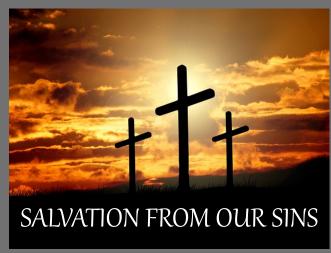
"Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time."1 Corinthians 15:1-8



Of The Gospel Of Jesus





Basic Facts
From

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

Our Work In Salvation

- 1. "I preached"
 Acts 5:42
- 2. "You received"
 Matthew 13:19, 20, 22, 23
- 3. "In which you stand"
 1 Peter 5:12
- 4. "By which you are saved" Romans 10:9

NO DIRECT OPERATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE SINNER'S **HEART!** NO SALVATION ONLY BY LOOKING ON THE CROSS OF CHRIST!

"...unless you believed in vain."

- Of first importance; not emptily believed, but embraced with design
 - What was received, had been delivered Galatians 1:11-12
 - Not of human origin
 - Not of human development
 - By revelation

- "... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." ~ 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 ~
 - Three facts
 - Christ died for our sins
 - He was buried (sealed tomb)
 - He was raised the third day

Then...

1 Corinthians 15:5-8

He appeared to Cephas (Peter)... Then to the twelve (11 apostles)... Then to more than... **500** (most of whom still alive) Then He appeared to James.... Then to all the apostles (again 11)... Then, to Paul....

How Does This Change Anyone?

In Corinth (And Elsewhere!) It Moderated:

Christians' attitudes toward each other Chapters 1-3
Christians' concern for straying Christians Chapters
4-6

Christians' pure marriages Chapter 7

Christians' conscientiousness Chapters 8-10

Christians' correct worship Chapters 11-14

Christians' faithfulness Chapters 15-16

Each Christian Should Know That God Loves Us
Too Much To Ignore Our Loss Of Faith!

NOT "A Sinner's Prayer," But The Sinner's Gospel Of Obedience Demands:

"Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection" Romans 6:3-5

"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For 'whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

~ Romans 10:13 ~



"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

~ Acts 22:16 ~