 4:8-12)
- III. If a person <u>does not</u> believe in the Gospel of JESUS Christ then that person is not saved. (Rom. 10:8-13, John 3:16)
- IV. A person is <u>not saved</u> if he or she rejects or denies the Gospel of JESUS Christ which GOD is making known to everyone. (Rom. 3:23, Rom. 6:23, John 3:36)
- V. GOD makes Himself known to every person ever conceived or born; whereby, the excuse of not knowing GOD is not possible and can only result to either rejecting or denying or believing what GOD revealed and continues to reveal which is ultimately the Gospel of JESUS Christ.

(Ps. 19:1-2, Rom. 1:18-20 & 10:14-21, Lk. 1:39-44 (15), John 16:8-11 & 3:18)

- I. The reason for the Gospel is GOD's <u>Love</u>; having been given to the <u>world</u> in-thru-for JESUS Christ, the anointed <u>Sacrifice</u>.
   (John 3:13-16, 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:9-10)
- II. The reason for the Gospel is GOD's <u>Humility</u>; have been revealed to <u>mankind</u> in-thru-for JESUS Christ, the anointed <u>Lord</u>.
   (John 10:18, Phil. 2:5-11, 1 Pet. 3:14-15)
- III. The reason for the Gospel is GOD's <u>Salvation</u>; still being offered to <u>sinners</u> in-thru-for JESUS Christ, the anointed <u>Savior</u>.
   (Acts 4:8-12, Rom. 3:23, Rom. 6:23)

As of first importance...the Hypostatic Union of JESUS CHRIST. 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

I. The <u>uniqueness</u> of JESUS Christ, as <u>revealed</u> in Scripture, pertains to Him as the only <u>one</u> who is both <u>fully</u> GOD and <u>perfect</u> man at the same time. (John 5:39-40, Lk. 24:27...44-47, John 14:26, 16:13-15, 1:1-18, 3:16, Col. 2:8-9)

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- I. JESUS Christ as the Son of GOD pertains to His holiness as GOD and His right to be <u>Heir</u> of all creation, as declared by GOD's Word. *Heb. 1:1-4* (Lk. 1:31-35, Rom. 1:1-4, John 5:16-23, Matt. 22:41-46, 11:27-30, 28:18-20)
- II. JESUS Christ as the Son of GOD pertains to His holiness as GOD and His right to be Worshiped by all creation, as declared by GOD's Word. Heb. 1:5-9 (Lk. 1:31-35, Rom. 1:1-4, Matt. 3:16-17, John 5:22-23)
- III. JESUS Christ as the Son of GOD pertains to His holiness as GOD and His right to be <u>Lord</u> of all creation, as declared by GOD's Word. *Heb. 1:10-13* (Lk. 1:31-35, Rom. 1:1-4, Rev. 3:21-22, Phil. 2:9-11)

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- I. JESUS Christ as the Son of Man reveals the humility and perfection of His humanity in light of the glory and authority of His <u>divinity</u> as GOD's Anointed <u>One</u> according to the Word of GOD. *Philippians* 2:5-6 (Jer. 23:5-6, Dan. 7:13-14, Matt. 22:41-46, John 1:1-18, 8:53-58)
- II. JESUS Christ as the Son of Man reveals the humility and perfection of His humanity in light of the fullness and righteousness of His <u>obedience</u> as GOD's Anointed <u>Servant</u> according to the Law of GOD. *Philippians 2:7* (Matt. 3:15, 5:17, 20:28, Heb. 2:5-18)
- III. JESUS Christ as the Son of Man reveals the humility and perfection of His humanity in light of His <u>death</u> even death on a cross as GOD's Anointed <u>Sacrifice</u> according to the Righteousness of GOD. *Philippians 2:8* (Isaiah 53, Rom. 3:21-26)

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- I. JESUS Christ is GOD in the flesh or in bodily form. *Col. 2:8-9* (John 1:1-14, John 4:21-24, Matt. 1:23)
- II. JESUS Christ as the Son of GOD pertains to the <u>holiness</u> of His <u>Deity</u>. *Rom. 1:1-4* (Lk. 1:35, John 3:16, John 6:66-69)
- III. JESUS Christ as the Son of Man pertained to the <u>humility</u> of His <u>humanity</u>. *Mk.* 10:45 (Matt. 20:17-19, Matt. 24:29-30, Matt. 25:31-33)
- IV. JESUS Christ as the Son of GOD and the Son of Man pertain to Him as the only One worthy and Who alone fulfilled the Holy Sacrifice required by GOD to save mankind from our sins. *John 1:29*

