

First Corinthians 15:1-11  
Godward Resurrection part 1

**Paul reminds them of the principle of salvation by faith—15:1-2**

- 1) Communication—<sup>1</sup> *Now I make known to you<sup>pl</sup>, brothers, the gospel [euangelion]*
  - a) The speaker—*that I announced [euangelizo] to you<sup>pl</sup>,*
  - b) The audience
    - i) *that you<sup>pl</sup> also received [aor. act. ind. paralambano],*
    - ii) *in which you<sup>pl</sup> also stand [pf. act. ind. histemi],*
    - iii) <sup>2</sup> *by which also you<sup>pl</sup> are being saved [pres. pass. ind. sozo],*
- 2) Conditions—*if (1<sup>st</sup> class condition, assumed true) you<sup>pl</sup> hold fast to the message I announced [euangelizo] to you<sup>pl</sup>, unless you<sup>pl</sup> trusted in vain.*

**Paul reminds them of the Gospel message—15:3-11**

- 1) The message was not unique to Paul—15:3a <sup>3</sup> *For I delivered [paradidomi] to you<sup>pl</sup> (@ 51 AD) among the first things what I also received [paralambano] (@ 35-37 AD):*
- 2) What did Paul pass along to them?—15:3b-8
  - a) Death—*that Christ died [aor. act. ind.] for our sins according to the Scriptures,*
    - i) Evidence of His death—<sup>4</sup> *and that He was buried [aor. pass. ind.],*
  - b) Resurrection—*and that He has been raised [pf. pass. ind.] the third day according to the Scriptures,*
    - i) Evidence of His resurrection (representative, credible witnesses)
      - (1) <sup>5</sup> *and that He was seen by Cephas, (cf. Luke 24:34)*
        - (a) *then by the Twelve. (cf. Mark 16:14; John 20:26-31)*
      - (2) <sup>6</sup> *After that He was seen by more than five hundred brothers at one time,*
        - (a) *most of whom remain until now (@ 20 years later), but some have fallen asleep.*
      - (3) <sup>7</sup> *After that He was seen by James (the half-brother of Jesus, pastor in Jerusalem),*
        - (a) *then by all the apostles.*
      - (4) <sup>8</sup> *And last of all, as to one untimely born (aborted or stillborn), He was seen by me also. (cf. Acts 9:3-6)*
- 3) Paul's self-deprecation—15:9-10
  - a) His humiliating past—15:9 <sup>9</sup> *For I (emphatic) am the least of the apostles, who am unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the congregation of God.*
  - b) God's sufficient grace for ministry—15:10
    - i) Grace accomplishes God's purpose—<sup>10</sup> *But by the grace of God I am what I am (i.e., an apostle), and His grace toward me was not in vain.*
    - ii) Grace does not eliminate our efforts—*But I labored [kopiao] more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that is with me.*
- 4) Paul summarizes the paragraph—15:11
  - a) The insignificance of the messenger—15:11a <sup>11</sup> *Therefore, whether it was I or they,*
  - b) The significance of the message—15:11b
    - i) The speakers—*this is the way we preach [kerusso]*
    - ii) The listeners—*and this is the way you<sup>pl</sup> trusted.*