

LESSON 23
THE CERTAINTY OF THE BODILY RESURRECTION – PART 1
1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-19

I. The Record of Jesus' Resurrection (15:1-11)

A. The introduction (15:1-2)

1. The reminder (15:1)

- Paul reminds them of the _____ which he preached and they received.

2. The basis of salvation (15:2)

- The gospel was the basis for their _____.

B. The creed (15:3-8)

1. Christ's death (15:3)

- Jesus Christ died for our sins in _____.

2. Burial and Resurrection (15:4)

- He was _____ on the third day in fulfillment of the scripture.

3. The risen Christ witnessed (15:5-8)

a. The witness of the apostles (15:5)

- The resurrected Jesus was seen by _____.

b. The witness of the 500 (15:6)

- The resurrected Jesus was seen by _____.

c. The witness of James (15:7)

- He was seen by James, the brother of Jesus, and those who _____.

d. The witness of Paul (15:8)

- Finally, Paul witnessed the _____.

C. Paul's confession (15:9-11)

1. Least of apostles (15:9)

- Paul describes himself as the least of the apostles because of _____.

2. The grace bestowed on Him (15:10)

- Christ bestowed grace on Paul and he responded to it with _____.

3. The accepted message (15:11)

- Paul proclaims this gospel as universally _____.

II. The Question Concerning the Resurrection (15:12-19)

A. The denial of the resurrection (15:12)

- Paul questions why they _____ in spite of the message of the gospel.

B. The implications (15:13-18)

1. Concerning Christ (15:13)

- Paul states that if there is no resurrection, then Jesus Christ is _____.

2. Concerning preaching and faith (15:14)

- If Jesus is not alive, then our message and beliefs are _____.

3. Concerning their witness (15:15)

- If there is no resurrection, then we are nothing more than _____.

4. Concerning your faith (15:16-17)

- If there is no resurrection, then our faith is meaningless and we are _____.

5. Concerning the saints who have died (15:18)

- If there is no resurrection, then the death is _____.

C. Paul's summation (15:19)

- Without the resurrection of Christ, we should be _____.