

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Stand in the Gospel



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1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,



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5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.



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You are here...

- I. The wisdom of God is to have the mind of Christ and allow no divisions in the body (Ch. 1-4)
- II. Maintain purity in the body by judging sins in your midst (Ch. 5-6)
- III. Instructions on matters of interest to the church (Ch. 7-10)
- IV. Instructions for the orderly meetings of the church (Ch. 11-14)
- V. Instructions on the resurrection (Ch 15)**
- VI. Instructions on giving, and final exhortations (Ch. 16)



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Keys to the passage

- Verse 1 – “I make known to you... the gospel”
 - The gospel was preached and received (v1)
 - The gospel in which you stand (v1)
 - The gospel by which also you are saved (v2)
- Verse 2 “unless you believed in vain”
- Verse 3 “delivered... as of first importance”



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The gospel past and future

- Verse 3 – Christ
- Verse 3 – Christ died for our sins
- Verse 3 – According to the scriptures
- Verse 4 – He was buried and raised again
- Verse 4 – On the third day according to the scriptures
- Verse 5-8 – He appeared...



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“... by the death and resurrection of Christ the propitiation of God’s wrath and the forgiveness of sins and the imputation of Christ’s righteousness becomes ours by faith alone. God’s anger is removed from him, our guilt is removed from us, Christ’s obedience is counted as ours—this is the effect of Christ being crucified in our place and raised from the dead.

Too many Christians stop here in answering the question, what is the gospel?”

—John Piper, *God is the Gospel*



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“It is in the here and now that many of us experience a gospel blindness. Our sight is dimmed by the tyranny of the urgent, by the siren call of success, by the seductive beauty of physical things, by our inability to admit our own problems, and by the casual relationships within the body of Christ that we mistakenly call fellowship.”

-Lane and Tripp, *How people Change*



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7 Pretensions against the gospel

- Formalism
- Legalism
- Mysticism
- Activism
- Biblicism
- Psychology-ism
- Socialism



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The gospel in which you stand

- Adopt and reinforce a gospel identity
 - I am a sinner
 - Rom 7:18, Gal 5:17, Rom 3:10
 - I am redeemed
 - Col 1:13-14, Heb. 9:12, Rom 3:23-25
 - I am a child of God
 - Rom 8:23, Gal 3:26, 1 John 3:1-2

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The gospel in which you stand

- Grab hold of the gospels provisions
 - 2 Peter 1:3
 - Gal 2:20

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The gospel in which you stand

- Embrace God's process
 - Phil 2:13
 - John 5:17
 - 2 Corinthians 4:17-18

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Paul's stand in the gospel (v9-11)

- Paul has a gospel identity
 - V9 “not fit to be called an apostle”
 - V10 “by the grace of God I am what I am”
 - V10 “I labored even more”
- Paul relies on gospel provision
 - V10 “yet not I, but the grace of God with me”
- Paul expects the gospel to be a process
 - V11 “I or they, so we preach and so you believed.”



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