

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!**  
**"THE EVIDENCE FOR CHRIST'S RESURRECTION"**  
**1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11**  
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**MESSAGE** God uses the testimony of special resurrection witnesses to lead lost people to Christ.

- I. The evidence for Christ's Resurrection (15:1-11)
  - A. The testimony of believers in the Church (1-2)
    1. Their experience of salvation and their position in Christ is undeniable. (1)
    2. Their commitment to spiritual growth is commendable. (2)
  - B. The testimony of Scripture (3-4)
    1. He died in the place of sinners just as the Old Testament predicted. (3)
      - a. The purpose of His death
        1. to provide a substitutionary sacrifice for sin—"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." (John 10:11)
      - b. The proof of His death
    2. He was resurrected just as the Old Testament predicted because the Father accepted His redemptive work. (4)
      - a. The purpose of His resurrection
        1. to prove His works—"I lay down My life...I have authority to lay it down, I have authority to take it up again." (John 10:17-18)
        2. to prove His words—"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies." (John 11:25)
      - b. The proof of His resurrection
  - C. The testimony of eyewitnesses (5-7)
    1. Peter (5a)
    2. The twelve (5b)
    3. 500 plus (6)
    4. James (7)
  - D. The testimony of a special witness (8-11)
    1. He admitted the problem of sin in His life. (8-9)
    2. He marveled at His acceptance by God on the basis of grace. No life is too messed up. (10a)
    3. He was motivated to serve God because of His marvelous grace. (10b)
    4. He reminded the Corinthians that salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. (11)

**APPLICATIONS** God can use your testimony too!

1. The power of preparing with prayer to reach unsaved friends (John 14:12-14)
2. Baptism – 1<sup>st</sup> steps in submission to the Lordship of Christ—your unashamed, public confession of Christ. (Acts 10:44-48)