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The Evidence for the Resurrection
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1 Corinthians 1:25 – For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Uncommon Sense – *“God’s Wisdom over man’s pride through a Flawed Church.”*

[CALL TO HEAR]

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ESV

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Pastor – “People of God, this is the Word of God.”

People – “Thanks be to God.”

Pray

Illustration

One of the most poignant problems that man will ever confront and deal with, in their lives, is the point that for all men there is an appointed time to die.

Hebrews 9:27 ESV

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment”



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It does not matter if you are a believer, agnostic or an atheist, you have to come to terms with the fact that you will die. That is the lures of all religions, does it have a theory or reason on what happens to people after death!?

Linear/Judgment-Based (Heaven/Hell)

- **Judaism:** Focuses heavily on life on Earth but generally believes in *Gan Eden* (Heaven) and *Gehinnom* (a period of spiritual purification) in Sheol.
- **Jehovah's Witnesses** - All sleep in death until final judgment. Then 144,000 are elected to heaven to reign with God. The other 'good enough' people get to stay on earth and live forever. The evil are destroyed permanently, no eternity to judgment.
- **Mormons - Celestial Kingdom:** For those who accepted Jesus Christ, made covenants, and lived faithfully. This is where God and Jesus Christ dwell (like the 144K). **Terrestrial Kingdom:** For those who lived good lives but did not fully accept the gospel of Jesus Christ. **Telestial Kingdom:** For the unrepentant or wicked, who will endure a period of suffering before being redeemed to this kingdom.
- **Islam:** Believes the soul resides in *Barzakh* (a state of waiting) until Judgment Day, then moves to Paradise or Hell.
- **Christianity:** Emphasizes heaven, hell, or purgatory based on faith and earthly actions, with a focus on resurrection.

Reincarnation Theories:

- **Hinduism:** (about same time as Abraham) Teaches that the *atman* (soul) is eternal and undergoes *samsara* (reincarnation) based on karma, ultimately seeking *moksha* (liberation from the cycle) where the **soul unites with the divine**.
- **Buddhism:** Focuses on the cessation of suffering (*Nirvana*), with a belief in rebirth until this state is reached. Unlike others, it generally does not believe in a permanent, unchanging soul, but a **constant rebirthing**.



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- **Sikhism:** (15th century) Believes the soul is reborn but can achieve liberation and merge with God (*Waheguru*); another Indian religion.

Other Views:

- **Taoism:** (Daoism) is an ancient Chinese philosophical and religious tradition emphasizing living in harmony with the *Tao*—the natural, underlying flow of the universe. Often views death as a natural transition, a return to the cosmic, or a state of non-doing/oblivion.
- **Shinto:** Views the afterlife as a continuation in a parallel, unseen world (*Kakuriyo*). After death, the spirit is believed to be separated from the body, purified through rites, and becomes a guardian spirit that watches over the living. You see this a lot promoted in Japanese anime.
- **Indigenous Religions:** Vary widely, with some believing in a "Happy Hunting Ground" or a, community-focused, ancestral realm where souls reunite (that sounds like the Norse views of *Vahala*).
- **Agnosticism/Atheism:** Often holds that death is the end of consciousness, or that the nature of existence post-death is unknowable. They have turned to things like cloning and AI intelligence and looking at transferring consciousness into one of these things in the future.

Introduction

Christianity states its' own beliefs about an afterlife, but it does that on the basis that we actually know someone who has come back from the dead. That resurrection has in it the secret of eternal life and a hope for an eternal future for us.

For the next 5 weeks with the culmination happening on Easter we will be talking about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15 is one of the most pivotal and important chapters in the Bible for it is considered the oldest defense and record of the resurrection in the NT. It was written before all the other epistles and before the Gospels around 53-55 AD or 20 years after the resurrection. In verses 3-7 we see what is considered one of the



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earliest Christian Creeds or Confessions that would be passed around the NT churches that addresses the witnesses for the resurrection. Without the resurrection there is no Gospel as it was a part of the first Gospel sermon given by the Apostle Peter in Acts 2!

