**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**

**1 Corinthians 15:1 (ESV)**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,

**Psalm 16:10 (ESV)**

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

1. **The Priority of Receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

**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 15:5 (ESV)**… 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.

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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.

1. **The Priority of Embracing the Gospel of Jesus Christ**

**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 15:9 (ESV)**For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

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