

Christ's Resurrection and the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Resurrection Series Preview

1. Past – Christ's resurrection is crucial to the Gospel (March 14)
 2. Present – Christ's resurrection matters to my life now (March 28)
 3. Future – Christ's resurrection guarantees my life forever (April 4)
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- I. **The gospel is what saves (1 Corinthians 15:1-2).**
 - A. Paul explains that the gospel which saves us has a past, present and future sense (1).
 - "Gospel" literally means "good news."
 - *Received* (conversion), *stand* (today), *saved* (forever)
 - B. The gospel indeed saves us – if we believe ("hold firmly to") the right thing (2).
 - II. **The gospel message we must believe in is that Christ died for our sin and rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3-8).**
 - A. Gospel fact #1 – Christ died for our sin (15:3-4a).
 1. Old Testament Scripture – Christ died to pay for our sins as prophesied (Isaiah 53:5,6).
 2. Historical reality – Jesus was buried.
 - B. Gospel fact #2 – Christ rose from the dead (15:4b-8).
 1. Old Testament Scripture – Christ rose from the dead as prophesied (Psalm 16:10; Isaiah 53:8-10).
 2. Historical reality – Jesus appeared to many eyewitnesses including the apostle Paul (Acts 9:1-6).
 - III. **The gospel is completely based on God's grace (1 Corinthians 15:9-11).**
 - A. Paul's life shows that even terrible sin does not exclude someone from God's grace (15:9-10a; Ephesians 2:8-9).
 - B. Paul's life shows that understanding God's grace motivates us to serve God vigorously (15:10b).
 - C. The gospel stands validated – based on the truth of the message, regardless of who presents it (11).