

simple glorious gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

- The gospel is the KEY to our entire lives. 15:1-2
- The gospel is the historical news of Jesus' DEATH for our sins and His RESURRECTION from the dead. 15:3-5
- The gospel is AUTHENTICATED by Jesus' resurrection from the dead. 15:4-8

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Acts 18:1-11. What do you think it was like for Paul to enter Corinth and begin sharing the news about Jesus with people? What did he feel, what did he think?
2. What do we see about Paul's strategy for proclaiming Jesus in 1 Corinthians 1:17-24 and 2:1-10a? How do we see both the simplicity and the glory of the gospel here?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-2. Why do you think Paul describes the gospel's effectiveness in the present tense? How does this show up in our lives today?
4. If an unbeliever asked you what the gospel is, how would you state the gospel in one succinct sentence? How does Paul's approach encourage you?
5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-8. What stands out to you about Paul's statement of the gospel message?
6. How would you respond to someone who said, "It does not matter if Jesus rose from the dead historically. All that matters is your personal faith." (see 1 Cor 15:13-19)
7. Consider this quote by Jaroslav Pelikan, "If Christ is risen—then nothing else matters. And if Christ is not risen—then nothing else matters." What does this mean and is it true?
8. What evidence for the resurrection of Jesus do you find most compelling? Why? How has the gospel message encouraged you this Easter?



