

1 Corinthians 15 and the Resurrection

Part 1 - The Gospel of the Resurrection - 15:1-11

The Gospel of Salvation - 15:1-2

- Though Christians, Paul had to make known the gospel He had preached to them.
- They were reminded that the gospel was the foundation of:
 - Their past - they *heard* and *received* the gospel - Rom. 1:15-16; Jas. 1:21
 - Their present - they *stood* in the gospel
 - Their future - they were *being saved* by the gospel

The Gospel of the Resurrection - 15:3-4

- Paul delivered to them as of first importance what he received - 15:3
- The things of first importance:
 - Christ *died* according to the Scriptures - 15:3; Isa. 53:5-6; Acts 3:18
 - Christ was *buried* and *raised* on the third day according to the Scriptures -15:4; Psa. 16:8-10; Acts 2:29-32; Mt. 12:39-40

Proof of the Resurrection - 15:5-7

- Jesus appeared to the apostles on two occasions, beginning with Cephas - 15:5,7; Lk. 24:34; Jn. 20:19-23
- Jesus appeared to over 500 people at one time, most of whom were still living - 15:6
 - Likely the meeting called by an angel at the tomb and by Jesus himself - Mt. 28:7,10
 - Consider the significance of the claim!
- Jesus appeared to James His brother (and the apostle a second time) - Jn. 7:5

The Gospel of Grace and Change - 15:8-11

- The resurrected Christ was last seen last of all by Paul, as to one untimely born - 15:8-9
 - The resurrected Jesus did not appear to anyone after Paul - 15:8; Acts 1:22
 - Paul compares himself to a miscarriage, having been a persecutor of the church - 15:8-9; Acts 26:9-11
- The gospel of the resurrection is a lifesaving and life-changing gospel - 15:10-11; 1 Tim. 1:12-14; Acts 26:16-18; 1 Pet. 2:9-10