

“Can You Handle the Truth?”
Resurrection Sunday
April 12, 2009

I. 1 Corinthians 15:1-19

A. The Truth of the Gospel

1. **T**aken just as it is offered (vv1-2)

Romans 1:16 Acts 4:12; John 14:6

2. **R**esurrection is the lynchpin of the gospel. (vv17, 54, 57)

Romans 10:9, 10

3. **U**ntrue – To prove the gospel untrue, you must disprove the resurrection. (vv4—8)

4. **T**est the resurrection account and thus the gospel.

5. **H**eat of the matter – It’s a matter of the heart.

“I believe in order to understand.” (Augustine)

“For I do not seek to understand in order to believe, but I believe in order to understand. For this I believe, that unless I believe, I will not understand.” (Anselm)

Scriptures for April 12, 2009

1 Cor 15:1-19

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which 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 according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit 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 did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. 12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. 15 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; 17 and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

1 Cor 15:54, 57

But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory...but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Acts 4:12

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father, but through Me."

Rom 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved...