

1st Corinthians: Be A Believer

According To The Scriptures

1st Corinthians 15:1-19

1st Corinthians Refresher

- Written by Paul to the church in Corinth - Isthmus of Greece
- There was a saying “**To live like a Corinthian**” untethered lifestyle (in contrast to the life of the Spirit, one of Self-control)
- Corrective letters
- **I do not want you to be ignorant: Israel, Gifts, Return**
- The Holy Spirit and His work, his gifts - His person
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Previously

- God has set the physical body parts and the spiritual body parts
- Supernatural service, dunamis power
- Earnestly seek the gifts

[Pray]

:1-2

Moreover ... The gospel

“Moreover, but, and, etc”

^ beyond what is stated

*Beyond the gifts, beyond the qualities of love is **THE GOSPEL***

What is the gospel? Good news. MMLJ = The “Gospels”

What is the good news? Jesus Christ, the son of the living God, became my sin, died on the cross to satisfy the wrath of God, and rose again that I might live with him forever in paradise and be one with him, a child of God.

Galatians 1:8-9 NKJV - But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Which you stand - make to stand, place, put, set, make firm, establish, safe and sound, unharmed, ready or prepared, steadfast mind, does not waiver

this good news gives us a sure footing

In heaven, in life, in the inward person

Ephesians 3:16-19 NKJV - that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what [is] the width and length and depth and height-- to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

The gospel is something to be considered, not forgotten, not walked away from.

It's the foundation of our faith, but it's also the entirety of our faith

Everything begins and ends with Jesus.

We do not "move on to higher things"

If you're feeling weak, tired, alone, hurting - go back to the gospel

If you're having success, joy, peace, blessing - remember the gospel

Hold fast the word - unless vain belief.

It's true we can't do anything to gain salvation, and we can't lose our salvation (another study)

But what we can do is "hold fast" to ensure our salvation

Are you truly saved? Hold fast. Are you struggling in your faith? Hold fast. Are you unsure if you are saved? Take hold and hold fast.

If we're not holding fast - and I don't mean slipping or doubting - i mean as a pattern of living, of aim in life, of desire - are we saved?

Because if we are - we realize what God saved us from. All he saved us from.

The pits of hell. The mires of despair and of sinful living and consequence.

If we're not asking for forgiveness. Seeking to live the right way. Be corrected by the scriptures. Seeking the gifts and to serve. Live lived like we're not meant for this world...**then are we saved? What is our faith for?**

If all we're seeking is vain glory, vain answers, vain things - then our faith is in vain

Think of all Jesus said and did and went through.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NKJV - Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit [who is] in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Apostasy or Reality: Where Are You? - Part 3 (Hebrews 10:26-31)

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Apostasy - One who has abandoned one's religious faith, a political party, one's principles, or a cause.

Importance of right living

High handed sins

Numbers 15:30-31 NKJV - 'But the person who does [anything] presumptuously, [whether he is] native-born or a stranger, that one brings reproach on the LORD, and he shall be cut off from among his people. 'Because he has despised the word of the LORD, and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt [shall be] upon him.' "

I know the Bible says this, but I don't care, or I can't stop (won't stop), or yes but it's outdated

Homework Romans 6:1-14

:3-7

Paul Delivered what he received

- Can only take folks as far as we've gone
- Can only effectively share faith we've been given

Not vain knowledge head knowledge - Heart knowledge

Intimate understanding through relationship

According to the scriptures

Throughout, according to

- Foreordained
- Planned
- Purposed
- Fulfilled

Every piece of scripture points to Jesus. The whole thing. It's HISstory.

Jesus fulfilling law

Matthew 3:13-15 NKJV - Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John [tried to] prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit [it to be so] now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

Matthew 5:17 NKJV - "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.

Buried rose again...according!

Isaac, Jonah, 3rd Day Hezekiah and Esther, Jesus foretold in Mark 8,9,10

Seen by Peter, 12, 500 (most still alive)

Well when you read you see the Marys saw him first - but of the Apostles, Peter

Fallen asleep - Lazarus - dead

Death is no harder for God to revive from then sleep

Jesus repeatedly talks about death as sleep

So in a way we can consider resurrection as waking up in new life

Hope as believers in death. Not the end.

As gentle and restful - better sleep

Root canal, surgery

Adam deep sleep - eve

Rested after sleep.

Absent from body present with Lord

2 Corinthians 5:1-8 NKJV - For we know that if our earthly house, [this] tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in [this] tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing [is] God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So [we are] always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

James then the apostles lowercase - we're all sent out ones. We're all ambassadors - are we examples of a living, true faith? Or vain, empty words and desires?

Your testimony - or how you became a Christian - does it focus on "seeing" Jesus and being transformed?

Even looking back at my life before I knew Jesus...I see him.

