

2 Pet 1:19 = The Sure Prophetic Word.

C.T./L.T. = So we have (ECHW) more firm (BEBAIOTEROS) the prophetic word (PROPH8TIKOS + LOGOS) to which you are doing well paying attention (PROSECHW) to as a lamp shining in a miserable (AUXMEROS) place until a day may shine through (DIAUGUDZW) and a bringer of light (PHWSPHOROS) may arise (ANATELLW) in your hearts.

Summary:

1. The prophetic word is made more certain by the fact of Christ's fulfillment of various prophecies.
2. To "pay attention" to this Word is part of "doing well," which involves:
3. Paying attention to prophecy means that we should live our life in view of what God has said about the future.
4. We are to pay attention to it until the "bringer of light" arises in our hearts.
5. A spiritual Sunrise occurs when the Lord fully lights up your life.
6. To let Him light up our life we should pay attention to:
7. We must also "pay attention" to elements of darkness that seek to distract us:
 - A. Self-Glory that seeks to parade our righteousness before men. Matt 6:1 (differs from practicing God's righteousness)
 - B. False prophets who seek to steal what is yours. Matt 7:15
 - C. Serpents on two legs who seek to kill your ministry. Matt 10:16-18
 - D. _____ that spreads from others and to others. Matt 16:6
 - E. A lack of _____ that puts us under the control of someone else. Luke 17:3-5
 - F. People who are concerned only for themselves and have no _____. Luke 20:46-47
 - G. The _____ of life that will weigh one down. Luke 21:34-35
 - H. Spiritual myths that _____ from the truth. 1 Tim 1:3-4
 - I. _____ that distort perception. 1 Tim 3:8-9
 - J. _____ spirits who lead away from the faith. 1 Tim 4:1
8. The prophetic word is a lamp, therefore:
 - A. It _____ the way to the Light of the World. John 5:33-37
 - B. It is a focal point to be _____ with others. Matt 5:14-15
 - C. It is a fact so one must _____ which master to serve. Matt 6:20-24

- D. It is a _____ that one day all things will be clear.
Luke 8:15-17
- E. It is an _____ to be ready to stand in front of the Lord.
Luke 12:35-40
- F. It is a _____ to find that which is lost. Luke 15:8-10

2 Pet 1:20 = Not Taught From Speculation.

C.T./L.T. = knowing this (GINWSKW) first of all, that all prophecy does not become *such* by one's personal determination (EPILUSIS),

2 Pet 1:21 = But Revealed By The Holy Spirit.

C.T./L.T. = for no prophecy has been carried (PHERW) by a desire of man, but men being carried by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Summary:

1. Prophecy does not become prophecy because one person has simply _____ that it was prophetic.
2. Neither does it become prophecy because a group sitting in _____ session has determined it to be so. Acts 19:38-39
3. It is legally determined by _____ Himself, having been carried to individuals by the Holy Spirit. Mark 4:33-34
4. The Lord, being fully connected with the Holy Spirit, can explain the _____ parts of Scripture. Luke 24:27
5. _____ must be based on what God has clearly revealed.
Matt 1:23
6. We can become "dull of hearing" and thus it becomes more difficult for us to understand _____ portion of the Word. Heb 5:11-14

1 Corinthians 15

The Importance of The Resurrection

Outline:

7. The Doctrine Of The Resurrection. (15:1-58)
 - A. Importance. (15:1-11)

1 Cor 15:1 = The Importance of the Gospel.

C.T./L.T. = Now I make know to you (GNWRIDZW), brethren, the Gospel which I myself preached to you, which also you received (PARALAMBANW), in which also you stand (HIST8MI),

1 Cor 15:2 = The Gospel Has Content.

C.T./L.T. = through (DIA) which (Gospel) also you are being preserved *from danger* (SWDZW), if you hold fast (EI + KATECHW) to that word (TIS + LOGOS) which I preached to you, unless you believed (PISTEUW) in nothing (EKTOS).

1 Cor 15:3 = The First Crucial Element of the Gospel.

C.T./L.T. = For I delivered to you as of first importance (EN + PROTOS) what I also received (PARALAMBANW), that Christ died (APOTHN8SKW) on behalf of our sins (HUPER + HAMARTIA) according to the Scriptures,

1 Cor 15:4 = The Second and Third Crucial Elements.

C.T./L.T. = and that He was buried (THAPTW), and that He was raised (EGEIRW) on the third day, according to the Scriptures.

