

PBC Growing in Christ

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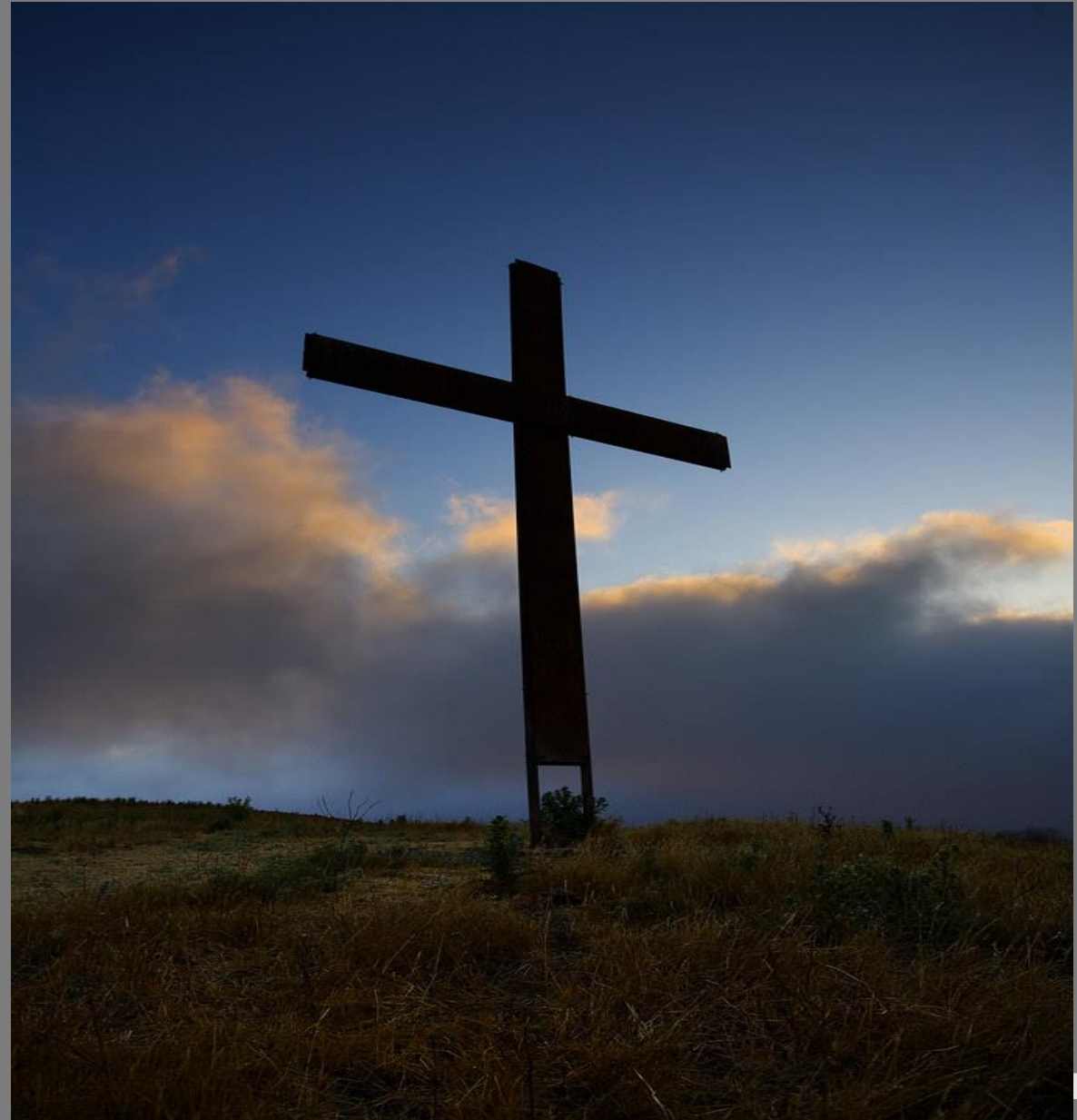
Class Norms

A large, dark wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass. The background is a sunset sky with soft, golden light breaking through the clouds. The cross is the central focus of the image, symbolizing faith and community.

