

RESURRECTION HOPE

“What is of First Importance?” 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

THE CHURCH IN CORINTH

Divisions, Discipline, Difficulties...

Drift from the Gospel...

Disbelief in the Resurrection

SALVATION = “Healing” from Sin

Justify – Saved from the **Penalty** of Sin

Sanctify – Being saved from the **Power** of Sin

Glorify – Will be saved from the **Presence** of Sin

WHAT IS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE?

The GOOD NEWS (Gospel) of GOD!

✓ _____

(BURIED for 3 Days)

(Isaiah 53:5, 9; Matt. 12:40)

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(APPEARED to 500+ Witnesses)

(Ps. 16:9b-10; Acts 2:30-31; 13:34-35)

Jesus Appeared to and Called even the

Least and Unworthy...

His Grace Transforms and Empowers!

THE GOSPEL = FIRST IMPORTANCE

✓ **HISTORICAL FACT**

✓ **BIBLICAL FULFILLMENT**

✓ **PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION**