Acts 2:32-33 ESV

³² God has **raised** this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The Lord said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

³⁵ until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.” (Psalm 110:1)

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

There have been over the course of history many men and women that have given their lives for a cause/movement, for a people, as a sacrifice to overcome evil. While many of those sacrifices have bought us freedoms there has only been **one act that secures eternal life**. The fact that Jesus is the only martyr that has ever returned from the grave means everything! It means that what He stood for, the theology that He taught us, was all true! Meaning that the law was fulfilled in Him, that is why death could not claim Him, this event was prophesied in the OT about Him, and that all His actions would be accepted in place of our works by the Father, and therefore we too as heirs get to claim the guarantee of resurrection through Him. He is THE MESSIAH, and when confronted with the fact that He is alive and not dead, and He’s coming back to judge the living and the dead, it causes His people to plead, “What shall we do !?”

What we shall do is take 5 weeks and study Chp 15 and do a deep dive into the truths of the resurrection. This week we will talk about the **Evidence of the Resurrection** as Paul will use His skills as one trained in the law and public



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discourse to call forward the key testimonies of this event. Next week we will cover the topic of those that want to **Deny the Resurrection** and what that gets you. Then week 3 is the **Plan Behind the Resurrection** and the order it follows. Week 4 is the **Fruit of the Resurrection** and what as followers of Christ get from it. Then lastly week 5, on Easter, we will cover the **Victory of the Resurrection!**

MP

The Truth of Resurrection Power is a Preserving Power.

In the Evidence of the Resurrection that Paul gives this week, we will see the strength of the Gospel and how it helps preserve the people that believe in it.

You know maybe you are like me and there are days when I just don't want to deal with what I see in this world anymore. I don't mean in a self-annihilation way family, I mean I know that there is a better time and a better day that is to be achieved in the not-so-distant future. I have family that I miss, I tire of the fallen world, and I would rather be with Christ. The **Gospel is not only the good news that saves me it is the good news that preserves me until that day**. Here at the end of Corinthians Paul gives the church the secret to his success, the place where they will have to reach down into for strength, and the drive to address all the issues in their fallen church/culture.

What I want us to leave here with this morning as we examine *Paul's Evidence for the Resurrection* is what the Gospel is doing through the declaration of the resurrection. What is the relationship between the Gospel and the resurrection. I have four things. First, the **Gospel makes a stand in the Resurrection**. That is the strength of the Good News is anchored in the resurrection and that strength you need to tie yourself to. Secondly, the **Gospel declares Christ's atonement was enough in the resurrection**. How do you know if Jesus is able to save you from your sin? It has nothing to do with the depth of one's depravity but rather the strength of the event that occurred 2,000 years ago, no sin can rival the power of the resurrection. Thirdly, the **Gospel has reliable witnesses for the resurrection**. We know it is true not just based on what Paul says and how it strengthens the believer



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but also on the practical eyewitness encounters of multiple witnesses to the event. Lastly, the **Gospel can use the least of us because the resurrection changes us**. The power and strength of the resurrection changes the worst sinner into a saint, and that saint cannot fail when they believe in the power of the resurrected Christ!

MP

The Truth of Resurrection Power is a Preserving Power.

1. The Gospel makes a stand in the Resurrection.

15 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.

Paul says I remind you brothers. The intent for the phrase 'remind you' in the original language is a special knowledge about God that must be revealed. Paul as the Apostle, is about to lay down some things that are imperative for the Corinthians to understand. He reminds them of the Gospel, εὐαγγέλιον (*euangelion*). n. neut. "**good news, message of God's salvation in Jesus**".¹ That Gospel that he started the church in Corinth with, he didn't start with attractational church services, or the offer of riches, or the promises of a better life. He started that church with the reality that they were sinners at odds with God, there were under His wrath, if but for Christ!

Paul reminds them you are **standing/being saved** in those truths. You are making a statement, this is why you sent me messengers with these questions I had to answer, this is why you were plagued with turmoil. You were trying to stand on the truths of Christ, and that standing on that truth is what is saving you! Going through hard times, going through the doctrinal arguments, going through the fights of secularism in the body, going through the fights of keeping out satanic practices in the church, that fight for the name of Christ IS what is saving you. Family, have you had to take a stand on

¹ Chris Kugler, "[Gospel](#)," in *Lexham Theological Wordbook*, ed. Douglas Mangum et al., Lexham Bible Reference Series (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2014).



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anything lately!? Was it because of your beliefs, if so, God bless you keep it up!

The practice of living out the truths of the Gospel, the practice of living out faith, Paul says it **WILL** save you. Let me say that in the reverse, **there is no Salvation UNLESS you maintain to the facts of the Gospel!** The '**Word**' that Paul says *in which you are standing*, IS the resurrection (3-7).