(Matt. 1:21, Matt. 16:13-17, Rev. 5)

- I. The Death of JESUS Christ on the cross served as <u>Substitution</u>; whereby, He suffered and died in <u>place</u> of us sinners.(1 Cor. 1:17-24, Mark 10:45, Phil. 2:8, Heb. 12:2)
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- III. The Death of JESUS Christ was solely for our <u>benefit</u>; wherein,
  He took the <u>place</u> of us sinners on the cross and died <u>sacrificially</u> for the sins of mankind.
  (2 Cor. 5:21, 1 John 3:5, 1 Pet. 2:24)

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- IV. The Death of JESUS Christ on the cross served as <u>Propitiation</u>; whereby, He completely <u>satisfied</u> the <u>Wrath</u> of GOD for us sinners. *Isaiah 53* (Acts 8:32, Matt. 26:38-39, Mark 15:33-34, John 9:30, Luke 23:46)
- V. The Death of JESUS Christ on the cross served as <u>Propitiation</u>; whereby, His satisfactory sacrifice <u>saves</u> us sinners from the coming <u>Wrath</u> of GOD. *Isaiah 53* (Rom. 5:8-9, 1 Thess. 1:9-10, 1 Thess. 5:9-10)
- VI. The Death of JESUS Christ on the cross served as Propitiation; wherein, Scripture reveals the absolute <u>Submission</u>, <u>Severity</u>, and <u>Sufficiency</u> of His sacrifice for us sinners. *Isaiah 53* (Heb. 5:7-9, Heb. 10:29-31, John 3:16-36, John 16:8-11)

- I. Only through the Death of JESUS Christ on the cross which served as <u>Substitution</u> and <u>Propitiation</u> for us sinners, is <u>Reconciliation</u> with GOD possible only through faith in JESUS Christ. (Romans 5:8-9, Nahum 1:2-3, Revelation 19:15-16)
- II. The Death of JESUS Christ on the cross served as <u>Reconciliation</u>; whereby, sinners like us are restored by GOD's <u>grace</u> resulting in having peace with GOD and receiving the <u>grace</u> of GOD. (Romans 5:10-11, Romans 5:1-2, John 1:16-17)
- III. The Death of JESUS Christ on the cross served as <u>Reconciliation</u>; wherein, sinners desperately need to be <u>reconciled</u> to GOD and those who believe in JESUS Christ must fulfill their ministry of <u>Reconciliation</u>. (2 Corinthians 5:18-20, Colossians 1:19-20, Romans 4:7-8)

- I. The Death of JESUS Christ on the Cross served as Redemption; wherein, payment was made by Him for our <u>Debt</u> to GOD's <u>Law</u> (Righteousness). (Eph. 1:7-8, Lk. 1:67-68, 2:36-38, 24:19-21, Col. 2:13-14, Rom. 3:23-24, 6:23, 8:2, Gal. 3:13, 4:4-5, Heb. 9:11-15)
- II. The Death of JESUS Christ on the Cross served as Redemption; wherein, payment was made by Him for His Lordship over GOD's Creation (Mankind). (Phil. 2:5-11, Rom. 14:9-11, Col. 1:13-14, 2 Pet. 2:1, John 5:22-23)
- III. The Death of JESUS Christ on the Cross served as Redemption; wherein, payment was made by Him for His Ownership of GOD's People (Christians). (Titus 2:11-14, Eph. 1:13-14, Acts 20:28, 1 Pet. 1:17-19, 2:9-10, 1 Cor. 6:20)

- In remembering and proclaiming the Death of JESUS Christ on the Cross, we must believe and understand the <u>significance</u> of His <u>Substitution</u>.
   (1 Cor. 11:23-27, 1 Cor. 9:16-17, Lk. 8:5-10, Isaiah 53)
- II. In remembering and proclaiming the Death of JESUS Christ on the Cross, we must believe and understand the <u>importance</u> of His <u>Propitiation</u>.
   (1 Cor. 11:23-27, Isaiah 53)
- III. In remembering and proclaiming the Death of JESUS Christ on the Cross, we must believe and understand the <u>excellence</u> of His <u>Reconciliation</u>.
   (1 Cor. 11:23-27, Isaiah 53)
- IV. In remembering and proclaiming the Death of JESUS Christ on the Cross, we must believe and understand the glory of His Redemption.(1 Cor. 11:23-27, Isaiah 53)
- V. The significance, importance, excellence, and glory of the Death of JESUS Christ on the Cross are revealed in HIS Substitution, Propitiation, Reconciliation, and Redemption which are according to <u>Scriptures</u> and as of <u>first importance</u>!

