

March 16, 2025 "Hope for the Lost, Part 3" Rick Raines rraines@fairmountcc.org

This is the year of **<u>Hope</u>** at Fairmount.

There is hope for the lost.

God's **heart** is for a **lost** and **dying** world.

Jesus came to this earth to offer a path out of darkness.

We now have the **remedy** to save the lost.

<u>Romans 1:16-17</u>

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. For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

The **Gospel message** is the key.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

We cannot be **ashamed** of the message.

1 Corinthians 9:16

For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

We must be **ready** at **all times** to **share** the message.

<u>1 Peter 3:15</u>

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

If you **<u>believe</u>** the Gospel, you have to <u>**share**</u> the Gospel.