

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 06 Jun..... 1Cor 1-3 Promoting Church Unity
- 2) 13 Jun..... 1Cor 4 Encouraging Church Leaders
- 3) 20 Jun..... 1Cor 5-6 Practicing Christian Morality
- 4) 27 Jun..... 1Cor 7 What Should I Do?
- 5) 04 Jul..... 1Cor 8-11 What Can I Do?
- 6) 11 Jul..... 1Cor 12 & 14 Spiritual Gifts Today
- 7) 18 Jul..... 1Cor 13 Expressing True Love
- 8) **25 Jul..... 1Cor 15-16..... Believing in the Resurrection**
- 9) 01 Aug 2Cor 1-2 The Integrity Factor
- 10) 08 Aug 2Cor 3-5 The Faithfulness Factor
- 11) 15 Aug 2Cor 5-7 The Reconciliation Factor
- 12) 22 Aug 2Cor 7-9 The Long Distance Factor
- 13) 29 Aug 2Cor 10-13 The Improvement Factor

INTRODUCTION

- Paul wraps up some final thoughts on knowing the truth, living the truth, telling the truth, and treating others well

Passage	Comments
Chap 15:1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v2. Saved by the Gospel – If you hold fast (endure) • Believers will endure since God completes that which He started (Phil 1:6), but some think they were saved since they ‘walked the aisle’ or said the Sinner’s Prayer or other form of easy-believism for their day – which is believing in vain. They just want to escape Hell or acquire health and wealth instead of serving Christ
15:5-11	<p>Resurrection Credibility based on 500+ eye witnesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter and ‘the 12’ (The ‘called’ Apostles) • 500+ witnesses over 40 days..... Mt 28:10; Acts 1:3 • Then to James, then to all the apostles/disciples <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Apostles = ‘sent one’; from a generic perspective we all receive apostleship orders Rom 1:5; 2Cor 8:23 ♦ Other apostles identified in Scripture include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matthias Acts 1:26 - Barnabas Acts 14:14 - James Gal 1:19 - Epaphroditus Phil 2:25 - Adronicus & Junia (female)..... Rom 16:7 • v8. Last of all, he appeared to Paul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ WARNING – Watch out for those who claim to have seen the risen Lord in a vision or a dream
15:12-28; 30-32	<p>There is no Gospel without the Resurrection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv17-19. If Christ did not rise from the grave, then our faith is in vain – and we are to be pitied since we are not living for the moment (eat, drink & be merry) ... v32 • vv22-23. ‘because of Adam ALL die, because of Christ ALL will be made alive’ – this is not UNIVERALISM where everyone is saved & goes to Heaven, but Paul is stressing that the work of Christ is more than sufficient to meet all the evils introduced by the fall of Adam
15:29	<p>Baptizing for the Dead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are more than 60 possible interpretations for this • Mormons use this passage to justify their rite of believers being baptized to save those already dead • Paul makes the point by adding if the Resurrection did not happen, then even this unwarranted practice is vain
15: 33-34	<p>No Excuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Bad company corrupts good morals’ is a quote from the Greek poet Menander which is equivalent to ‘a little leaven leavens the whole lump’ 1Cor 5:6 • Paul also says “STOP SINNING” – flip the switch off • ...and to their shame, the Corinthians had the message of life but failed to share it with others
15:35-49	<p>What will our Resurrected Bodies be Like?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In brief, it begins as a perishable body (like a single kernel of corn), but is raised to live for eternity • Christ will have the only marred body in Heaven

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15:50-58	<p>A Mystery is Revealed – The First Resurrection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly alluding to the entry into the millennial period which is referenced as the 1st Resurrection ..Rev 20:4-6 • This is a motivational passage for us to hang tough
16:1-9	<p>Collection for the Saints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a good practice to have on a weekly basis to put aside funds to help other Saints in needRom 15:26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Priority of Aid is first to Family (1Tim 5:8), then to Saints (Gal 6:10); then to others • vv3,4. Paul also stresses financial accountability. Only those who were approved should help with the money – and Paul was willing to assist for added assurance
16:10-24	<p>Final Words to Live By</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv10,11. Treat young timid Timothy w/ respect/honor - Let us carefully encourage and not intimidate others • vv13, 14. ‘Act like men, be strong, be loving, stand firm in your faith’ – Christianity is not for wimps • vv16,18. Acknowledge and be under the authority of those who have spiritual responsibility for our souls – that they may do it with joyHeb 13:7

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:

- These 2 chapters seemingly explain what the Apostle John said in 1John 5:13 – ‘These things are written ... that you might know you have eternal life.’”

SUPPORTING PASSAGES:

Rom 15:26 Macedonia and Achaia believers made contribution for the poor among the saints who are in Jerusalem.

Gal 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

1Tim5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Heb 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

NEXT WEEK: 2Corinthians 1-2. We should not trust in ourselves and we are not to be ignorant of Satan’s schemes

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Gimmy couldn't help but feel mocked when reading 1 Corinthians 15:55.