

Studies in 1 Corinthians

Lesson XXXXV: Take Your Stand, Hold Firm

Text: 1 Cor. 15:1-11

1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. **2** By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, **4** that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, **5** and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. **6** After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. **7** Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, **8** and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve 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 to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. **11** Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Discussion Questions

1. Considering all the controversial issues that Paul has just dealt thus far, why does he now “want to remind” the Corinthians about the Gospel? (vv. 1-2)
2. List the key “ingredients” of the Gospel message (vv 3-5)
3. What evidence does Paul present to readers for the resurrection of Jesus? (vv. 5-8)
4. What can church leaders today take away from Paul’s stance in vv. 9-11?