Summary:

1. Paul is dealing with crucial elements of the Gospel.
2. The second crucial element is that He was buried, which is further evidence that He really died.
 - A. This fact was attested by all the eyewitnesses and authorities.
 - B. If He did not die then some of the issue of sin(s) might still need to be considered.
3. The third crucial element is that He was permanently raised on the third day.
 - A. Peter was an eyewitness to this fact and proclaimed it on the Day of Pentecost. Acts 2:25-32
 - B. The "Third Day" is the Sign of the Prophet Jonah, which is a specific prophetic fulfillment. Matt 12:38-42
4. The Scriptures attest to the historicity of these events as does ancient history.

Principle: Messiah's burial and Resurrection are _____ to the Gospel.

1 Cor 15:5 = Eyewitness Accounts of Historicity.

C.T./L.T. = and that He was seen (HORAW) by Cephas, then to the twelve.

1 Cor 15:6 = More.

C.T./L.T. = After that he was seen (HORAW) by more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep (KOIMAW).

1 Cor 15:7 = And Still More.

C.T./L.T. = then He was seen by James, then to all the apostles;

1 Cor 15:8 = And Even Paul.

C.T./L.T. = and last of all (ESCHATOS), as though to a miscarriage (EKTRWMA), He was seen by me also.

Summary:

- 1. There were over 500 eyewitnesses who physically saw the resurrected Christ.¹**
- 2. This is not an exhaustive list since we know that Paul excluded naming the women who saw the Resurrected Christ. Cf John 20:2**
- 3. There are twelve citations of His post-Resurrection appearances in the Scriptures.**
- 4. These are called the “many decisive proofs” that occurred over a 40 day period. Acts 1:1-5**
- 5. Christianity is founded in verifiable history, not mythology.**
- 6. This description claims that He literally rose from the dead, not figuratively.**
- 7. The Bible is an historic document, not a scientific one. Why do we choose to believe it?**
 - A. The Scientific Method of analysis requires that events must be observable, repeatable, and measurable.**
 - B. Otherwise, one must use the Evidentiary Method.**
 - C. These accounts were written when eyewitnesses were still alive, so verification was possible.**
 - D. The accounts include supernatural events that were fulfillments of specific prophecies.**
 - E. There are over 6,000 New Testament manuscripts and 14,000 Old Testament manuscripts, with less than a 2% variance in them, some as early as 40-60 years after the original autograph (writing). There are no variants that affect doctrine and practice.**
 - F. There were various translations of the Scriptures made within 300 years of the originals, the Coptic, Syriac and Latin.**
 - G. The early Church Fathers quoted over 99% of the Scriptures in their early writings. (all but 11 verses)**
 - H. Conclusion: the Bible is a reliable collection of historical documents.**

¹ Under the Mosaic Law it takes two or three to establish a fact so there were ample eyewitnesses. Deut 17:6; 19:15; Matt 18:16

Principle: There is ample evidence that the literal Resurrection is an _____ event. 1 Cor 15:5-8

1 Cor 15:9 = Appearance To An Outsider.

C.T./L.T. = For I am the least (HELASTIKOS) of the Apostles, who am not fit (HIKANOS) to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted (DIWKW) the Church of the God.

Summary:

1. Paul considered himself to be the least deserving of all Believers. Eph 3:8
2. He considered his actions toward the Church as an unbeliever to be of the highest level of crime before God. Acts 7:58; 8:1-3; 9:1-2
3. Neither salvation nor personal Spirituality is based on human merit. Gal 3:1-3

1 Cor 15:10 = Grace To The Unworthy.

C.T./L.T. = But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain (GINOMAI + KEN8); but I labored (KOPIAW) even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

Summary:

1. Both Paul's salvation and Spiritual Gift are from the grace of God.
2. Paul is completely oriented to the grace of God, simply by looking at his own life.
3. Once he accepted God's grace, he began to say "thank you" by becoming one who labored to the point of exhaustion.
4. Paul's labor included both physical and spiritual. 1 Cor 4:11-13

1 Cor 15:11 = Not Mere Men But Their Message.

C.T./L.T. = Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Summary:

1. The Gospel is a message of grace toward those not worthy.
2. The Gospel is a frontal assault on pride, especially when a person thinks they can save themselves.
3. When we appreciate God's grace by responding in word and deed, God lets the grace do the work through us.
4. Appreciation of grace negates a prideful attitude of competition with other Believers.

Principle: The Gospel is for even the most _____.