

## The Gospel and You

### Introduction

***Paul is not dealing with the rejection of the doctrine of the resurrection of Christ, he is dealing with a misunderstanding***

### The Gospel and You

***“you received:” you received the Gospel in the past***

***“on which you have taken your stand:” You are currently basing your life upon the gospel***

This changes all things

This is an active choice

***“you are saved” or you are being saved speaks of a present process (1 Cor 1:18) and a future reality***

Progressive sanctification

Glorification

***“if you hold firmly”***

A sign that you are eternally preserved is that you are persevering, not that you are perfect. You are working out your own salvation (Progressive sanctification) with fear and trembling

### The Gospel and essentials

***Christ died for our sins***

Christ did die

*There are those who teach he really did not die on the cross*

He “swooned”

This was only a picture of his love, not reality

*The creator of the universe, the Lord of Glory did die on a roman cross.*

*This death was according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, Acts 2:23*

Christ did die for your sins

*2 Cor 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18*

*His death was vicarious, it was substitutionary.*

**Christ was buried**

This is sustaining proof that he did die

**Christ was raised**

The perfect tense of the Greek is used here

*It is not something that belongs to the past, but has ongoing effect on present reality.*

This proved his victory over the grave and death.

**Christ was seen...**

This is sustaining proof that he was raised again

## **The Gospel and its witnesses, 15:5-8**

*Peter, Luke 24:34; Mark 16:7*

Peter denied the Lord Jesus, Jesus appears to him in private

*The twelve (eleven) on several occasions, John 20:19, 26*

*More than 500 (exactly when, we don't know)*

*Then to James (Jesus half-brother) who did not believe in him (John 7:2-9) in his earthly ministry (Gal 1:19)*

*Then all the apostles (when, we don't know)*

## **The Gospel and Paul**

*Then to me*

*I was least, 1 Tim 1:15*

***It was because of grace***

***I preached this message to you***

**Paul's point isn't to draw attention to himself. He seeks to authenticate the message he preached. "What I told you, in spite of who I was, really was the Gospel of God's Grace.**