

1st Corinthians #6

August 5th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 15: 1-11)

- 1) We discussed at the beginning of the letter, but according to this context, what does Paul say the "gospel" is?
- 2) Is that all there is to it? Aren't Paul's epistles the "gospel"? What about matters of worship, salvation, marriage, parenting, etc.? Are these matters not "gospel" as well?
- 3) How do we "take our stand" on the gospel? (Vs. 2) How do we not?
- 4) Why does Paul cite so much evidence about the resurrection of Jesus?
- 5) What does Paul mean when he says he was "abnormally born"? (Vs. 8)
- 6) Paul says he worked harder than all of the apostles, but it was God's grace working *in* him and *through* him. Does God's grace work harder *in* and *through* some people than others? (Vs. 10) Why or why not?

August 12th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 15: 12-19)

- 1) Can someone be a Christian without *fully* believing in Jesus' resurrection? Can you prove your answer?
- 2) Does one have to believe in his *own* resurrection to be a Christian?
- 3) How does Paul connect the two resurrections together?
- 4) How is Jesus' resurrection connected to our integrity as Christians?
- 5) How do we know if we have hope in this life or the life to come? Any specific evaluating factors come to mind? (Vs. 19)

August 19th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 15: 20-28)

- 1) If the Corinthians believed in *Jesus'* resurrection, what does that imply about *their* resurrection?
- 2) What does Paul mean when he refers to Christ as "first fruits"? (Vs. 20)
- 3) Does vs. 22 imply everyone will be saved?
- 4) Does vs. 25 imply Jesus will have an earthly reign after the Second Coming? Does this support Pre-Millennialism?
- 5) What type of "kingdom" is Paul describing in this passage?

August 26th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 15: 29-34)

- 1) What does the phrase, "...baptized for the dead" mean? (Vs. 29) Would you agree to be baptized for someone who had died? Why or why not?
- 2) How does this phrase fit into Paul's arguments about the resurrection?
- 3) What does it mean to "...die every day..."? (Vs. 31)
- 4) Does Paul connect belief in the resurrection with moral behavior? (Vs. 33)
- 5) What does it mean to be "ignorant of God"? (Vs. 34)

September 2nd, 2018 (1 Corinthians 15: 35-58)

- 1) The Corinthians were confused about what type of resurrection the resurrection of the dead would be, but what about you?
- 2) Physical, spiritual, none of the above, or all of the above?
- 3) How do you know?
- 4) How did the "natural" come before the "spiritual"? (vs. 46)
- 5) Who was the "second man from heaven"? (Vs. 47) Who was the "first"?
- 6) Specifically, what is our "victory" in Jesus Christ? (Vs. 57)
- 7) What does it mean to "stand firm?" (Vs. 58)
- 8) Do we sometimes think we're standing firm when we really aren't? How do we know?

September 9th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 16:1-9)

- 1) Is this passage a command to give a *weekly* contribution today? If not, why does Paul say "every week"? (Vs. 2)
- 2) Is it unbiblical to make contributions to your local church on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis?
- 3) What does it specifically mean to "lay by in store" or "set aside"? (Vs. 2)
- 4) In your opinion, what is the hardest thing about giving?
- 5) Is there ever a time when we aren't obligated to give to the local church? Can you prove your answer through Scripture?

September 16th, 2018 (1 Corinthians 16: 10-24)

- 1) In your opinion, what purpose do these random exhortations serve? It's sure an interesting way to conclude the letter, isn't it?
- 2) What conclusions, if any, can we draw about "house churches" since Paul mentions them in verse 19?
- 3) Should we meet in homes rather than buildings today?
- 4) Why don't we greet one another with a "holy kiss"? Should we? How do we define the difference between "cultural" and "biblical", and who gets to decide which one is which?