WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

I GOT MY INSPIRATION FOR TODAY'S MANAGER'S DESK FROM LISTENING TO MY PASTOR THIS PAST SUNDAY MORNING. HE'S BEEN GOING THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS AND THIS PAST SUNDAY WE WERE AT ROMANS 10:13-17; VERY FAMILIARS VERSES TO MOST OF YOU.

I OFTEN THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, BOTH PRAYER AND FINANCES, HELPING US TO BROADCAST THE GOSPEL MESSAGE. WHAT DO I MEAN, OR ANYONE ELSE, WHEN WE, MENTION THE GOSPEL MESSAGE?

THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE A LOT ABOUT THE GOSPEL MESSAGE. IN ROMANS 1:16 HE SAYS, "For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile."

BUT WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? PAUL SUMMARIZES IT IN I CORINTHIANS 15:3-4;

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

CHRIST DIDN'T JUST DIE. HE DIED TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR OUR SINS. PAUL WROTE IN ROMANS 3:23, "THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH". THAT'S A PRETTY SEVERE PENALTY. CHRIST DIED TO PAY THAT PENALTY FOR US. CHRIST WAS BURIED; PROVING HE REALLY DID DIE. AND VERY IMPORTANT, HE WAS RAISED ON THE 3RD DAY, JUST AS JESUS SAID HE WOULD. PAUL WRITES IN VERSES 54 – 58;

"Death has been swallowed up in victory." Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

AND I LEAVE YOU WITH THIS PROMISE FOUND IN ROMANS 10:13; ¹³ for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

THANKS FOR HELPING US BROADCAST THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

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