

Scripture, Authority, Tradition, and the Church

1Cor 15.1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time ...
11 Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

* How did the apostles preach Christ?

* What is the *regula fidei* (or *regula veritatis*)?

* What does 2Pet 1.20-21 say?

* How does Acts 8.26-39 show the need for the *regula fidei*?

* To start with, the word of the apostles was a ... word which was ... to the disciples.

* How do 2Tim 1.13 and 2.2 illustrate this process.

* This entrusted word was sometimes called the "... of the apostles."

– What does 2Thes 2.15 say?

– How does our text in 1Cor 15 illustrate this?

* This tradition or rule of faith is being ... during the lives of the apostles.

– How does 2Peter 3.15-16 bear on this?

– What about 1Cor 14.37?

* What can we observe about the traditions of the apostles?

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* The traditions of the apostles also included ...

– How does 2Thes 3.6-15 show this?

* In the early church, the church fathers followed ...

They believed:

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* In Gal 4.26, Paul speaks of the Church as ...

* In 1Tim 3.15, Paul calls the Church the ...

* When it came to formalizing the canon of Scripture, the churches ...

* What about church councils?