



## Well Check wk7: Stand on the Gospel

**Introduction:** In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul clarifies the gospel while demonstrating how its power is our hope for all eternity. There may be all kinds of things where we have theological confusion or division, but the resurrection of Jesus can never be one of them.

### Discussion Questions

1. If someone was to ask you what was the most critical piece of the Christian faith, what would you say? What do you think people who are not Christian believe is most important to us? Is there a disconnect?
2. Read **1 Corinthians 15:1-8** What are the 4 elements of the Gospel that Paul says he preaches and they have believed? Most scholars believe this letter was written in the early 50's AD. Why is that important or how does that give confidence in the faith?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 15:12-19** What does Paul say is the problem if there is no resurrection of the dead?
4. Read **1 Corinthians 15:20-23** What does Jesus' resurrection have to do with a hope of resurrection for his followers? Why does he connect his argument with Adam?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 15:42-57** Does the idea of a physical, bodily resurrection of believers sound confusing to you? What questions might you have? How was Jesus' body recognizable, yet different after the resurrection? How does a resurrection body fit with what we read in the New Testament about "new creation," the new heaven and new earth?
6. How should the hope of the resurrection affect how we live today? Is the idea to sit around and wait for heaven when we die?

**Shaping Your Mind** – *Where, O, death is your victory? Where, O, death is your sting? 1 Cor. 15:55*

**Moving Forward** – If we only have hope for this life we are to be most pitied.