

L139 | I Corinthians | Eyewitnesses, Preaching, and Keeping in Memory - Resurrection | I Cor. 15:1-11

I. Intro/Review:

- Thinking, Living, Laboring
- Corinthian Problems
 - Resurrection
- The Cross - wisdom and - The Resurrection the power
 - "evil communications corrupt good manners"
 - 1 Cor. 15:2 - "keep in memory" - 1 Cor. 15:58 - "be ye stedfast"
 - 1 Cor. 15:2 - "believed in vain" - 1 Cor. 15:58 - "your labour is not in vain in the Lord."
- v1-2 - the gospel Paul preached and the status of the Corinthians
- v3-4 - the death, burial, and resurrection according to the scriptures
- v5-11 - I or they so we preach
- v12-19 - consequences of no resurrection
- v20-28 - consequences of resurrection
- v29-32 - suffering and resurrection
- v33-34 - exhortation
- v35-57 - victory of bodily resurrection
- v58 - conclusion

II. Preview:

- v1-2 - the gospel Paul preached and the status of the Corinthians - Keeping in Memory/Preaching
- v3-4 - the death, burial, and resurrection according to the scriptures - Resurrection
- v5-11 - I or they so we preach - Eyewitnesses/Preaching

III. Sermon:

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

- v1-2 - the gospel Paul preached and the status of the Corinthians - Keeping in Memory/Preaching
- **"Moreover, brethren,"** - Pauline addition - more cause to the manners at Corinth
- **"I declare unto you the gospel"**
 - The Corinthians need to remember not only the preaching of the Cross (1 Cor. 1)
 - The Corinthians need to remember not only His broken body and shed blood (1 Cor. 11)
 - The Corinthians need to remember the entire gospel

1. **"which I preached unto you"** - Paul already preached this gospel to them
2. **"which also ye have received"** - they believed it
3. **"and where in ye stand"** - Rom. 5:1-2

- They are saved from the debt and penalty of their sins
- Remember 1 Corinthians 6:11

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

- **"By which also ye are saved"** - this salvation isn't 1 Cor. 6:11 washed, sanctified, justified salvation
 - "also" - in addition
 - This is a conditional salvation
 - A conditional salvation - but a salvation from a danger
 - Danger from misunderstanding
 - Danger from faith not being fruitful
 - 1 Cor. 15:33-34 - manners
 - 1 Cor. 15:58 - labor is not in vain in the Lord
- **"if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you"**
 - The condition of the salvation
 - **"keep in memory"** - we have a responsibility to continue to believe not for the washing of regeneration, not for our sanctified position in Christ, not for our justification, but that our faith may not be in vain.
 - 1 Cor. 11:24-25 - "in remembrance of me."
 - The Lord's body
 - The Lord's supper
 - The Lord's table
- **"what I preached unto you"**
 - :3
- **"unless ye have believed in vain."**
 1. 1 Cor. 15:14-18 - no resurrection has bearing upon other beliefs
 2. 1 Cor. 15:32 - no resurrection no advantage in suffering
 3. 1 Cor. 15:58 - no resurrection labor is in vain

**For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, 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:
{1 Corinthians 15:3-4}**

- v3-4 - the death, burial, and resurrection according to the scriptures - Resurrection
- **"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received,"**
 - The gospel they

1. "received"
 2. "stand"
 3. And are to "keep in memory"
- **"first of all"** - in the beginning
 - 1 Cor. 1:2 - sanctified (fellowship and fruitfulness)
 - **"that which I also received,"**
 - Not his own or according to man
 - Rom. 1:1 - the gospel of God
 - Rom. 1:16 - the gospel of Christ
 - Rom. 2:16 - my gospel
 - Gal. 1:11-12 - "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ."
 - The substance of the gospel that Paul received
 1. **"how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;"**
 2. **"and that He was buried,"**
 3. **"and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"**
 - Not only did Christ die He died "for our sins" (passover)
 - And that He was buried - "unleavened bread"
 - Rose again - "firstfruits"
 - Rom. 1:2-4 - "...resurrection from the dead"
 - Rom. 3:25 - "...faith in His blood"
 - Rom. 4:24-25 - "But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."
 - Rom. 5:10 - "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."
 - Rom. 6:3-4 - "...baptized into His death?...are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father."
 - Rom. 7:4 - "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."

And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 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 James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

{1 Corinthians 15:5-8}

- v5-11 - I or they so we preach - Eyewitnesses/Preaching
- "seen" - physically visible
 1. Cephas
 2. The Twelve
 3. 500 brethren (at once)
 - Most of the still live
 4. James
 5. All the apostles
 6. Paul

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

- Paul's description of himself - confession and impact that He saw the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ

**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.
{1 Corinthians 15:10}**

- The grace of God which was Paul was the constraintment to labor more abundantly

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

- Conclusion
 1. Whether it were I or they
 2. So we preach
 3. So ye believed
 - 1 Cor. 1:12, 3:22

IV. Conclusion:

- The validity of the resurrection - preaching, they received, eyewitnesses, Paul - abundant labor
- Keep in memory the resurrection to not believe in vain - faith would be unfruitful
 - The Spirit washed, sanctified, and justified us when we believed, when we continue to believe our faith won't be fruitless.