Paul says, it is all in vain, **unless you hold to the truth that Jesus is resurrected.** At the heart of the Gospel is this TRUTH, but you will not endure in life, you will not inherit an eternal life, if you do not believe in the eternity of your Savior. You can have a lot of issues with what you find in the Bible as a young believer, but there is no leeway on this fact. Not holding fast to this truth MEANS no power in the Gospel to save you! **The Gospel takes a stand and does not budge, give way, step back from the absolute truth of Jesus' resurrection. (Illustration of how modern evangelicalism has missed it)**

Family there is an empty tomb in the far east, that's where your standing starts, you hold onto that and never let that go. All of history agrees on the fact that Jesus lived, and all of history agrees that there has never been a body discovered, and Christian you know the answer for that - He lives, not just as memory, not as a myth, and not just in your heart, but in this plane of existence anchored to His Father's right hand securing your future by His side. The Gospel stands ONLY in the resurrection!

2. The Gospel declares Christ's atonement was enough in the resurrection.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

First importance, Christ died for our sins. We are not a byproduct of our environment, we are not born good, we are born spiritually dead. AND because spiritual death is something you were born into you need someone to rescue you before you even knew you needed rescuing!



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Isaiah 53:5-6 ESV

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our **iniquities**;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the **iniquity** of us all.

Romans 5:6 ESV

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the **ungodly**.

The Lord Jesus was placed under our sin, its' penalty, and the punishment for it, is what brought us peace. We did not clean ourselves up first, we did not repent and choose God first, Jesus dies for the ungodly to fulfill His calling and the reason for His sending to this earth. First importance, you got a need to address your sin and only Jesus can do anything about it!

Next the Lord was buried, that is He died. He didn't sleep off the attempted execution. The torture of the cross, the beating of the soldiers, the betrayal of the Sanhedrin, the denial of His disciples stole the life of the only innocent man there ever was. And because Jesus said no one can take His life but He must give it up of His own initiative (John 10: 17-18); He surrendered His spirit to His Father (Luke 23:46); and put the period on His earthly ministry, "*it is finished*" (John 19:30). His lifeless body was confirmed by a spear into His side, (John 19:34) spilling out water that punctured the sack around His heart showing its' failure. Then His body was given to Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus (John 19:38-39). They wrapped His body in linen with 75 pounds of embalming spices and placed in a tomb with Guards. There is no way they mistook Him for being dead.

Alright, He died for sins, He was then buried, by two men, and now the anchor point for Salvation, the reason to live, the reason to hope, a reason for our faith, Paul says, he rose on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.



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Hosea 6:2 ESV

After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.

The prophet Hosea calls for Israel to return to God, and then he spills the beans on how it would happen. The Psalmist gives a prophecy about the resurrection event that would occur.

Psalm 16:10 ESV

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

This is about the one set apart for this act. No corruption, no disintegration of the body returning to dust. Jesus' body, when you see Him family, is sporting the only body that never went through that. He believed this about Himself and taught it as a part of the Gospel He proclaimed.

Matthew 12: 38-40 ESV

³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." ³⁹ But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

The resurrection of Jesus declares to us that stand and to those that need Him that the life He lived earned all the righteousness He needed to come back from the dead, and it is all the power we will need to come back as well. His resurrection after the penalty for our iniquities shows that whatever sin you have done, it wasn't enough to keep Him down! His atonement was enough for us because He lives!

3. The Gospel has reliable witnesses for the resurrection.

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,



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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.

Paul as a Greek educated Pharisee giving testimony in the city of Corinth who loved their Court TV, he calls forth all the witnesses to the resurrection. Not only are there 2-3 as the OT code calls for but many times that amount, but the ones he calls forward have specific reasons why they are called.

Cephas/Peter then the 12: Ultimate betrayal followed by ultimate forgiveness. All the Apostles would end up being martyred for their faith in Christ. Cephas the first one to reach out to the Gentiles, to show that God had come for them too (Acts 10). Cephas the one Paul had already confronted and corrected. That guy, they know Him, he is the leader of the Apostles.

Appeared to 500 brothers at one time. The point of this fact is that there were people who were still alive that could testify to this account, name who was there in the party, and speak of what was said. These are most likely those people who had gone with Jesus to Jerusalem for Passover, who would have had a prior relationship with the Lord, that would recognize Him.

