

Hello! This is Dorothy -

What a joy to be able to turn to the living Word today together! If you have a Bible, I would like you to open to **1 Corinthians chapter 15**. If you do not know where that is, there is a table of contents right at the front of the Bible. It will help you to get to know where to read the Word and how to follow through on what is being said over these wonderful radio waves. I want to share a little bit about this, day by day, over the next week or so. So, please, as you know this is going to be the time we are going to embark on this adventure in **1 Corinthians 15**, have your Bible ready.

You see, the church at Corinth was in a real mess! The Apostle Paul had already been writing to the church, but there were things still to be cleared up. It is a simple fact that this chapter is about **Christ is risen**. That is so important for you and me to understand. because it literally effects our lives here on planet earth and for all eternity. In **verse 1**, we read the Apostle had preached the Gospel to the them, which they received. In other words, they had been saved by faith and knew wherein they stood. Yes, they had proven, changed lives. You ask if somebody is saved? Look at that life. You know, sometimes we expect dramatic things to happen, but at least we see those things

which show there is the indwelling Lord. Suddenly, the things which meant so much to them are falling away. There is a new heart being expressed toward others as they go into the average day and see from God's point of view. That is evidence of real life.

In the Amplified Bible we read —

1 And now let me remind you [since it seems to have escaped you], brethren, of the Gospel (the glad tidings of salvation) which I proclaimed to you, which you welcomed and accepted and upon which your faith rests. Perhaps you know you have been saved, but somehow it just got away; it drifted away from you. You are not in the Word and you are not sharing Christ with other people. You do not understand the bond in Christ for the family of God. Every one of us has our peculiarities; none of us is the most perfect sister or the most perfect brother we would choose. But let us remember, we are part of the body of Christ. God is doing that work in us. Let's with tolerance love each other; let's pray for one another where we see there is a need; let's see we are not using people for what we can get, but instead through the love of Christ, we are filling the gap in the need we see in that other person.

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless you have believed in vain. You see, some people say, "Oh, I am saved. I know I am. Thirty years ago, something happened at a certain meeting or my mother said this and I said yes

and I got on my knees.” But there is no evidence of life. Then when people speak about the resurrection, we say, “Oh, I cannot believe in all that stuff.” It is interesting, isn’t it? We live in a day when people will read the most weird things about what could happen with people racing around planets and doing wild and crazy things that are so way out, but we get excited and say this is possible! But to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead? What is so difficult to follow about that? But some of us do not realize that this is the key of our salvation: to see that not only did Jesus Christ die on upon the Cross, because He loved you and me, but He conquered death and He rose from the death! This was the death you and I should have. He rose from the grave that we would be alive in Him. Yes, may it be if you have made a profession that you really, really do believe.

Verses 3 and 4 are to me the heart of the Gospel in the Bible. Some people say, “Well, I want to know what the Gospel - the Good News - is all about. Where can I turn?” Perhaps they will rightfully turn to **John chapter 3, verse 16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.** But, I like to think that the heart of the Gospel is in **1 Corinthians 15** as these verses really explain exactly what God has done on our behalf. We read in **verses 3 and 4 —**

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received .

. . You cannot tell somebody about salvation unless you have been saved yourself. Perhaps that is the reason you are not telling other people.. . . **how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures:**

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures. So, let me ask you, **according to the Scriptures**, where do you stand today? This is not about what have you done, what church you belong to, or about your works. But, **according to the Scriptures**, can you really say, **“Christ died; (He) was buried, and (He) rose again.** Also, because of Him I can live, because I received Him and that very work was done on my behalf. And He lives in me!”

If you have any question about this in your life, please today write immediately. Call into the studio. We are waiting to hear from you. We have a book, *Your Quest for God*, which we want to put in your hands.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.