

Saved by grace to serve by grace

1 Corinthians 15:1-11, p. 933

- I. GRACE THAT SAVES US: WE ARE ETERNALLY SAVED BY TRUSTING IN CHRIST WHO DIED FOR OUR SIN AND ROSE AGAIN (1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8).
 - A. We can only be saved from eternal judgment if we are trusting in the gospel – God’s solution to our sin (15:1-2).
 - “*Gospel*” – The good news about Jesus Christ
 - “*Saved*” – Spared from eternal judgment (John 3:16-18, 36).
 - “*Believe*” (= To place trust in), Also “*take stand*,” “*hold fast*”
 - B. The gospel/good news that saves us is that Jesus Christ died for our sins and rose again (15:3-8).
 1. Jesus died for our sins (1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - *Buried* – Proof Christ actually died on the cross
 2. Jesus rose from the dead (15:4-8; All 4 gospels).
 - *Appeared* – Proof Christ actually rose from the dead

What are you trusting/believing in for eternal life?
- II. GRACE THAT MOTIVATES US: WE ARE SAVED TO SERVE THE GOSPEL (1 CORINTHIANS 15:9-11).
 - A. God’s grace has the power to save no matter how sinful a person’s past (15:9-10a).
 - B. Only God’s grace truly motivates us to serve the cause of spreading the gospel (15:10b).
 - C. It doesn’t matter who shares the gospel because the power to save is in the gospel, not the person sharing it (15:11).