

# The Resurrection & The Gospel

The Gospel at Work in Us - it is the power of God unto salvation (Rom 1:16)

1Co 15:1-20 ESV Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you--unless you believed in vain.

- **Received** - Associate with ... **Stand** - upright & active ... **Being Saved** - a process
- **Hold Fast** - keep in memory ... **Believed in vain** - failure w/out affect

There is no Gospel without the Resurrection

[the gospel I preached].....3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures**, 4 that **he was buried**, that **he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures**, 5 and that **he appeared** to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he **appeared** to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he **appeared** to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he **appeared** also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

The Resurrection is Proclaimed by the Preaching of the Gospel

10 But by **the grace of God** I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, **so we preach and so you believed**. 12 Now if **Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead**, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

If There Is No Resurrection...

13 But **if there is no resurrection** of the dead, then not (A) **even Christ has been raised**. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, then (B) **our preaching is in vain** and (C) **your faith is in vain**. 15 We are even found to be (D) **misrepresenting God**, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, (E) **your faith is futile** and (F) **you are still in your sins**. 18 Then (G) **those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished**. 19 If in Christ we have (H) **hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied**. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Jesus Linked the Resurrection to the Preaching of the Gospel Forever

Luk 24:44-49 ESV Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the **Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead**, 47 and that **repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations**, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 **You are witnesses** of these things. 49 And behold, I am **sending the promise of my Father upon you**. But stay in the city until you are **clothed with power from on high**."

Were it not for the preaching of the gospel -- the resurrection could have remained a historical event like thousands of other historical events - written down and recorded, but largely forgotten. The resurrection and its work in mankind calls for the preaching of the gospel...it is to bring to bear upon every soul the wonderful work of Jesus Christ for salvation, and the opportunity to be restored into a relationship with God through repentance, faith and forgiveness. **It is for this purpose we are called and filled with the Holy Spirit.**