   (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 1 Cor. 11:23-27, 1 Cor. 1:17-24, Rom. 10:8-17, Isaiah 53)

- I. In the Gospel of JESUS Christ, we must believe and understand the <u>Truth</u> of HIS bodily Resurrection which is according to HIS <u>Declaration</u>. (John 11:25-27, Acts 2:22-24)
- II. In the Gospel of JESUS Christ, we must believe and understand the <u>Significance</u> of HIS bodily Resurrection which is according to HIS <u>Revelation</u>. (Luke 24:36-49, John 20:24-29)
- III. In the Gospel of JESUS Christ, we must believe and understand the <u>Importance</u> of HIS bodily Resurrection which is according to the <u>Scriptures</u>.
  (John 19:31-35, Matt. 28:11-15, 1 Cor. 15:5-8, Matt. 26:55-56 & Acts 8:1, Matt. 26:69-75 & Acts 5:27-42, Acts 8:3-9:2 & Acts 26:1-25)
- IV. JESUS Christ's bodily Resurrection <u>Testifies</u> that HE alone can save mankind from the spiritual and physical Judgment for our sins which is <u>Death or Hell</u>. (Gen. 2:17-3:24, Rom. 3:23, 5:12, 6:23, Rev. 20)

- I. The Resurrection of JESUS Christ serves as <u>Justification</u>; wherein, GOD judges or declares sinners like us righteous because of our faith in Him the <u>Righteous One</u>. (1 Cor. 15:12-20, Rom. 4:23-25, 3:10-18, Gal. 2:15-16, Phil. 3:7-11, John 16:8-11, Isa. 53:11)
- II. The Resurrection of JESUS Christ serves as <u>Justification</u>; wherein, He will not judge or condemn sinners like us because of our faith in Him the <u>Righteous Judge</u>.
   (John 5:22-23, Acts 17:30-31, 2 Cor. 5:10, Rev. 20:11-15, Heb. 9:27-28, John 3:17-18)
- III. Because of the Resurrection of JESUS Christ,
  His divine righteousness is <u>imputed</u> on us sinners through faith in Him;
  whereas by His death on the cross, our sins were <u>imputed</u> on Him.
  (2 Cor. 5:21, Rom. 4:23-25)

- I. The Resurrection of **JESUS Christ** serves as <u>Adoption</u>; whereby, we are <u>established</u> by GOD to be His children through <u>faith</u> in the **Beloved**. (1 Cor. 15:12-22, Rom. 8:9-17, Rom. 8:18-25, Gal. 4:4-6)
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- III. The Resurrection of **JESUS Christ** serves as Adoption; whereby, we are <u>to praise</u>, <u>consecrated for</u>, and <u>prospered by</u> GOD as His children through faith in the **Beloved**. (Eph. 1:3-6, Matt. 3:16-17, Rom. 8)

- I. The Resurrection of **JESUS Christ** serves as being <u>Sanctified</u>; wherein, we are <u>set apart</u> to GOD through <u>faith</u> in **Him** as **His** church. (Acts 26:12-18, Col. 1:13-19, 1 John 5:19, John 16:11, Matt. 25:41, 1 Cor. 1:2, 1 Cor. 6:11, John 17:17-21, Rom. 16:16, Eph. 1:18-23)
- II. The Resurrection of **JESUS Christ** serves as <u>Sanctification</u>; wherein, GOD's Will is the <u>purification</u> of those who <u>belong</u> to **Him** as **His** church. (1 Cor. 1:26-31, 1 Pet. 1:1-3, 1 Pet. 1:14-21, 1 Pet. 3:14-16, 1 Thess. 4:1-7, 2 Thess. 2:13-14, Heb. 2:11-13, Heb. 12:4-10)
- III. The Resurrection of **JESUS Christ** serves as being Sanctified and Sanctification; whereby through faith in **Him**, Christians are saved from the <u>penalty</u> of sin and are being saved from the <u>power</u> of sin and will be saved from the <u>presence</u> of sin.

