

“The Source of Hope”
1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Easter Morning Services April 4, 2010

John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth."

John 6:67-69

The Book of 1 Corinthians deals with Disorder in the Church

1 Cor 15:12

1 Cor. 15 is called “The Hope Chapter” A chapter dedicated to the subject of the Resurrection.

1. Verses 1-2 – Hope – Having Salvation

2. Verses 3-4 – Hope – Having The Scriptures

3. Verses 5-8 – Hope – Having Eyewitnesses

1. Verses 1-2 – Hope – Having Salvation:

the gospel means “Good news, or stop the press”

Romans 1:16-17

Personally Received The Message: which also you received,

Message Became Their Life: in which also you stand,

1 Cor 15:2

Message Is The Means of Salvation: by which also you are saved,

Acts 4:12

Any other message may bring comfort no other message brings conversion.

Message Must Be Held To: if you hold fast the word which I preached to you,

2. Verses 3-4 – Hope – Having The Scriptures:

1 Cor 15:3

Acts 18:1-18

The Message of Hope has 3 parts to it:

Part 1# Jesus Died For Our Sins: that Christ died for our sins

Romans 3:10

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

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

The death of Jesus was the determined plan of God.

Psalm 16:10

Psalm 22:15

Isa 53:8?

John 19:33-37

2 Cor 5:15

1 Peter 3:18

1 Cor 15:4

Part 2# Jesus Was Buried: and that He was buried, (Burial)

The death and burial of Jesus is not the complete gospel message! (If this is the message than Jesus is a dead Savior!)

Part 3# Jesus Was Resurrected: and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Resurrection – “The act of rising from the dead, to rise again, to live again.”

Jonah 1:17

Matt. 12:40

3. Verses 5-8 – Hope – Having Eyewitnesses:

1 Cor 15:5

We should not expect anyone to believe the message if there is no solid evidence for it.

He appeared (He was seen) This phrase is used 4X.

Appeared To An Individual - Cephas,

Mark 16:7

Luke 24:34

Appeared To A Small Group - then to the twelve John 20:19

1 Cor 15:6

Appeared To A Large Assembly - After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time,

1 Cor 15:7

Appeared To An Individual - then He appeared to James,

Appeared To A Small Group - then to all the apostles; Acts 1:6-11

1 Cor 15:8

Acts 9:3-6

The Proof of Our Great Hope!

1. The proof of the resurrection is the appearances of Jesus to His followers!
2. The proof of the resurrection was that the disciples did not believe in His Resurrection!
3. The proof of the changed lives of the disciples!
4. The proof of the Existence of the Church! When you look at the disciples fleeing for their lives and the deaths of the leaders of Christianity, how could this movement continue? The resurrection.

The Resurrection is not a Religious View - It's a Fact of History! "The Church did not Create the Resurrection, The Resurrection Created the Church!"

Application:

1. The Hope, I have been forgiven of my sin!

1 Cor 15:1-2

2. The Hope, I Have God's power living in me!

3. The Hope, I no longer fear death because Jesus conquered it!