



Week 1
Sermon Series: Death is Defeated
Sermon Title: "Taking A Stand on Solid Ground"
Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8
Study Handout Week of: January 30, 2022
Group Week of: February 6, 2022
Sermon Date: February 13, 2022

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The Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

¹Now, 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. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

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

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Paul are speaking to the Corinthians (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) In what ways have the Corinthians "taken a stand" upon the gospel?
- 3) How does Paul summarize the gospel in these verses?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Stop for a moment and consider the Resurrection. How often does the thought of “Jesus is alive” impact your thoughts, decisions, and feelings, on a daily basis? When was the last time the Resurrection changed a decision you were about to make?

- 2) What do you think the importance of the Resurrection is? Why should Christians know, understand, and believe in the Resurrection?

- 3) Paul says that the Corinthians have received, believed, and taken a stand upon the Gospel. Think through each of those three actions: Receiving, Believing, and Taking a Stand. Describe what that looks like in the life of a believer:
 - i. Receiving the Gospel:

 - ii. Believing the Gospel:

 - iii. Taking a Stand on the Gospel:

 - iv. Does your life resemble what you have outlined above? Why or why not?

- 4) Paul says that the gospel saves *if they hold firmly to the word he preached to them*. How do such statements interact with doctrine of “once saved always saved?”

- 5) Person one “believes” the gospel, that is, they understand it, and agree that it is true, and feel a moral obligation to behave as a “Christian”. Person two also “believes” the gospel, that is, the gospel is the truth by which they live, it is at the core their world view, and it has produced love for God and man in their heart. Are both persons “believers?” Could either of them have “believed” in vain? What are your thoughts?

- 6) Paul gives the names of those who have seen the Resurrected Jesus. Why is this important? How does this impact your own belief in Jesus?

- 7) What sorts of things “knock down” your faith and cause you to live in fear, shame, or guilt? Pray that God would help you to learn to stand firm with great confidence in the Resurrection through this study.