- Place your microphone on mute.
- Use the chat room. Located in the upper right of the screen.
- Interact in the class just raise your hand. The instructor will take you off mute.
- Technology may not always work....please be patient.
- God is always in the midst
- Enjoy the class.

Growing in Christ

- Every day is an opportunity to grow in the word.
- Growing in Christ will tackle real life issues, while studying the bible for its answers.
- Examine challenges believers and non-believers face every day.
- Growing in Christ bible study will focus on how Christians face challenges and how the bible addresses these issues.



Growing in Christ

To equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)





Truth of the Resurrection

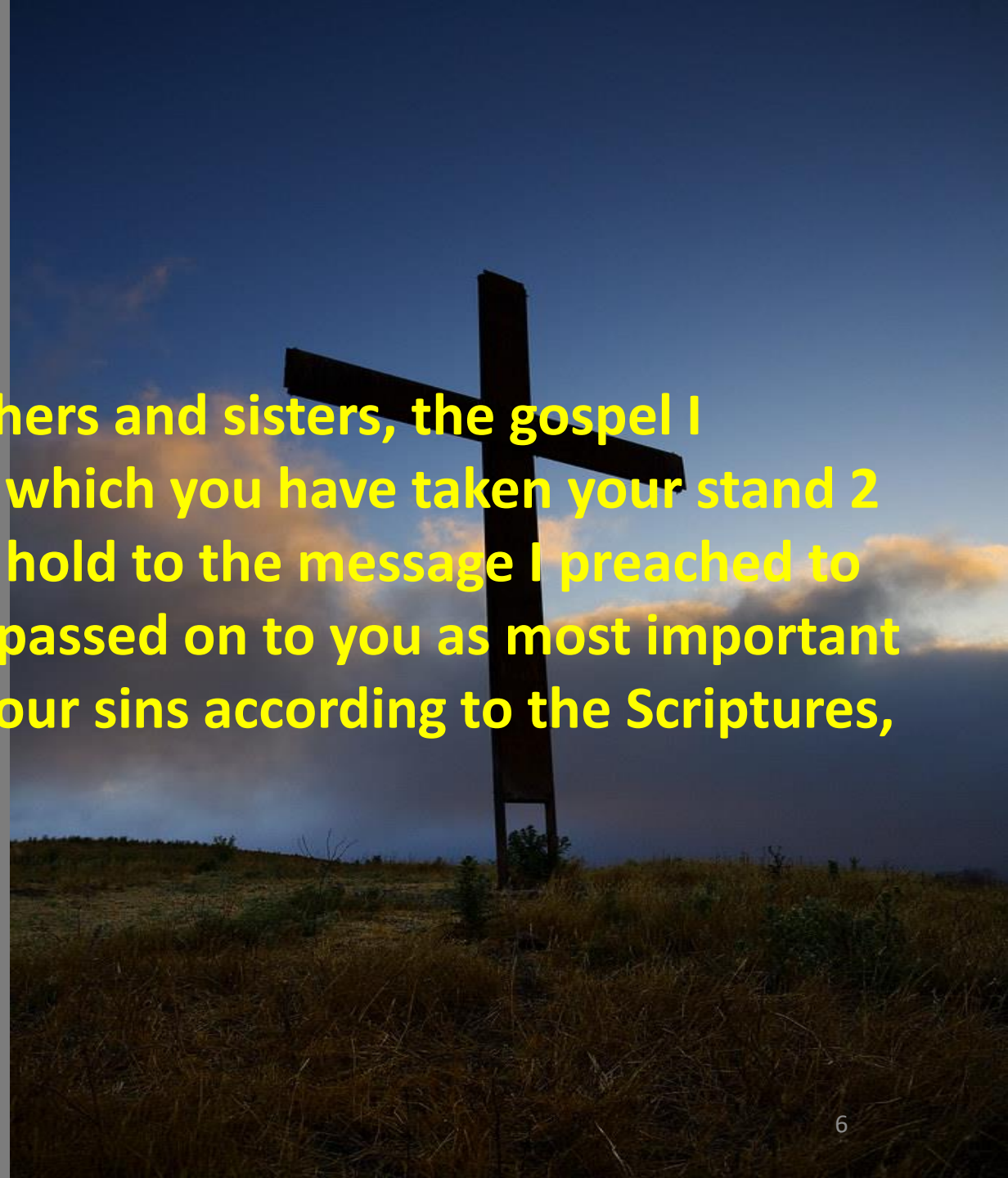
1 Corinthians 15:1-8

When have you been an eye-witness to an exciting event?

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:1-3

1 Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,





Truth of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-3

What emotions do you experience when you consider that Jesus died for your sins?

What do these verses teach us about God's view of sin?



Truth of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1-3

- The word gospel means “Good News”
- The good news is salvation through the faith in Jesus Christ.
- Paul also made it clear that Jesus’ death was according to the Scriptures. The Messiah’s suffering was foretold in the Old Testament. The death of Christ was part of God’s plan for our redemption.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:4

4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,





Truth of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:4

Why is the resurrection an essential element of the gospel?

Why do some people find it difficult to acknowledge the resurrection of Jesus as historical truth?



Truth of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:4

- Jesus was both fully human and fully God, which afforded Him the power to lay down His own life and the authority to take it up again (John 10:18).
- Paul wrote that if Jesus was not raised from the dead our faith is useless (1 Corinthians 15:14,17).
- Paul description of such a situation was not the stuff of fairy tales.

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:5-8

