

# Welcome

We're glad you've joined us this morning! Feel free to check things out and determine whether we might be a good match for you. We're here to help at your invitation — you set the pace.

If you'd like to explore other options after the service, or if you have questions, please pick up the *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit or speak with a member of our Welcome Team in the hall.

When you're ready for the next step, we'd encourage you to check out a Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings) or join a Community Group (Sunday nights). Both are great ways to connect with others as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

## Notes

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## Information



We hope you'll take part in this annual family opportunity to bless our community with meals for Thanksgiving. Get details and a bag to fill in the Main Hall this morning!



Ladies, join us for a night to celebrate Christmas with fellowship and a meal catered by Gypsy Kit. Sign up in the Main Hall or online. Limited spots available. Childcare available up through 4th grade.



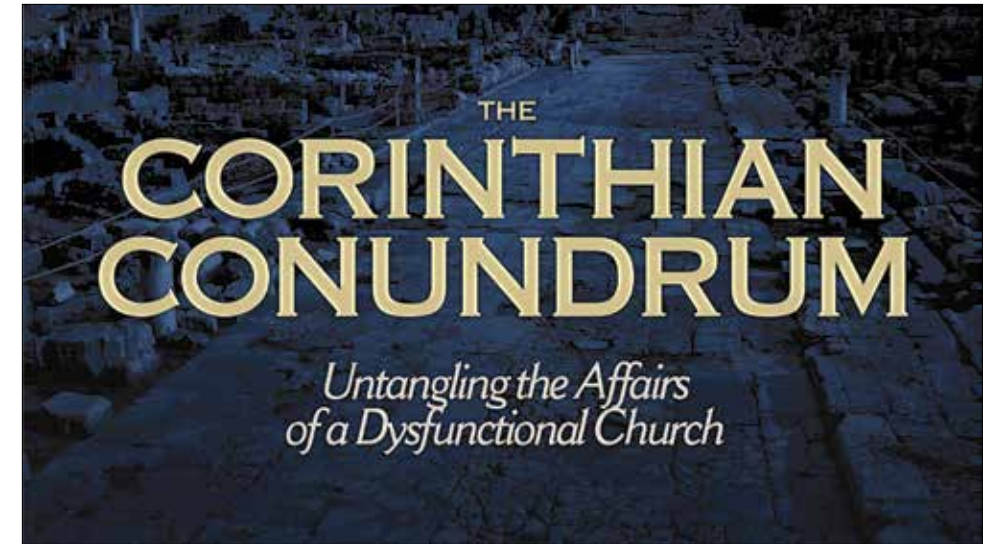
Visit us in the Main Hall for more details about Operation Christmas Child, an annual effort by Samaritan's Purse to provide much-needed gifts and joy to children around the world.



Guys—this ongoing fellowship of men who are serious about authenticity, community, and restoration meets weekly throughout the year. Join the conversation at any time.



November 8, 2015



This morning we continue our study of the book of 1 Corinthians, which began in January and resumed in September after a summer break. If you'd like to catch up on previous lessons, listen online any time at [gracechurch.com/podcast](http://gracechurch.com/podcast).

## Updates and Family Matters

## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child partners with churches worldwide to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are discipled through their Bible study course, The Greatest Journey, where they learn to become faithful followers of Christ and share their faith with others. *Visit us in the Main Hall this morning for more details.*

## Family Matters

Please pray for Donna and Bill Underwood as they grieve the loss of her mother Betty Nash.



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# This Week

| Churchwide                                                                                     |
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| <b>Worship Services</b><br>Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM                             |
| <b>Bible Fellowships</b><br>Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM or 10:30–11:45 AM                            |
| Small Groups                                                                                   |
| <b>Community Groups</b><br>Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at various locations                           |
| Adult Studies                                                                                  |
| <b>The Book of Matthew</b><br>Wednesday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Dining Room                       |
| <b>The Book of Acts</b><br>Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Tejas Room                           |
| Men                                                                                            |
| <b>Solid Answers to Serious Questions</b><br>Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft |
| <b>Samson Society</b><br>Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library                                 |
| <b>Friday Morning Study</b><br>Friday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Tejas Room                          |
| Women                                                                                          |
| <b>Breath</b><br>Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208                           |
| <b>MOMs Book Study</b><br>Thursday, 10:00–11:30 AM in Room 208                                 |

| Senior Adults                                                        |
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| <b>Tuesday Afternoon Study</b><br>Tuesday, 1:00–2:00 PM in Room 111  |
| Senior High                                                          |
| <b>Senior High Youth</b><br>Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.    |
| Junior High                                                          |
| <b>Junior High Youth</b><br>Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.    |
| 5th & 6th Grade                                                      |
| <b>Breakaway</b><br>Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft              |
| Children                                                             |
| <b>Kids’ Quest</b><br>Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Children’s Area |
| College & Career                                                     |
| <b>Late Night</b><br>Tuesday, 7:00–8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.             |

