

# L35: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11: Christ Risen - Seen & Preached

## Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- The order and decently function of the spiritual gifts when in operation
- Charity edifies and prophesying excels to edification

## Sermon Preview:

- Why the gospel? Why the resurrection?
- The evidence of the bodily resurrection of Christ

## Sermon:

**(1 Corinthians 15:1) Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;**

- **"Moreover"** - Beyond what has been said; further; besides; also; likewise.
  - **1 Corinthians 15:32-34**
    - "advantage"
    - "be not deceived" - 1 Cor. 3:18
    - "evil communications" - The act of imparting, conferring, or delivering, from one to another; as the communication of knowledge, opinions or facts; Intercourse by words, letters or messages; interchange of thoughts or opinions, by conference or other means
      - Companionship
    - "corrupt good manners" - the knowledge of others and the relationship with others corrupts their good manners
      - 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
    - "awake to righteousness, and sin not"
      - The knowledge of God is designed for us not to sin and yield to righteousness
  - **1 Corinthians 15:58**
    - "your labour is not in vain in the Lord"
  - **1 Corinthians 15:10**

- **"I declare unto you the gospel" - why?**
  - The gospel not only is the good news in which if you believe justifies you, but it also gives you hope of the inheritance of eternal life, which becomes the grounds of your service unto Him.
- **"which I preached unto you"**
  - The gospel was preached (Acts 18:1-17 = 1 year & 6 months)
- **"which also ye have received"**
  - They had received the gospel, that is, believed it by faith
    - Romans 5:17, Galatians 3:14, 1 Corinthians 6:11
- **"and wherein ye stand"**
  - Romans 5:1-2 (1 Cor. 16:13)

**(1 Corinthians 15:2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.**

- **"by which also ye are saved"**
  - The gospel not only saves at the first, but it continues to save
    - Not salvation from the debt and penalty of our sins, but from sinning, from ignorance, from ungodliness, from the wisdom of this world, etc.
    - Touch on this issue (the gospel itself, but also the wisdom that Christ is made unto us (1 Cor. 1:30-31)
  - **"if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you"**
    - **"keep in memory"**
      - Responsibility of your mind
      - The faculty of the mind by which it retains the knowledge of past events, or ideas which are past. A distinction is made between memory and recollection. Memory retains past ideas without any, or with little effort; recollection implies an effort to recall ideas that are past.
    - 1 Corinthians 11 - the Lord's table (remembrance)
    - 1 Cor. 1:18, 2:2, 3:11, 4:15, 5:7, 6:11, 20, 7:23, 8:11, 9:18, 10:16, 11:24

- **"unless ye have believed in vain"**
  - **"unless"** - except, remove this face, suppose it not to exist
    - If you don't keep in memory it doesn't save, and ye have believed in vain
  - **"ye have believed"** - they have believed
  - **"in vain"** - Empty; worthless; having no substance, value or importance.
    - If you don't keep in memory and don't benefit from the ongoing salvation then you believe in vain, your belief has no substance, value or importance.
    - For something that is kept in memory is very important and used each day
  - 2 Corinthians 6:1

**(1 Corinthians 15:3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;**

**(1 Corinthians 15:4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**

- **Summary of the gospel**
  - Not meant to be a controversial thing
  - Paul is summarizing the gospel to believers - does it mean we cannot use the summary no, we can, but the explanation of the gospel should follow according to Romans 1-5.
  - **"for I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received"**
    - 1 Cor. 11:23ff
    - **"how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures"**
    - **"and that he was buried"**
    - **"and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures"**
      - Romans 1:1-5
      - Romans 3:21-31
      - Galatians 3:6ff
      - Acts 17:11
      - (1 Cor. 9:16-17)

**(1 Corinthians 15:5) And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:**

- **"and"** - Paul had already delivered this evidence
  - Doing exactly with them, what they should be able to do themselves, draw upon memory
- **The Evidence of the Bodily Resurrection**
  - Before it was the preaching of the cross, Christ crucified in view of the wisdom of this world, now it is the resurrection.
  - **"He was seen of Cephas"** - the head apostle (Luke 24:34)
  - **"then of the twelve"**

**(1 Corinthians 15:6) After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.**

- **"after that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once"** - probably in Galilee and Mt. Olivet
- **"of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep"**
  - Most of the 500 lived - "go ask them?"
  - Some had died, but not more than half

**(1 Corinthians 15:7) After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.**

- **"after that, He was seen of James"** - his brother
- **"then of all the apostles"** - not just the 12

**(1 Corinthians 15:8) And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.**

- Seen of Paul last

**(1 Corinthians 15:9) For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.**

- Why emphasize how least you are, and how you persecuted the church of God?

**(1 Corinthians 15:10) But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.**

- The grace of God makes you what you are, it was not in vain, and he labored more than they all

**(1 Corinthians 15:11) Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.**

- He delivered it and they had received it and believed it, but are acting as if they haven't believed.

**Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize**