

Series "Called To Be Saints"
"Truth Of The Resurrection"
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Part-26

Resurrection – *"Act of rising from the dead, to rise again, to live again."* Not another body, or spiritually, but a physical re-turning back to the body.

1 Corinthians 15:12

If Jesus Christ is alive, we have a gospel; if He is not alive, then the whole Christian faith goes down as false and empty.

"Christianity is the first to teach the resurrection of the body to eternal life." (Not just spiritual, but a new physical body!)

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Resurrection Is Central To The Message Of The Gospel By Being Both Verifiable And Powerful."

- 1. Verses 1-4 Primacy Of The Resurrection**
- 2. Verses 5-7 Proof Of The Resurrection**
- 3. Verses 8-11 Power Of The Resurrection**

1. Verses 1-4 Primacy Of The Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:1 Now I make known to you, - Notice there is now a change in the direction of Paul's letter (Epistle). Paul has devoted **1 Corinthians 12-14** to the subject of the gifts of the Spirit.
Now - doctrinal change!

brethren, - We note that Paul is speaking to Christians.

the gospel which I preached to you, - means "*Good news, or stop the press.*"

Paul did not come preaching any other message than the gospel message.

which also you received, - The message Paul preached they had received.

Paul did not repackage the message in a different form when he came to Corinth!

in which also you stand, - The gospel message was the foundation.

1 Corinthians 15:2 by which also you are saved, (*Being saved*) The means of salvation comes through the message of the Gospel.

(Past) **Penalty of sin**
(Present) **Power of sin**
(Future) **Presence of sin**

Romans 1:16-17

if you hold **fast the word** which I preached to you,
You have to believe the truth in order to be saved.

unless you believed in vain.

Has my belief in Jesus Christ resulted in a changed life?

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, - Paul now prioritizes all that he has been saying and now focuses on the most important message. Same message in **Acts 18:1-18; Galatians 1:11-12**

The gospel message contains three essential parts:

- 1. Jesus Died For Our Sins: that Christ died (Actual) for our sins**
That there is no salvation apart from the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

for our sins (Sacrificial, Substitutionary)
Romans 3:10,23; Romans 6:23

"His death released His life to us, and its transmission is by the act of faith!"

Death – *"Not the cessation from existence but separation from God for eternity."*

Genesis 3:15 He shall bruise you on the head,
Jesus Christ at the cross and resurrection would inflict authoritative and final judgment. (Victory Over Sin and Death)

John 19:30

And you shall bruise him on the heel." Jesus was going to suffer the cross.

according to the Scriptures, (Scriptural)

The death of Jesus was not an afterthought; it was through the determined plan of God. Psalm 22:15

1 Corinthians 15:4

2. Burial Of Jesus: and that He was buried, (Burial)

This was the evidence that Jesus was truly dead in that He was placed in a tomb for three days.

The death and burial of Jesus is not the entire gospel message! (If it is, Jesus is a dead Savior!)

3. Resurrection Of Jesus: and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, (Resurrection)

Matthew 12:40; Jonah 1:17

2. Verses 5-7 Proof Of The Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:5 He appeared (He was seen) This phrase is used **four times**

Individual Appearance: Cephas, - This is another name for Peter. **Mark 16:7; Luke 24:34**

Small-Group Appearance: then to the twelve

Jesus met them again in the upper room. **John 20:19**

Proof of The Resurrection – His Own Disciples Did Not Believe in The Resurrection:

Proof of The Resurrection – Changed Lives of The Disciples:

Proof of The Resurrection – The Existence of The Church:

Large Group Appearance: 1 Corinthians 15:6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, Matthew 26:32

most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

Paul was writing to those that knew this as a fact; it has been 25 years later.

1 Corinthians 15:7 then He appeared to James,

This was the brother of Jesus, who later on wrote the book of James.

then to all the apostles;

We know that in **Acts 1:6-11**, the apostles witness the ascension of Jesus into heaven.

3. Verses 8-11 Power Of The Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:8 and last of all - This is the greatest of all proofs.

What is the result of the resurrection in my personal life?

- 1. Resurrection Resulted In Life: and last of all, as to one untimely born,** - Paul was unique in that he was commissioned after the death of Jesus.

He appeared to me also. Paul saw the resurrected Savior at his conversion.

Acts 9:3-6

1 Corinthians 15:9

- 2. The Resurrection Resulted In Humility: For I am the least of the apostles,** - Paul did not walk with Jesus as the disciples, and later apostles did.

Paul never forgot the pit that he came from. **1 Timothy 1:12-16**

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, Paul's whole character was changed. **Grace** is used **three times.**
Philippians 3:8-10

and His grace toward me did not prove vain;

Paul was changed in character and habit.

- 3. The Resurrection Resulted In Service: but I labored even more than all of them,**

Paul wrote much of the NT, and Paul started more churches than any.

yet not I, but the grace of God with me. It was God's power working through Paul. **Philippians 3:13-14**

1 Corinthians 15:11 The message is the same, and the real effects are too!

Application:

- 1.** For The Gospel Message To Be The Gospel Message There Must Be The Death, Burial And Resurrection Of Jesus Christ.
- 2.** Belief In The Gospel's Message Is Not A Leap Of Faith. The Diversity Of Circumstances And Evidence Puts The Truth And Reality Of The Resurrection Beyond Debate.
- 3.** Has The Gospel Message Transformed My Life, Or Is The Gospel Message Merely Theory To Me?