

First Corinthians 15:1-11
Godward Resurrection part 1

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

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

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

- 1) The message was not unique to Paul—15:3a ³ *For I delivered [paradidomi] to you^{pl} (@ 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—⁴ *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) ⁵ *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) ⁶ *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) ⁷ *After that He was seen by James (the half-brother of Jesus, pastor in Jerusalem),*
 - (a) *then by all the apostles.*
 - (4) ⁸ *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 ⁹ *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—¹⁰ *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 ¹¹ *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^{pl} trusted.*