  Thess. 5:21-24, Phil. 1:6, 1 John 1:9)

- I. The Resurrection of **JESUS Christ** will result in Glorification; wherein, **Christ**ians will be <u>glorified</u> with **Him** and will <u>forever reign</u> with **Him**. (Rom. 8:10-18, John 5:21, John 10:18, Rev. 3:21, Rev. 22:5)
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- IV. The Resurrection of **JESUS Christ** results in Justification, Adoption, Sanctified, Sanctification, and Future Glorification; whereby, everyone who believes in **Him** are blessed with a new <u>Identity</u>, <u>Purpose</u>, and <u>Destiny</u> in **Him**. (John 11:25-26, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

- I. Christians are <u>Saved</u> by the one true GOD—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—through faith in <u>JESUS Christ</u> our <u>Savior</u>.
   (Titus 3:4-7, Luke 1:26-38, Romans 1:1-7, Ephesians 2:8-18)
- II. Faith in the one true GOD—the Father, the **Son**, and the Holy Spirit—results in the <u>Salvation</u> of our souls through believing in **JESUS Christ** our **Savior**. (1 Peter 1:1-9, Matthew 28:18-20, John 14:16-26, Hebrews 12:22-29)
- III. Faith in the testimony of the one true GOD—the Father, the **Son**, and the Holy Spirit—gives <u>Eternal Life</u> to all who believe in **JESUS Christ** our **Savior**. (1 John 5:1-13, John 16:5-15, Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 26:26-28)

- I. Scripture reveals that Faith in GOD requires <u>believing</u> that the Father is GOD and the Son is GOD and the Holy Spirit is GOD and there is only one <u>GOD</u>. (Matthew 28:18-20, Matthew 3:16-17)
- II. Scripture reveals that Faith in the one true GOD requires <u>acknowledging</u> His holiness; whereby, there is <u>nothing</u> in creation that can fully comprehend nor explain our triune GOD. (Revelation 4:1-11, Revelation 1:4-5, Revelation 1:5-8)
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- IV. Scripture reveals that Faith in the one true GOD requires acknowledging His holiness; whereby, we must believe in what GOD has made <u>known</u> through His Creation and His Word and His <u>Son JESUS Christ</u>.
   (Romans 10:1-12, Deuteronomy 29:29, Romans 1:1-19, Hebrews 1:1-2)
- V. Scripture reveals that Faith in the one true GOD requires acknowledging His holiness; whereby, we must believe in what GOD has made known though we may <u>not</u> be able to fully comprehend nor explain our <u>triune</u> GOD.

  (John 5:39-40, John 14:25-26, John 16:13-14, John 17:20-21)

- I. Scripture declares that there is only <u>One</u> true GOD: the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.(Deut. 4:35-39, 6:4-5, Mark 12:29-30, Isa. 44:6, 45:5-6, Eph. 4:4-6)
- II. Scripture declares that there is only One true GOD; wherein, the <u>Father</u> is clearly revealed as GOD.
  (2 John 1:3, 2 Pet. 1:17, James 1:27, 1 Tim. 1:2, John 20:17)
- III. Scripture declares that there is only One true GOD; wherein, the Son JESUS Christ is clearly revealed as GOD.
  (Isa. 44:6, Rev. 22:12-13, Ex. 3:13-14, John 5:5-23, 8:53-58, 10:22-39, Ps. 2:7, Matt. 3:13-17, Heb. 1:5-13, John 1:1-18, Col. 2:9, Titus 2:13, 2 Pet. 1:1)

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- II. Scripture declares that there is only One true GOD;wherein, JESUS Christ, GOD the Son, mandates faith in GOD the Holy Spirit.(Mark 3:28-29)
- III. Scripture declares that there is only One true GOD; wherein, GOD the Holy Spirit convicts people to believe in JESUS Christ, GOD the Son. (John 16:5-15)

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  (1 John 3:16, Matt. 11:1-5, Mark 14:61-62, Luke 22:70, John 10:24-25, 20:30-31, John 6:48, 8:12 & 58, 10:9-11, 11:25, 14:6, 15:1, Rev. 22:13 & 20, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 5:2, Rom. 5:8, 8:35-37, Matt. 11:27-30)
- IV. Scripture declares that there is only one true GOD the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit with one Gospel message; wherein, everyone must believe in JESUS Christ as Savior and Lord for <u>Salvation</u> because of GOD's great Love. (1 John 5:6-13, Matt. 3:16-17, Acts 4:8-12, 17:30-31, Rom. 10:8-10, Titus 3:4-7)

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- II. Scripture declares that Christians are <u>saved</u> entirely by the grace of GOD alone through faith in JESUS Christ alone because we were all dead in our sins; whereby, He <u>revealed</u> to all our condemnation because we were dead in our sins and were blinded to the Light of His Gospel.

