

## **The Gospel: Which You Received, in Which You Stand 1 Cor. 15:1-2**

### **Overview of 1 Cor. 15**

1. What drives this passage is false teaching in Corinth, 1 Cor. 15:12
2. Outline
  - I. The Gospel and *Sine Qua Non* of Christ's Resurrection (1-11)
  - II. Paul's defense of the resurrection of believers (12-34)
    - a) If the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised (12-19)
    - b) Christ has been raised and believers will be raised (20-28)
    - c) Pragmatic arguments (29-34)
  - III. How are the dead to be raised? Bodily (35-58)
3. The source of the false teaching
4. The value of this passage is in Paul's argument for both the resurrection of Christ and our future resurrection.

### **I. I Make Known to You the Gospel Which I Preached to You (1-2)**

- A. I make known to you
- B. The Gospel which I preached to you
- C. Which you received, in which you stand
  1. To receive the Gospel is to welcome it  
Col. 2:6; 1 Thess. 2:13
  2. In which you stand  
Rom 5:2; 2 Cor. 1:24
- D. Through which you are saved
  1. The Gospel is the message through which God saves (rescues/delivers) people from His wrath. 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9
  2. If you hold fast, unless you believed in vain

Continuance in the faith is non-negotiable  
Rom. 11:22; Col. 1:23

The biggest helps for us to hold fast

- 1) Hear the Gospel preached and apply it to yourself repeatedly
- 2) Be in regular fellowship with other believers (Clarkson)
- 3) Bank your hope on the promises and give heed to the threats
- 4) Make it a matter of conscience to walk with God personally
- 5) Make use of the Lord's Supper as a means of grace (see #1)
- 6) Be on guard against things which weaken our faith – i.e., sin

II. Matters of First Importance (3-8)