James, the earthly brother of Christ. James the unbeliever, James who thought Jesus was nuts. He had an encounter with His risen brother that it changed him, to the extent that he went on to be the head of the Jerusalem church, THE CHURCH! Then again to the Apostles so he speaks of the 12's commissioning by Christ, the encounter of Matthew 28 telling them to go into all the world and to make disciples.

Then Paul gives the last witness, himself. Paul does not boast as a Corinthian would by putting himself in the front of that line. He was an unrepentant sinner, he was persecuting the church, he was arresting saints, he was locking them up like a Gestapo agent. The Lord met him on the road to Damascus, blinded Him so He could not see. And Jesus took the one that stood watching/approving Stephen's death, and took Saul's will and conquered it, and Saul that day called Jesus Lord. The Lord sent him for healing/training/confirmation to the other Apostles and told him he would learn what it meant to suffer for His sake, and he did.



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The Gospel is anchored in the witnesses of people who were changed by Christ because that's the way the resurrection works. A living God is not an ethereal ideal, He lives, He speaks things into existence, He gives commands, He calls for repentance, He compels obedience, and those that are His deny Him not, and they offer their lives freely unto death. **The resurrection makes witnesses out of weaklings, servants out of simps, and disciples out of dummies.**

Maybe that's your story today? You are struck with all the reasons why you shouldn't belong to Him; you have realized you have no value outside of Him, but something about you has changed. That's because a living God has called you forth to a new life. You are different because He lives. The Gospel gives reliable witnesses for the resurrection, are you one of them? **Does your life display a different person**, a reborn person, because that is how God gives a witness to His existence in this world.

4. The Gospel can use the least of us because the resurrection changes us.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

Make no qualms about it, Paul is not high on himself. He doesn't walk around as a person who in his younger life, lived out all the goodness of his religion, all the laws that told him he is a person that fears God, he doesn't accept any of those things as good. Why? Because he persecuted the church of God, His bride, His chosen people. That also says a lot about Paul's ministry. Everything he does for the church is because Jesus loves those people and Paul loves Jesus, and that relationship has caused Paul to fall in love with those people. You see Jesus' **Gospel changes people because it calls you not just to follow as a law abider but as a people lover**. To be honest with you, until you meet Jesus, a person's love is never altruistic, it is usually self-serving. The Gospel changes all of that!

¹⁰But 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,



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but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

It was the Grace of God that Paul is what he is, and it was the Grace of God that used Paul to accomplish His purposes.

LBCF 1689 of Divine Providence 5.5

The perfectly wise, righteous, and **gracious God** often allows his own children for a time to experience a variety of temptations and the sinfulness of their own hearts. He does this to chastise them for their former sins or to make them aware of the hidden strength of the corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts so that they may be humbled. He also does this to lead them to a closer and more constant dependence on him to sustain them, to make them more cautious about all future circumstances that may lead to sin, and for other just and holy purposes.¹⁵ So whatever happens to any of his elect happens by his appointment, for his glory, and for their good.¹⁶

¹⁵2 Chronicles 32:25, 26, 31; 2 Corinthians 12:7-9. ¹⁶Romans 8:28.

God allows us, His children, to experience the sinfulness of our hearts. He causes us to see the sinfulness of our own hearts through the cross, without which there is no confession, repentance, and faith; what we call conversion. Through that process He draws us closer to Him for dependence, preserving us by that revelation. God takes the neediest of people and awards them eternal life, through the actions of the Son, and compels them with imputed righteousness to live for Him. Paul says it is by that Grace I witness to you.

This is how any of us can serve God. Our whole life is a life of Grace. It is by Grace that He did not give up on us, it is by Grace He uses our past sin to strengthen and make us usable, and it is by Grace that we get to see that encouraging us to preserve until the end. Without the resurrection you are never changed, there is no forgiveness, there is no Grace, only the abstract lesson of a cross to shame you.



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We are changed by the resurrection for our shame and guilt has been buried with Christ, and we live in a new life empowering us to love others that needed Grace just as much as we needed it.

[CALL TO OBEY]

- **Hold fast to the gospel you received.**

Daily: rehearse the gospel by confessing/admitting your sins to God and others, include with that letting go of the guilt that keeps you from living freely. As a Christian friend not only call on people to hold each accountable remind each other of the Grace they have received in Christ.

