



Message Series Guide

Imperfect Church – I Corinthians

Part 24 – The Resurrection of Christ

I Corinthians 15:1-11

Just as the heart pumps life giving blood to every part of the body, so the resurrection is the gospel life to our souls. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. First Corinthians 15:1-11 describes the gospel as it was delivered to Paul and as he delivered it to the Corinthians. It begins with the death of Christ on the cross for our sins, but it continues to His burial and, most significantly, His resurrection. The risen Christ appeared to many people still alive at the time Paul wrote his letter. Paul exhorted that the Corinthians believe the gospel, including faith in the physical resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Paul connects faith to belief in the resurrection of all believers from the dead.

READ:

I Corinthians 15:1-11 • Isaiah 53:5 • 2 Peter 1:16-17 • Romans 1:16; 8:11 • John 6:40

- What is the gospel of Jesus Christ? Why is it important to "hold firmly to the gospel"? How does someone believe the gospel "in vain"?
- What is Paul's point in saying that the gospel, which he preached, is the gospel that he "also received"?
- According to I Corinthians 15:3-4, what are the three essential elements of the gospel? What is the significance of Paul mentioning Jesus' burial?
- What Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled when Jesus arose from the dead? Why is this significant?
- Based on the Bible, how many eye-witnesses were necessary to confirm something? How many eyewitnesses did Jesus have of His resurrection? Why is this significant?
- Why did Paul feel unworthy to be called an apostle? Why did Paul describe himself as one "abnormally born"? For what reason was Paul able to call himself an apostle? On what did Paul's apostleship rest?
- What is the connection between the resurrection of the dead and the resurrection of Christ?

DISCUSS:

- What is the greatest fear you have about death? How did your view of life after death change when you came to Christ?
- Everyone has challenges they want to overcome. Take a few moments and think about some challenges you are currently facing. In what ways does the gospel give you hope and strength to overcome life's challenges?
- Is it beneficial to have faith in Christ if He did not rise from the dead? How important is the resurrection to our faith?
- What impact does the resurrection of Christ have on how you face life? Does it give you hope?
- Are you sure that if you were to die today that you'd go to heaven? Do you believe that other people can have that same assurance? On what basis do you have such confidence?

PRAY:

Pray that the gospel of Jesus Christ remains the cornerstone of your faith and that its message continues to be spread across the globe.

RESPOND:

What are some ways that you can show others this week that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is real and that it really matters in your faith?



Sermon Notes

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Essential Elements of the Gospel:

1. Christ Died for our Sins according to the Scriptures
2. Christ was buried.
3. Christ was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

God uses our mistakes, our missteps, and our messes as tools to shape us for His mission.

The gospel is the person of Jesus Christ - His death, burial, and resurrection - and it is the power of God to bring people to salvation (Romans 1:16).