

The Priority of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1 Corinthians 15:1 (ESV)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

1 Corinthians 15:2 (ESV)

and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:3 (ESV)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:4 (ESV)

that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:5 (ESV)

and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:6 (ESV)

Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:7 (ESV)

Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

1 Corinthians 15:8 (ESV)

Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

1 Corinthians 15:9 (ESV)

For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

1 Corinthians 15:10 (ESV)

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

1 Corinthians 15:11 (ESV)

Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

1. The Priority of Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you ...

1 Corinthians 15:3 (ESV)

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

Isaiah 53:5 (ESV)

But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.

1 Corinthians 15:4 (ESV)

that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

Psalms 16:10 (ESV)

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your Holy One see corruption.

2. The Priority of Receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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Galatians 1:8 (ESV)

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:9 (ESV)

As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

3. The Priority of Embracing the Gospel of Jesus Christ**1 Corinthians 15:2 (ESV)**

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