

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

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

July 28, 2024

Today's Order of Service:

- Corporate Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11
- Doxology Romans 11
- Catechism "Simple Theology" 14-19
- Only a Holy God

Teaching: 1 Timothy 1:1-11 Building Spiritual Walls

- Collection of Tithes and Offerings
- I know my Redeemer Lives
- Solid Rock
- There is One Gospel
- Numbers 6:24

Upcoming Sermon Topics and Events: (also see website)

Aug 4 – Trellis & The Vine: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Aug 11 – The Necessary Thing: Luke 10:38-42

August 18 – Trellis & The Vine: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

August 25 – Trellis & The Vine: 1 Timothy 3:8-13

GROWING TOGETHER SERIES: August 14, 21, 28. We will be taking three Wednesday evenings to talk about our beliefs together as a Church. Join us at 7pm Shepherd of the Hills Church

THE WORKSHOP: Men's Bible Study. This is an ongoing study that meets the FIRST Sunday morning of every month at 7:30 a.m. Meeting location is at Robb Besosa's woodshop: 460 Salt Creek Road. Next Meeting: August 4 at 7:30am. We will be studying Psalm 51. See Kevin Salsbery for assignments and materials.

LIVE STREAMING: If you cannot attend in person, you can join us by clicking the button on our home page at **vineandbranch.family**

EMAIL LIST: If you attend regularly and want to be kept updated on church information and events by being included on the email list, provide your email to Ian Smith; iansmith@ianlabs.com. These are sent out 2-3 times a month and include prayer requests and announcement.

MISSIONARIES and MINISTRIES:

- **Rajan & Helen Nehemiah**
Agape Christian Mission – India
Agapemissionindia.org
- **John & Brittany Bagatya**
YWAM Hopeland Base, Uganda
Bagatya.wordpress.com
- **40 Days for Life:** 40daysforlife.com

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Main Point for Paul's letter to Timothy "Guard the Truth that Leads to Life."

Before his departure, Paul admonished the Ephesians elders, "I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them." (Acts 20:29,30)

"It is easier to be entertained by new information than applying old Truth!"

Paul marks these "different doctrines" = myths and genealogies, as slippery slopes that result in *swerving, wandering, departing, shipwrecking* from faith. These are not just harmless wanderings into "Hobby-doctrines."

Paul applies the Gospel to Those who teach a different Doctrine v. 19-20

Alexander and Hymeneous. These men are teaching a religious variation of the truth, have been devoted themselves to myths and endless genealogies, promoting speculation rather than promoting stewardship of the truth which can be known by faith. They are involved in "irreverent and silly myths," and are "puffed up with conceit while they really understand nothing." These men are "always learning yet never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth." They have an "unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words." They have shipwrecked their faith, and in their wake leave a trail of envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction.

Gospel to Hymeneous Applied: Disciplined from the church = "handed over to Satan."

LIFE LESSON: Stewardship the truth rather than speculation of thing we cannot know.

Paul applies the Gospel to Timothy v. 18-19

Timothy is to wage war with the weapons of "Sincere faith & good conscience."

LIFE LESSON: Wage Warfare. CULTIVATE a Pure heart, MAINTAIN a good conscience, NURTURE a sincere faith. (see last weeks application.)

Paul applies the Gospel to himself v.12-18

When Paul pens, "The Law used lawfully" he must be thinking of himself and how he misused the Law and missed the Gospel and became a violent *blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent.*" (Acts 8, 9, Mt 23:15)

Gospel = *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.*" (1 Cor 15:1-5.)

Having applied the Gospel to himself, Paul then rejoices in God with a doxology, "To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."

LIFE LESSON: Rejoice in your Rescue.

APPLICATION: Guard the truth that leads to life and Wage Good Warfare by:

1. **Stewardship of incorruptible truth vs. Speculation** – Joyfully focusing our time and energy on studying, discussing, and applying the incorruptible truth we know for sure.
2. **Waging the Good Warfare** – By intentionally and consistently seeking to apply the Gospel: **CULTIVATING a Pure heart, MAINTAINING a good conscience, NURTURING a sincere faith.**
3. **Rejoicing in our Rescue** – regularly recalling the simplicity of the Gospel that saved us and that changes us.