

The Gospel Makes a Way
1 Corinthians 15:1-8

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I. The declaration of Paul. 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Jesus, God the Son, came to earth as a baby, to grow up and take the cross in our place, so that we could have forgiveness of sin, peace with God, and new life through His _____.

- "The Gospel is only of benefit if it is _____ and if one will stand in it." (Guzik) **John 1:11-12**

The fact that the Corinthians were trusting in what Jesus did on the cross for the forgiveness of their sin and to grant them salvation; was proof that their faith was not in _____.

II. The message of the Gospel. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

The fact that the Only, Almighty, Creator God of the universe would die for the sins of those He created, goes beyond _____.

- The Resurrection of Christ is the _____ that Jesus was who He said He was. If Jesus had only died, He would be no different than other religious leaders who have died. **2 Corinthians 5:21**

Romans 4:25 was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our _____. NKJV

III. Eye witness testimony. 1 Corinthians 15:5-8

There were actually no eye witnesses during the Resurrection of Christ, but there were many _____ of the Resurrected Jesus.

- Paul considered the Lord's appearance to him on the road to Damascus as the _____ post-resurrection appearance of Jesus.

IV. Practical Application: the evidence is not enough.

"Not only did they see Jesus after His death, but they saw Him in a manner which revolutionized their _____ and trust in Him." (David Guzik)

1. **Faith** means that we _____ the Lord exists.
2. **Faith** requires a person to believe that **God is a _____ of those who diligently seek Him.**

Jesus not only loved you enough to take the cross for you; He wants a close intimate _____ with you.

- Ask Jesus to take over your life, so that He becomes Lord and _____. Turn away from your sin and turn toward the Lord.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-2**. Was Paul specific when he declared the Gospel to the Corinthian believers? When is the Gospel beneficial to a person?
Galatians 1:8-9, John 1:11-12, John 3:16, Romans 10:9-13, 2 Thessalonians 2:14
2. Read **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**. What are the two essential doctrines of the Christian faith mentioned in these verses? What is the importance of Christ dying? What is the importance of the Resurrection of Christ? What does the Resurrection of Christ prove?
Ephesians 2:1, Hebrews 9:22, 1 Corinthians 5:7, Isaiah 53:4-7, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 4:25
3. Read **1 Corinthians 15:5-8**. Discuss all of the different eye witnesses Paul mentions in these verses.
Matthew 28:1-6, John 20:19-21
4. What did Paul mean when he said in **1 Corinthians 15:8**, "Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time." NKJV?
5. Read **Hebrews 11:1-6**. Discuss the practical application from this sermon.
James 2:19, Romans 3:10, Romans 3:23, Romans 5:8, Romans 6:23, Romans 10:9-13, John 3:16, 1 John 5:11-13