



1Corinthians 15  
The Gospel Fundamentals

# The Fundamentals of the Gospel (vs. 1-11)

- Preaching the gospel is the most important thing we do as Christians
  - The gospel is “of first importance” (vs. 3)
  - The gospel must be “preached” (vs. 1)
  - The gospel must be “received” (vs. 1)
  - The gospel must be “believed” (vs. 2)
    - Rom. 10:9-17

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- What are the fundamentals of the gospel?
  - The Word of God
    - “in accordance with the Scriptures” (vs. 3, 4)
    - Rom. 10:17; 4:3
  - The Work of Christ
    - “Christ died for our sins” (vs. 3)
    - “He was buried” (vs. 4)
    - “He was raised on the third day” (vs. 4)

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- The Witness of the Apostles
  - “Cephas” Peter (vs. 5)
  - “the twelve” (vs. 5)
  - “more than 500” (vs. 6)
  - “James” (vs. 7)
  - “all the apostles” (vs. 7)
  - The “apostle” Paul (vs. 8, 9)



# The Resurrection is Foundational to the Faith (vs. 12-19)

- Without the resurrection the entire Christian faith is vanity
  - “our preaching is in vain” (vs. 14)
  - “your faith is in vain” (vs. 14)
  - Christ’s death was in vain... “the dead are not raised” (vs. 16)

# The Resurrection is Foundational to the Faith (vs. 29-34)

- Without the resurrection the entire Christian faith is vanity
  - Baptizing and making disciples is in vain... “what do people mean by being baptized?” (vs. 29)
  - The martyrs died in vain “what do I gain?” (vs. 30-32a)
  - Holy living is in vain “let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die” (vs. 32b-34)

# The Resurrection is Foundational to OUR Faith (vs. 20-28)

- Because of the resurrection...
  - We receive the promise of our own resurrection...  
“Christ the firstfruits” (vs. 20-23)
  - We receive the promise of victory over our enemies... “God has put all thing in subjection under his feet” (vs. 24-28)

# The Resurrection is Foundational to OUR Faith (vs. 57-58)

- Because of the resurrection...
  - We give God glory... “but thanks be to God” (vs. 57)
  - We receive courage during life’s most difficult battles... “Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable...” (vs. 58)
  - We know our lives have meaning and eternal significance... “knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain” (vs. 58)
    - “His grace towards me was not in vain” (vs. 10)