

The Blessed Mess: Paul's First Letter to the Church at Corinth

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1 Corinthians 15:1-11 – Foundational Issues

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

1. Why do we need the gospel? (vv.1-2)

2. Why do we believe the gospel? (vv.3-7)

3. Why does the gospel transform us? (vv.8-11)

For Further Thought and Discussion:**Getting Started:**

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

Going Deeper

2. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2. Why does Paul say we need the gospel? The Corinthians were tempted to build their identity around other things, what are you tempted to build your identity around, apart from the gospel?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-7. Why does Paul say we should believe the gospel? What are some reasons why you believe the truth of the gospel? Are there questions you still have about the truth of the gospel?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 15:8-11. How did the gospel transform Paul? What are areas where the gospel has transformed your life?

Application:

5. It can be tempting to build our faith on a foundation other than our identity in Jesus. Is there something that you need to give up? Is there something that has been first importance that needs to be further down the list?
6. Are there questions you still have about the truth of the gospel? Are there reliable resources—like *More than a Carpenter* by Josh McDowell or *Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel— that you need to take time to read to answer your own questions or the questions of others?
7. If the gospel transforms us by taking steps of faith, are there parts of your life where you need to take a step of faith, but you have been putting it off?