5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. 6 Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers and sisters at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one born at the wrong time, he also appeared to me.





Truth of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:5-8

What facts did Paul establish throughout these verses?

Do you consider the witnesses in these verses to be strong or weak evidence for the resurrection? Why?



Truth of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:5-8

- The resurrection of Christ impacted Paul's life in a powerful way.
 - Paul had been part of the highly educated elite.
 - He had not been an easy convert.
- Paul moved from persecuting Christian blasphemers of God to joining their ranks as the most prominent evangelist for Christ.
- All this happened because he saw the resurrected Christ (Acts 9:4-6).



GROWING IN CHRIST IN ACTION

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Trust Christ as your Savior and Lord. Commit your life to the risen Christ. “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9).

Read other accounts. For alternative theories about the resurrection and replies to those theories, read *Cold-Case Christianity* by Jim Warner Wallace.

Share Christ’s resurrection. Think of someone who needs to know the truth of the resurrection of Jesus. Write that individual’s name down and pray for that person. Pray also for an opportunity to share about Christ’s resurrection. Be ready and willing to engage in a conversation on the powerful truth of the resurrection, an event that changes everything for us!



Final thoughts about Truth of the Resurrection

- **History provides the evidence on which humanity can place their belief: Jesus is the true Messiah who was resurrected for all humankind.**
- ***Paul presented a powerfully convincing list of witnesses to Jesus' resurrection.***
- ***Paul finished by sharing his interaction and impact Jesus had in his life.***
- ***Become a zealous preacher of the gospel***



Final thoughts about Truth of the Resurrection

“We are going love the hell out
you!

Resources

Acts 9:4-6

Matthew 10:2-4

John 20:24

Matthew 28:10,16-20

John 7:2-5

Acts 9:1-19; 22:1-16; 26:12-18

BIBLE-Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

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Next Week: August 9, 2020 Why Resurrection Matters

1 Corinthians 15:20-28,54-58

What invention or innovation has been a 'game changer' for you?



God Bless You!

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