

The First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians

According to the Scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

1. The Scriptures _____

God has given us His Word so that we can have an understanding of all that He is accomplishing in time. The Scriptures describe both what has occurred and why those things have occurred (cf. Isa. 46:9-10), and we are to learn what God has done and be wise (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:11). All of the Old Testament illuminated the need for the sacrifice of Christ. The plan of God that the incarnate Son would die and rise from the grave for the forgiveness of sins was first revealed in the garden (Gen. 3:15), foreshadowed in the Law (Lev. 1-6; cf. Heb. 10:1-14), anticipated in the prophets (Isa. 53:1ff; Dan. 9:26a), predicted (Matt 16:21; 26:28) and explained by the Lord Himself (Luke 24:13ff), and taught by His disciples (1 Cor. 15:3-4; 1 Tim. 1:15).

2. The Scriptures _____

God has revealed Himself in time to various individuals in miraculous and amazing ways. Several of these individuals were further used by God to write down the record of what He has said and done so that all men might know who He is (Deut. 6:4ff; cf. Ex. 33:13). The Lord is properly described as the God of truth (Ps. 31:5; Isa. 65:16; John 14:6). All of creation testifies to the truth of what God has said (Ps. 19:1ff). All of the blessings of eternal life will be focussed on an ever increasing depth and intimacy of a knowledge of the true God (John 17:3). One of the chief concerns of the Lord is that we would be dedicated to the truth (John 17:17).

3. The Scriptures _____

The Bible provides the Christian with instructions for how we are to live in this world (Ps. 119:9-11, 105). The thoughts and designs of men are not the those of the Lord (cf. Ps. 94:11-13; 1 Cor. 1:18; 2:14-16), and the cultural activities of societies which are not beholden to His Word are wicked and not to be emulated (Lev. 18:1-4). We must be diligent about submitting ourselves to the Lord and to His instructions for how we are to live (Phil 1:27; 2 Pet. 1:3).