

Reader 1 From the first Epistle of Paul to Christians at Corinth

15.1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

Reader 2 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures.

Reader 1 He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me.

Reader 2 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

Reader 1 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reflection

Prayer [**Reader 1** ✕ **Reader 2**]

We pray for a right understanding of tradition as a living thing ✕

For due respect for past generations, and attention to the Gospel which is ever-new

Thank you, Lord, for the power of the Scriptures ✕

May we listen obediently to your word, and receive it thoughtfully and intelligently

Lord Jesus you died for our sins ✕

May that realization bring us to our senses in a world of apathy and confusion

Lord Jesus you truly rose from the dead ✕

We cannot deny the witness of your Church and our own experience of your presence

Thank you for the work of your Spirit in your people, which is not in vain ✕

But enables us to believe, pray, hope, and share your love day by day

Lord God, the source of truth and love, ✕

keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

united in prayer and the breaking of bread, ✕

and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Leader Let us bless the Lord

Reader Thanks be to God