

**HOLY MANY IN UNHOLY SOCIETY:  
A study in I and II Corinthians  
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**The Gospel Tradition  
I Corinthians 15:1-11  
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**Major themes in Paul's longest single argument in Scripture:**

What God has done through Christ is both the model and means of what He will do for all of Jesus' people who belong to Him by faith.

**The basis of Paul's argument for resurrection – the gospel tradition.**

- 15:1-2 I. The gospel has been made known.**  
A. The gospel has been proclaimed and received.  
B. The gospel is our foundation and salvation.  
cf. Acts 20:24; Romans 1:1-4, 16-17; Acts 18:1-18
- :3-4 II. The gospel basics are the priority and the resurrection is central.**  
A. The gospel plan is centered on the work of Christ.  
B. The gospel plan is ancient in origin.  
cf. Isaiah 53:5-6; Ezekiel 36-37; Hosea 6:1-2; John 11:20-26; Acts 4:33, 17:32; Titus 3:4-7; Psalm 16:8-11
- :5-8 III. The ancient plan of the gospel has present prominence because of the power of the resurrection.**  
A. The resurrection was witnessed [*opthe*] by many.  
B. The resurrection re-orders our present priorities.  
cf. Matthew 28:16ff; Luke 24:9, 33; Mark 16:14ff; Luke 15:22-24
- :9-11 IV. The gospel shows us our great need and God's great provision.**  
A. The gospel highlights the grace of God.  
B. The gospel dignifies the destitute and motivates the man of God.  
C. The gospel is accessed by faith alone.  
cf. Ephesians 3:8; I Timothy 1:15; Philippians 3:4-11

*“The message of the resurrection is that this world matters! The injustices and pains of this present world must now be addressed with the news that healing, justice, and love have won... Easter means that in a world where injustice, violence, and degradation are endemic, God is not prepared to tolerate such things- and that we will work and plan, with all the energy of God, to implement victory of Jesus over them all. Take away Easter (the resurrection) and Karl Marx was probably right to accuse Christianity of ignoring the problems of the material world. Take it away and Freud was probably right to say Christianity is wish-fulfillment. Take the resurrection away and Nietzsche probably was right to say it was for wimps.”*

--NT Wright, For All God's Worth: True Calling and the Worship of the Church