

1 Corinthians Chapter 15 The Resurrection

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

What is the Gospel? Verse 1-4 is the gospel.

Paul is once again declaring that this gospel has been given to him by Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:17

Wherein ye stand: This is a modern military command "stand fast"

In the book ok of Ephesians chapter 6:13,14 we find the same word "stand"

Eph. 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

Q: What is saved? What are we saved from ? A: The judgment, The white throne judgment where He will judge the quick and the dead. If there is no judgment there would be no need for a savior.

Vain: Empty and worthless, having no substance.

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;

What Paul is delivering to us is what he received of Jesus Christ himself.

Key points about the gospel are.

- 1. God's word says all are sinners, condemned to Hell.**
- 2. There is nothing a sinner can do on his own to save him or her self.**
- 3. Christ was born, crucified, and resurrected to save the lost people from their sins.**
- 4. To be saved, a sinner must believe God's word and invite Christ into his or her heart by faith.**

That Christ died for my sins. According to scriptures. The scriptures are the proof tex, for my salvation.

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

He was buried: In a rich man's tomb, and in being buried in this rich man's tomb this eliminates the theories that the women who went looking for His body and went to the wrong tomb.

This means He was dead. Roman infantry were very good at their Job. Their job was to crucify Jesus Christ and they completed their orders, and killed Him. According to the scriptures.

This will put an end to the "swoon theory"

Key: to all this is that Jesus rose for the tomb on the third (3) day according to the scriptures.

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

Cephas is Peter. Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew/Nathanael, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas the Greater, and Judas Iscariot.

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.

500 of the brethren at once. This is a proof text to support the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. After the Resurrection and the conversion of the Apostle Paul a number of these 500 eyewitnesses had passed away. This is a written first hand eyewitness account of the resurrected Jesus Christ.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

James is an eye witness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. James was given a special appearance by Jesus to his half brother James.

All The apostles: The twelve Apostles are also known as the twelve Disciples or simply the Twelve.

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And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.

In this verse The Apostle Paul is asserting His apostille ship as one who was an eyewitness of Jesus Christ. Acts 9:19

But also the unique way he was chosen to be an apostle.

Paul makes this statement. "As of one born out of due time" this statement now kicks us into the three "untills" The first one is.

1. The three "Unills" of Israel's blessing: Israel must say

Matthew 23:39 For I say unto you. Ye shall not see me henceforth, till Ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

"Till"

2. The Gentile world powers must run their course.

Luke 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Daniel 2:34,35

34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

3. The elect members of the Gentiles must be brought in. Then the Deliver shall come out of Zion.

Romans 11:25-27

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, **until** the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

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.

How is The Apostle Paul least of all the twelve?

Because of his start, where he was persecuted by the church. The story of the conversion of Saul to the Apostle Paul can be found in the book of Acts chapter 9:1-16

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.

Ephesian 2:8 For by Grace you are saved through faith; and not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

11 Therefore whether *it were* I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

12 Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?

Why would you not believe that Christ was resurrected from the dead?

Many of the opponents of the Apostle Paul would follow behind Paul, and teach that there is know resurrection from the dead. Then again others would teach the resurrection from the dead was only spiritual and not physical.

13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen:
If there was no resurrection from the dead, we are all dead in our tresspasses and sins.

14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain.
We are wasting our time if there is no resurrection from the dead.

15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.
We would be considered false witnesses of Jesus Christ and God.
Due to the fact that we have preached that God would raise Christ from the dead.
False witnesses: In verses 5-8 Paul lists several people including himself, who had witnessed the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith *is* vain; ye are yet in your sins.
Vain = Empty and worthless. Still stuck in our sins, and separated from God.
Paul goes to great pains to put the resurrection in the realm of fact, and not opinion or imagination. Paul talks about the eyewitness testimony of hundreds (:6)
Paul references his own personal story and confrontation with Jesus Christ (:8)
And in the end Paul concludes that if the resurrection isn't a fact, then he is absolutely lost (:19)

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.
The dead in Christ have the same problem. They parish.

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.
If only the time we have on this earth, is the only time we have with Christ. We would be most miserable. Eternity is a very long time.
If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead He was just another dead prophet with no power over sin or death.

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.
But now: Christ is risen, The first fruit from the dead. Firstfruit is the first fruit from the dead, which are those who have fallen asleep in Christ. (1 Thess 4:15-16)

21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.
By man came death. The first Adam. The first transgression of God's law

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

From Adam all die

From Christ All live

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. Chr

The believers who have died, will be the first to rise, at Christ's return and be reunited with their new physical bodies. Following this will be the removal of every living christian on this earth.

1 Thess. 4:13-18

24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

The kingdom TO God:

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

Psalm 110:1 (A Psalm of David.) The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

Death is our last enemy.

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him, it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

Psalm 110:1 (A Psalm of David.) The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

After our Lord and savior Jesus Christ has subdued all things, He will turn all things over to the Father.

29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

Baptism for the dead. Paul does not address this practice, but he uses the verbiage "they" instead of we. This leads me to believe that Paul did not condone this practice.

30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

The beasts at Ephesus. This could be a reference to Paul's enemies which were at Ephesus. Acts chapter 19

33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Refers to any kind of associations, relationships, communication, conversation, and fellowship, with evil, bad, wrong, or harmful by the standards of God's Word.

34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak *this* to your shame.

Romans 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

35 But some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

Ezk. 37:3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.

36 *Thou* fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

Quickened: Made Alive.

John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.