

## *Make the Message Clear and Plain*

### *Acts 3:12-20 & 24-26*

When you have an important, shared mission, a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ message is essential. Peter's message in Acts 3 includes these clear, consistent points: 1) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. 2) God the Father \_\_\_\_\_ Him from the dead. 3) Many \_\_\_\_\_ saw the risen Jesus. 4) This was what the \_\_\_\_\_ foretold. In 1 Cor. 15, Paul said his message and the message of the early church has the exact same points.

Peter's message includes 2 promises: through faith in Jesus, "your sins may be \_\_\_\_\_" and "times of \_\_\_\_\_ may come from the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:2 uses a familiar word to describe the promises Peter mentioned: "By this gospel you are \_\_\_\_\_."

The word translated "wipe out" means that Jesus wiped our sins and mistakes off the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives. The expression "times of refreshing" described the time when the \_\_\_\_\_ would bring refreshing peace and rest. That time has \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus. The word "saved" means that Jesus's main ministry wasn't to \_\_\_\_\_ us how to be better but to \_\_\_\_\_ us from our sins.

Nothing in the gospel is about cleaning \_\_\_\_\_ up, doing good deeds, or participating in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church to save ourselves. Jesus has done what was necessary for us. The word "gospel" was the title of an announcement sent out by a King or Emperor to his subjects telling them that a \_\_\_\_\_ had been won on their behalf in battle and that they should come to a \_\_\_\_\_.

So, Jesus's death on the cross and resurrection from the dead \_\_\_\_\_ our greatest enemy, \_\_\_\_\_ the record of our sins away and \_\_\_\_\_ our soul. This is what it means to be saved. You don't have to achieve them for yourself. You \_\_\_\_\_ if you wanted.

The Bible says that we all have \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually and are going to be \_\_\_\_\_ eternally. The gospel message is that we have a \_\_\_\_\_ . His name is \_\_\_\_\_ . What you need to do is have the faith to \_\_\_\_\_ .