- **Become a reliable witness of the resurrection.**

Testify: write a 3-minute testimony that highlights how the risen Christ changed you (before/encounter/after). Share it with one person this week and invite them to Lord's Day worship or your home for family worship. Pray by name for the conversions of those people around you.

MP:

The Truth of Resurrection Power is a Preserving Power.

May we all come to 1st experience this power in our homes and in our lives, and 2nd may we display the power of the resurrection to the world demonstrating the transforming and preserving power of the Gospel.

Prayer

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you



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drink it, in remembrance of me.”²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Today when you eat of the bread remember the life of Jesus which was lived for us. The Lord in order to earn a resurrection, for Him and us, had to obtain a hard-won righteousness. He trusted the plan for His life when it was uncomfortable, hard, lonely, and without praise of men. Instead, He earned the praise of His Father without fail and the resurrection was the validation and reward for a life perfectly lived. Praise be to our King who loved God and us with perfect obedience.

Today when you drink the juice remember the cost of our sin displayed by His blood for the new covenant. Our rebellion had placed us in a state of hopelessness, we had no way to pay for sin, our eternal damnation was sealed, BUT God. The Lord took our place, paid our sins, and imputed to us freely His righteousness to us, and in that standing we too will be raised up again! Thanks be to our High Priest and King for His eternal intercessory love!

[CONFESSION OF FAITH]

* The Congregation will stand

Elder – **“Christians, what do we believe?”** Congregation – recites:

LBCF 1689 Chapter 8 Of Christ the Mediator Paragraph 4 Jesus' Atoning Work

Jesus willingly accepted this office. 21 In order to fulfill it, he was born under the law. 22 He perfectly fulfilled the law and suffered the punishment we deserved, which we should have endured and suffered. 23 He was made sin and a curse for us. 24 He endured extremely serious sorrows in his soul and extremely painful sufferings in his body. 25 He was crucified and died, and remained in a state of death, but his body did not decay. 26 On the third day, he rose from the dead 27 with the same body in which he suffered. 28 In this body, he also ascended into heaven, 29 where he sits at the right hand of his



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Father and intercedes. 30 He will return to judge humanity and angels at the end of the age. 31

21. Psalms 40:7-8; Hebrews 10:5-10; John 10:18
22. Galatians 4:4; Matthew 3:15
23. Galatians 3:13; Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 3:18
24. 2 Corinthians 5:21
25. Matthew 26:37, 38; Luke 22:44; Matthew 27:46
26. Acts 13:37
27. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
28. John 20:25, 27
29. Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11
30. Romans 8:34; Hebrews 9:24
31. Acts 10:42; Romans 14:9-10; Acts 1:11; 2 Peter 2:4

[OFFERING+LAST SONG] "Jesus!"

[BENEDICTION]

Go in the name of the Father, that resurrected His Son rewarding Him with vindication and opening the only way for us to be reunited with Him.

Go in the name of the Son, that earned His resurrection securing our Salvation making it the way to live forever with Him.

Go in the name of and power of the HS, that preserves us, reminding us that our lives are lived by Grace, Merit is given not earned, therefore go and share this good news so that others may live.



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[FELLOWSHIP CONVERSATIONS]

- What does it practically look like for you to “hold fast to the word” this month? Share one concrete habit you will begin (e.g., memorizing 1 Cor 15:3–4, Saturday–night preparation for the Lord’s Day, family worship rhythm). Who will help you keep it?
- Paul says, “by the grace of God I am what I am.” Where have you seen grace—not willpower—change you in the last year? Name one area where you need that same grace to work this week, and invite the group to pray specifically.
- The gospel “in which you stand” implies public loyalty to Christ. Where are you tempted to be silent or to compromise (work, school, online, politics, sanctity of life)? What would faithful, gentle courage look like in that setting this week?
- Reliable witnesses: Paul lists Cephas, the Twelve, the 500, James, and himself. How does their testimony strengthen your assurance? Practice: in 3 minutes, each person share how the risen Christ has changed you (before/encounter/after). Who can you share this with before next Lord’s Day?
- Resurrection hope preserves us in trials. Identify one present trial in your household. Pair it with one promise (e.g., 1 Cor 15:10–11; Rom 8:11). How can the group bear that burden with you in prayer and practical service this week?



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