

1 Corinthians 15:1-11
"It's Time to be Holy"

"On Christ, and what He has done, my soul hangs for time and eternity. And if your soul also hangs there, it will be saved as surely as mine shall be. And if you are lost trusting in Christ, I will be lost with you and will go to hell with you. I must do so, for I have nothing else to rely upon but the fact that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, lived, died, was buried, rose again, went to heaven, and still lives and pleads for sinners at the right hand of God." (Charles Spurgeon)

Introduction:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4, "Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures..."

1. Paul consistently preached the exact same message of the gospel:

2. It was the gospel that Paul preached that the Corinthians had received:

3. If the truth of the gospel is changed in any way:

4. The truth of the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus is:

These truths:

a. Must be retained:

b. Must be consistently lived:

5. The truth of the gospel has its basis in the scriptures:

1 Corinthians 15:5-7, "...and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles."

1. The truth of the gospel also has its basis in the testimony:

2. Jesus appeared to Peter and the:

3. Jesus appeared to more than:

4. Jesus appeared to:

5. Jesus appeared to:

1 Corinthians 15:8-9, "Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God."

1. Paul never got over that:

2. Paul saw himself as:

3. Paul never forgot what he was before Jesus made him an apostle:

1 Corinthians 15:10-11, "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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed."

1. Paul ascribed all that:

2. Paul understood that all that:

3. Paul understood that:

4. Paul worked hard because:

5. Paul declared that regardless of who preached the gospel to them:

Conclusion: