

# THE GOSPEL

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Key Verse: 15:1

**“Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.”**

- 1. Of what did Paul remind them (1)? Have you received the gospel and taken your stand on it? What must we do to be saved (2)? Why is it important to hold firmly to the word you received? How can we?**
- 2. What is the gospel Paul passed on to them (3–4)? What is the effect of Jesus’ death on the cross for those who believe (Heb 9:27; Isa 53:5–6; 1Pe 2:24)?** Heb 9:27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, Isa 53:5–6 <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup>We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 1Pe 2:24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”
- 3. What does Jesus give us through his resurrection from the dead (Ro 6:23; 1Pe 1:3-4)?** Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. 1Pe 1:3-4 <sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, **Think about the importance of the phrase “according to the Scriptures” (Ac 10:43).** Ac 10:43 “All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

- 4. Who is the first person Paul mentions that the Risen Christ appeared to (5)? How was Peter changed (Mk 14:66–72; Ac 4:10–12)?** Mk 14:66–72 <sup>66</sup> While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. <sup>67</sup> When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. “You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus,” she said. <sup>68</sup> But he denied it. “I don’t know or understand what you’re talking about,” he said, and went out into the entryway. <sup>69</sup> When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, “This fellow is one of them.” <sup>70</sup> Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, “Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean.” <sup>71</sup> He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know this man you’re talking about.” <sup>72</sup> Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times.” And he broke down and wept. **Ac 4:10–12** <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” **Who else did the Risen Christ appear to (6-7)? How might these witnesses encourage us to stand on the gospel?**
- 5. How did Paul become a resurrection witness (8; Ac 9:1–22)?** Ac 9:1–22 <sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord’s disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup> “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. <sup>6</sup> “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” <sup>7</sup> The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but

did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. <sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, “Ananias!” “Yes, Lord,” he answered. <sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.” <sup>13</sup> “Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.” <sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup> At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup> All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup> Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah. **How was this the grace of God to him, and what effect did it have (8–10)? How are their changed lives evidence of Christ’s resurrection?**