

Studies In First Corinthians

(I Corinthians 15:1-11)

1. Had Paul been involved in preaching the Gospel to those in Corinth?

Yes: *"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand" (I Corinthians 15:1).*

- **Acts 18:1-8** and **I Corinthians 3:5-7**.
- The Gospel is what Paul preached (**Galatians 1:11-12** and **Colossians 1:23**).
- For the record, the Gospel is not just the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (**Matthew 4:23**, **Matthew 9:35**, etc.).
- The word of truth is the Gospel (**Ephesians 1:13**, **Colossians 1:5**, and **I Peter 1:25**).
- The Gospel was even preached during Old Testament times (**Hebrews 3:14-4:2**).
- All of us should stand in the Gospel (**Philippians 1:27** and **II Thessalonians 2:15**).

2. Are we required to keep something in memory to be saved?

Yes, the Gospel: *"By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain" (I Corinthians 15:2).*

- **Psalms 119:16**, **Psalms 119:93**, **Proverbs 3:1**, **Proverbs 4:5**, **Colossians 1:23**, **Hebrews 2:1**, and **James 1:25**.

3. Was the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus in accordance with things previously stated in the Scriptures?

Yes: *"(3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Corinthians 15:3-4).*

- **Psalms 22:18**, **Psalms 69:21**, **Isaiah 53:7-12**, and **Zechariah 12:9-10**.

4. Did Paul use eyewitnesses as evidence in teaching about the resurrection of Christ?

Yes: *"(5) And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: (6) After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. (7) After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles" (I Corinthians 15:5-7).*

- Seen by Peter (**John 20:3-4**).
- Then by the others (**Matthew 28:16-17** and **John 20:19-29**).
- Seen by many others too (**Acts 13:29-31**).
- Witnesses (those who saw Jesus die, be buried, and resurrected) are a key component to the preaching of the Gospel (**Acts 3:15**, **Acts 4:33**, etc.).

5. Who was the last person to see our Lord after He was resurrected?

Paul: *“And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time” (I Corinthians 15:8).*

- **Acts 9:3-5, Acts 9:17, and Acts 22:10-14.**

6. Why did Paul consider himself the least of the Apostles?

Because he had previously persecuted Christians: *“For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God” (I Corinthians 15:9).*

- **Acts 7:51-8:3, Acts 9:1-2, Acts 22:4-5, Acts 26:9-11, Galatians 1:13, and I Timothy 1:12-16.**

7. What did Paul do to be sure that the grace of God that was bestowed upon him was not in vain?

He labored more than others: *“But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me” (I Corinthians 15:10).*

- **Romans 1:14-16, Romans 15:17-20, and II Corinthians 12:11.**
- Though, notice, Paul labored more but credited God for it (**Ephesians 3:7, Philippians 4:13, and I Peter 4:11**).

8. Did Paul preach a different Gospel than the other apostles?

No: *“Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed” (I Corinthians 15:11).*

- **Acts 5:42; cf. I Corinthians 2:2.**