:8-11

Last of all - Paul

Up until time of this writing year - AD55/56 end of his third missionary trip
John sees in unveiled form in ad90

AD 33-36 - potentially just a few years after the crucifixion (AD 30-33)

And yet...one born out of due time

Old soul, born too late too early

Jesus and his work was so important that missing out Paul maybe felt he had missed it in a way

Imagine being so close to an event, and not only missing it, but hating it you'd never even see it

One thing to turn on the game and miss it. F1 race yesterday, avoiding the news so i don't spoil it

We were all born at the right time and for God's purpose. Even the day of our being born again.

Esth 4:14 Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

We are all uniquely made and positioned in time, in history, geography, families, friends, work - wherever and whenever we are in life - to be a true witness of the resurrection. Able to handle and perceive, by His Spirit, the necessary way.

Least of the apostles

Paul knew grace. Mercy.

Didn't have imposter syndrome (individuals experience self-doubt, anxiety, depression, and/or apprehension of being exposed as a fraud despite verifiable and objective evidence of their success.)

Knew who he was in the flesh, not great like he once thought, little - PAUL

What do we think of ourselves?

- Honest assessment.
- Highest assessment by others
- By God's word
- We'll soon see we don't stack up

And the point is - the gospel shows - we don't stack up, we can't stack up, but we can look up.

Matthew 11:11 NKJV - "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

In a sense, bc JTB was the end of the OT covenant - pointing to the New Covenant, Jesus Himself.

I am what i am - this isn't an excuse, "it is what it is" - for our behavior or position or lack,
It is a statement of a past redeemed, present position ordained

Paul refused to let it be in vain

So he labored more than anyone

Do we refuse to let what Jesus did for us be in vain? When we get to heaven will he say "well done my good and faithful servant?" Not for the works we've done but what the gospel has returned in our life? Some 100, some 50 some 20?

Or have we buried the gospel in vain? Worried about what it would do in our life? Kept our faith "personal" just for us - if it is just "personal" than we probably don't have saving faith or if we do we need to let it out.

Dead Sea is dead because everything flows in but nothing flows out

In the end - all that was important was the gospel going out. Not getting the credit.

The importance of the aim of ministry

Not self gain or importance or even heavenly reward

But that others would believe

The goal of our communication: salvation, sanctification

Not justification by works

Grace through faith

Genuine faith

Not in vain ...

James 1:22 NKJV - But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

:12-14

Simple logic...if Jesus rose so will we.

Colossians 1:15-18 NKJV - He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Argument of resurrection and afterlife

Pharisees and Sadducees

Logic continues

If then

If no resurrection then Christ isn't, preaching empty along with faith

Faith would be in nothing

Literally atheism...fool has said in heart...faith from heart confess

Resurrection over revival - not resuscitation

Choking, or zombies (they are scriptural)

A resurrected life is a brand new life, Jesus life in us

It is not a cleaned up old life

It is not simply a moral life

Or a best life

It is the abundant life. One who's aim is heaven and carrying out God's will on earth.

Empty Faith, Empty Preaching

What comes out of our lives, what comes out of the church? Is it empty, devoid of Jesus and faith? Or is it full of faith, full of what the Lord has done and is doing - not what we want him to do, suppose him to do, or think it should be - but what is he actually doing?

:15-19

True witness made false

If he didn't rise they didn't see him

But they did!

10 Commandments - Do not bear false witness...

Is our witness true?

Have we actually seen Jesus? Him at work in our own lives? Among us? Through us?

Do we want to see him work? Do we believe he will?

Because if we say yes to all that but keep sinning, replying on our flesh to fulfill our own will, then we are not resurrected we are not new creatures

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV - Therefore, if anyone [is] in Christ, [he is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

I think that's the most pitiable...being so close to the truth but never obeying not trusting not letting Jesus resurrect you when the power is there the truth is there and we can see if it we'd but believe

If dead don't rise ... Christ didn't...you didn't, we won't. We're dead in our sins then and it's all pointless.

The dead are dead. No coming back. No hope in heaven. No hope of being resurrected w them

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 NKJV - But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive [and] remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

If our faith only makes do for this world...then we're pitiable.

But what's the point? Go do whatever you want then.. don't exercise self control

But it is real. It works even in this life.. following godly principles will bring temporal blessing Following gods son will bring eternal life... resurrected life

If you're not resurrected now why would you believe you'll be resurrected later?

His power is at work right now in you..

"I wasn't made to be tending a grave"

Do you want it? Can you believe and trust and obey and let your old ways die? Or are you afraid?

Being afraid of death prevents true living

We are not the most pitiable. This life, vanity

Number our days - If by reason 80 years

Luke 12:20-21 NKJV - "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' "So [is] he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Today is the day of salvation

**This is the gospel. Christ was born died rose again
Became our sin who knew no sin
That we might be called the children of God**

Has your faith been in vain? Is your life resurrected? Either way - believe in the Good News - stand fast in it.