The Value of the Gospel
1 Cor. 15:1-11

Introduction:
A. Paul gives us some insight into the value of the gospel in this chapter.
   1. He briefly states the fundamental facts of the gospel (vv. 1-4)
   2. He refers to the witnesses to these facts (vv. 5-8).
   3. He expands on these facts, especially the resurrection, in the rest of the chapter.
B. Paul’s expansion of the facts of the gospel help us to understand its value to us.
   1. Why are you here listening to me? You believe these facts.
   2. Why am I preaching and you supporting me? We believe these facts.
   3. Why are all the works of Christianity done? People believe these facts.
C. We learn two things about the gospel story in this chapter:

Discussion:
I. The Gospel Story Is Worth Living For.
   A. A life of preaching it (vv. 11-14); cf. Mark 16:15-16; Rom. 1:15,16).
      1. As the answer to sin (v. 17; Rom. 6:2-4; Acts 2:38).
      2. As the way to heaven (vv. 20-23).
   B. A life of total submission to the rule of Christ (vv. 24-28; Matt. 28:18-20; Heb. 5:8,9).
      1. Serving in His kingdom or church (Eph. 1:20-23; 3:21)
      2. Living a godly life (vv. 32-34).
      3. Suffering for the gospel’s sake (vv. 30-32).
         a. Deprivation.
         b. Separation.
         c. Indignities.
         d. Body harm.
      4. Totally committed to the Lord’s work (v. 58).
   C. A life of hope rather than despair (v. 19; cf. 1 Thess. 4:13-18).
II. The Gospel Story Is Worth Dying For.
   A. Because of our changed bodies (vv. 35-49; 2 Cor. 4:17-5:10)
   B. Because of our victory through Christ (vv. 50-57).

Conclusion:
A. The gospel is worth living for, because it is worth dying for.
B. Because Christ died and now lives, we have reason both to live and die (cf. Phil. 1:21).