



Hold Fast

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1 Corinthians 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.³ 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, 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, 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. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

In this text the Apostle Paul explains the hope of the resurrection as he reminds the Corinthians of the truth of the Gospel to which they must hold fast.

For us today: for us to survive and thrive in this life and to have hope for the life to come, we must hold fast to the truth of the Gospel.

➔ Gospel means “_____” and is essentially the good news that Jesus lived a perfect life, died in the place of, and rose from the dead for, the forgiveness of sinners and assurance of eternal life for all who place their faith in Him.

“That is the very marrow of the gospel, the foundation of it—that Jesus Christ died and rose again the third day, according to the Scriptures.” – Charles Spurgeon

⁴⁶ and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day; ⁴⁷ and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. (Luk 24:46-47 NAS)

➤ Proclaim the Gospel.

○ It must be _____.

○ It must be delivered.

➤ _____ the Gospel.

○ You received the Gospel.

○ You are being _____ because of the Gospel.

“Christ died”--that is history; “Christ died for our sins”--that is doctrine. Without these two elements, joined in an absolutely indissoluble union, there is no Christianity.”

– J. Gresham Machen, *Christianity and Liberalism*

➤ _____ in the Gospel.

¹³ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love. (1Co 16:13-14 ESV)

➤ Hold Fast to the Gospel.

➔ We must HOLD FAST AND _____ the Gospel.

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