

First Importance
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

WHAT IS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE TO THE CHURCH?

- A. "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (1 Cor.15:3).
- B. "He was buried" (1 Corinthians 15:4).
- C. "He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures" and "appeared" to eyewitnesses (1 Corinthians 15:5-9).
- D. It was these matters of first importance that Paul first preached to the Corinthians (**Acts 18:1-8**).

THE CORINTHIANS WERE DRIFTING AWAY FROM MATTERS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE

- A. Factions (1 Cor.1:10-12)
- B. Jealousy and strife (1 Cor.3:3)
- C. Immorality (1 Cor.5:1)
- D. Lawsuits (1 Cor.6:1-2)
- E. More immorality (1 Cor.7:2)
- F. Christian liberty and food (1 Cor.8-10)
- G. Lord's Supper (1 Cor.11:20).
- H. Public worship and spiritual gifts (1 Cor.12-14)
- I. Resurrection of the dead (1 Cor.15:12)

THE GOSPEL IS OF FIRST IMPORTANCE AND BY GOD'S GRACE IT WILL ALWAYS BE OF FIRST IMPORTANCE TO OUR CONGREGATION IN FLOYD

- A. Have you believed in the Gospel?
- B. It's easy to lose grip of the Gospel and let go of what is most important in life.
- C. "Start Here!"
- D. Evangelism is talking to others about the good news and what is of first importance.
- E. Things are going to go wrong, but the good news of the Gospel is still more relevant (Job 19:25-26; Romans 8:29-39; 1 Corinthians 15:25-28, 58).