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Digging In

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2. According to v. 1, Paul's purpose is to remind the Corinthians of the gospel. How would you define the word *gospel*?
3. Why is the gospel so important? (v. 2)
4. How does Paul explain the essentials of the gospel in vss. 3-8?
5. In your own words, what does it mean to be saved? (see John 3:16)
6. What evidence does Paul give that Jesus' resurrection was an actual historical event? (vss. 4-8)
7. Why did Paul make a point of saying that Jesus was buried?
8. Paul says that Christ's death and resurrection were *according to Scripture*. How is this seen, e.g., in Ps 16:8-11 and Isa 53:5-6?
9. Why do you think Paul places such an emphasis on the resurrection of Christ? (vss. 12-19)



Getting Personal

- In what sense have we *taken our stand* on the gospel? (v. 1)
- To the Corinthians, Paul stressed the importance of holding firmly to *the word I preached to you*. (v. 2) How does this apply to us? (see Heb 3:14)
- What are the wonderful truths that flow from the certainty of Christ's resurrection? (1 Cor 15:20-28)
- How does the resurrection of Christ encourage you regarding both the certainty of your salvation and the power to live a godly life? (Romans 6:5-14)

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