# This Morning

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| <b>Lesson 29: The Gospel and Christ’s Resurrection</b> — <i>1 Corinthians 15:1–11</i><br>Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| I.                                                                                                                | <b>The benefit of the gospel:</b> The gospel is a unique message in providing eternal life for all who place their faith in Jesus Christ — <i>1 Corinthians 15:1–2</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| II.                                                                                                               | <b>The essentials of the gospel:</b> The good news of the gift of eternal life is based on the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ (validated by His burial) and His bodily resurrection (validated by His appearances)— <i>1 Corinthians 15:3–11</i> . <div><div><div>A.</div><div><b>The person of Christ:</b> Jesus is the Guarantor of eternal life as the sinless God-man—<i>John 1:14,18; Philippians 2:6–8</i>.</div></div><div><div>B.</div><div><b>The work of Christ:</b> Jesus Christ fulfilled Hebrew prophecies in dying for our sins, being buried, rising from His grave, and appearing to many people prior to His departure to heaven—<i>1 Corinthians 15:3–8</i>.</div></div><div><div><div>1.</div><div><b>His death:</b> His prophesied death was a sacrifice for the sins of all mankind (John 11:47-52; Isaiah 53:4-6)—<i>1 Corinthians 15:3</i>.</div></div><div><div>2.</div><div><b>His burial:</b> His burial substantiated the reality that He had died (Isaiah 53:9)—<i>1 Corinthians 15:4a</i>.</div></div><div><div>3.</div><div><b>His resurrection:</b> His prophesied resurrection validated the efficacy of His death (Psalm 16:8-11)—<i>1 Corinthians 15:4b</i>.</div></div><div><div>4.</div><div><b>His appearances:</b> His post-resurrection appearances substantiated that He rose from the dead in the same body that He had been crucified (Isaiah 53:10-12)—<i>1 Corinthians 15:5–11</i>.</div></div><div><div><div>a.</div><div><b>During the 40 days after His resurrection</b>—<i>1 Corinthians 15:5-7</i>.</div></div><div><div>b.</div><div><b>After the first 40 days</b>—<i>1 Corinthians 15:8–11</i>.</div></div><div><div><div>i.</div><div>Saul of Tarsus did not have a vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus, but actually saw the risen Christ with his physical eyes as the last eye witness—<i>1 Corinthians 15:8a</i>.</div></div><div><div>ii.</div><div>Paul felt privileged to see the risen Christ in spite of not having been personally disciplined by Jesus during His earthly ministry—<i>1 Corinthians 15:8b</i>.</div></div><div><div>iii.</div><div>He felt especially unworthy to have seen the risen Christ because of his personal campaign to eradicate the church from the earth—<i>1 Corinthians 15:9</i>.</div></div><div><div>iv.</div><div>The provision of God’s grace through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ transformed Paul’s life and ministry—<i>1 Corinthians 15:10</i>.</div></div><div><div>v.</div><div>Christ’s resurrection ultimately led to Paul’s connection to the Corinthian church through his proclamation of the gospel—<i>1 Corinthians 15:11</i>.</div></div></div></div></div></div> |
| III.                                                                                                              | <b>The content of the gospel:</b> The God-man died for our sins and rose from His grave to give eternal life to everyone who believes in Him.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

# Discuss

- These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.
1.

In just a few sentences, how would you explain the gospel for someone who may not be familiar with the Bible?
2.

How would you describe the effect of the gospel on your life? What is the daily impact of the gospel on your life?
3.

How would you show someone that the gospel is reliable information?
4.

Why do you think it is important for Paul to remind the Corinthians of the gospel? Why do we, in a sense, need to dwell on the gospel every day?
5.

Paul reminds the Corinthians of how the gospel reached them. Describe how the gospel came to reach you. Why would it be important to be reminded of that?