

1 Corinthians 15:1-11: Preaching / Believing the Facts of the Gospel

Short version

A - I (Paul) preached and ye received /believed (vs.1,2)

B – unless ye believed in vain* (vs.2)

C - I received the gospel¹ (vs.3)

D - The Lord was seen by many groups – (corporate) (vs.5,7)

D - Last of all the Lord was seen by me – (individual) (vs.8)

C - as one (Paul) born out of due time² (vs.8)

B – the grace of God upon me was not in vain[†] (vs.2)

A - So we preach, and so ye believed

* **B** of vs.2 -the “unless ye believed in vain” indicates either a) they didn’t believe the resurrection happened (vs.12) or b) the power of the gospel (Christ’s resurrection) hasn’t impacted them personally

1. “I received the gospel” – Christ died for our sins, was buried and resurrected the third day according to the Scriptures.

2. “As one born out of due time” –refers to when Paul received at his conversion the gospel of Christ.

† **B** of vs.10 –“the grace of God upon me was not in vain[^] [i.e. it led the apostle Paul to appropriate the resurrection of Christ personally], thus causing him to labour “more abundantly than they all.