

**HE IS RISEN!**  
**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

***What is essential for believers to remember? On what information does your faith stand? Paul in his letter to the Corinthians he mentions things, things that happened in time and space and that are essential; vitally important for we as believers.***

**1. Paul wanted to remind them of the gospel that he had preached to them.**

- a. Which they had received. (Gal 1:6-9, Jde 3)
- b. And on which they had taken their stand ("stand fast"). (Rom 5:1-2, 1 Cor 15:58).
- c. By this gospel they were saved, holding firmly to the word that had been preached (e.g, Heb 2:1-4, 10:26-30)
- d. To fail on this was to have believed for nothing.

***If your life depends on this information and what you do with it, do you know it?  
On what does your life stand? (See Lke 6:46-49)***

**2. What Paul received (e.g., Gal 1:11-12) he passed on to them as of first importance; that:**

- a. Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. (e.g., Is 52:13-53:12/Mtt 8:17)
- b. He was buried and that He was raised again on the third day according to the scriptures. (Ps 16)
- c. He appeared to ("was seen") by:
  - Cephas (Peter) (e.g., Luk 24:34)
  - "the twelve"
  - more than 500 brothers at once (Most of whom, at the time of writing were still living).
  - James
  - to *all the apostles*.
  - and last of all, to me (Paul) as to one abnormally born.

***Why is it important that this man died, was buried and rose again?  
Rom 6:1-7, Heb 9:26***

**3. For I am the least of the apostles** (Paul felt unworthy of apostleship due to his former life as a persecutor of believers and an opponent of the gospel. (1 Tim 1:12-17)

- a. But, by the grace of God he was what he was (Rom 12:1-3, 6; Phil 3:12-14).
- b. His grace to Paul was not without effect, not in vain! God had a plan for Saul of Tarsus (Paul) and He has a plan for us (1 Cor 12:7, Lke 1:74-75).

***Because He lives, we live, and have a present and future productive life.***

**4. Whether, then, was him or they (other Christian workers) it was God's proclaimed message and what they believed.**

***The resurrection means something, it isn't just a fact. It's a fact with implications for our lives. He lives and reigns and we are His.***