(2 Cor. 4:3-6 & Acts 26:15-18 & 1 John 5:19 & John 1:4-9, 8:12, 12:46)

III. Scripture declares that Christians are <u>saved</u> entirely by the grace of GOD alone through faith in JESUS Christ alone because we were all dead in our sins; whereby, He <u>made</u> Salvation possible/available for all because we were dead in our sins and could not escape our condemnation.

(Rom. 3:23, 6:23, John 3:16, 1 John 2:1-2, Titus 2:11-14, Matt. 11:28-30)

IV. Scripture declares that Christians are <u>saved</u> entirely by the grace of GOD alone through faith in JESUS Christ alone because we were all dead in our sins; whereby, GOD <u>chose</u> us and <u>compelled</u> us to repent and come to JESUS Christ because we were dead in our sins and we all loved darkness.

(Matt. 11:27-30, Rom. 3:10-24, 6:16-23, John 3:16-19, 6:44/65, 12:32-33, 16:8-11, 2 Cor. 7:9-10, Rom. 2:4, Eph. 1:1-6, 2 Thess. 2:13-14, Rom. 9:15-24, 1 Cor. 1:26-31)

- V. Scripture declares that Christians are <u>saved</u> entirely by the grace of GOD alone through faith in JESUS Christ alone because we were all dead in our sins; whereby, GOD <u>gave</u> us the mind to understand JESUS Christ because we were dead in our sins and we were unable to comprehend the Gospel of JESUS Christ.
  - (Luke 24:44-48, Rom. 3:10-11, 1 Cor. 1:18-24, 1 Cor. 2:1-16, 1 John 5:19-20)
- VI. Scripture declares that Christians are <u>saved</u> entirely by the grace of GOD alone through faith in JESUS Christ alone because we were all dead in our sins; whereby, GOD <u>gave</u> us the faith to believe in JESUS Christ because we were dead in our sins and we were unable to believe in the Gospel of JESUS Christ.

(1 Cor. 12:1-3, Heb. 11:1-6, 12:1-2, Rom. 12:1-3, Phil. 1:27-30, Acts 13:44-48)

I. The assurance of our Salvation is established on the Truth that it is exclusively by the grace of GOD through faith in JESUS Christ and that we had <u>nothing</u> to do with it! Since there is <u>nothing</u> we did or can do to earn it or deserve it then there is <u>nothing</u> we can do to lose it! Whereby as Christians, the only thing we should do is to live a life worthy of the Gospel of JESUS Christ and through Him continually offer to GOD a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise! (Ephesians 2:1-9 & Romans 5:6-10 & Titus 3:3-7 & Romans 8 & Philippians 1:27 & Hebrews 13:15)

As of first importance...Essential Christian Doctrines 1 Corinthians 15:1-5

#### As of First Importance... by Grace thru Faith

As Christians, we must live a life worthy of the Gospel of JESUS Christ by continually offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to GOD through Him; wherein, we continually live in utmost <u>gratitude for/adoration</u> of JESUS Christ! (Ephesians 2:1-10, Romans 8, Phil. 1:27-28, Heb. 13:15-16, Matthew 28:18-20)

#### As of First Importance... the Holy Trinity

As Christians, we must live a life worthy of the Gospel of JESUS Christ by continually offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to GOD through Him; wherein, we continually live in utmost <u>honor of/glory</u> to JESUS Christ! (1 Peter 1:1-7, Romans 8, Phil. 1:27-28, Heb. 13:15-16, Matthew 28:18-20)

#### As of First Importance... the Resurrection of JESUS Christ

As Christians, we must live a life worthy of the Gospel of JESUS Christ by continually offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to GOD through Him; wherein, we continually live in utmost <u>faith in/faithfulness</u> to JESUS Christ! (1 Cor. 15:50-58, Romans 8, Phil. 1:27-28, Heb. 13:15-16, Matthew 28:18-20)

#### As of First Importance... the Death of JESUS Christ

As Christians, we must live a life worthy of the Gospel of JESUS Christ by continually offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to GOD through Him; wherein, we continually live in utmost <u>love for/obedience</u> to JESUS Christ! (Romans 5:6-10, Romans 8, Phil. 1:27-28, Heb. 13:15-16, Matthew 28:18-20)

#### As of First Importance... the Hypostatic Union of JESUS Christ

As Christians, we must live a life worthy of the Gospel of JESUS Christ by continually offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to GOD through Him; wherein, we continually live in utmost worship of/reverence for JESUS Christ! (John 1:1-18, Romans 8, Phil. 1:27-28, Heb. 13:15-16, Matthew 28:18-20)