

1 Corinthians 15:1-4
“Of First Importance”

1. Introduction:(vv. 1-3a)

- a. Paul’s reminder of the Gospel (vv. 1-2)
- b. The foundation of Christianity

2. The Cross (vv. 3-4a)

- a. “*Christ died*” (v. 3)
- b. “*For our sins*” (v. 3)
 - i. The cross: by you
 - ii. The cross for you
- c. “*In accordance with the Scriptures*” (v. 3)
- d. “*He was buried*” (v. 4)

3. The Resurrection (v. 4)

- a. “*He was raised on the third day*”
- b. “In accordance with the Scriptures”
- c. Application:
 - i. He has authority over all things...including us!
 - ii. He has “crushed death to death”
 - iii. “*The Spirit of Him who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*” – Rom. 8:11

4. Invitation

- a. Jesus is Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36-37)
- b. Who is this truth for? “*The promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself*” (Acts 2:39; see also John 3:16; 4:42b ; Luke 2:10-11)
- c. How will you respond to this Good News?