

## **Outline – July 19, 2020**

### **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**

#### **Focus Is On Jesus**

### **II Timothy 4:1-5**

**If someone were to ask, why are you a Christian, what would you say?**

- I. The basic responses**
  - A. Emotional
  - B. Experiential
  - C. Cultural
  - D. Familial
- II. The basic refuting of the faith**
  - A. Claims of the miraculous
  - B. Focus on the negative (people)
  - C. Uncertain testing standards of proof
  - D. The problem of those deconverting
- III. The most important question is, who is Jesus?**
  - A. The reliability of new testament
    - 1. Written early – “what we saw”
    - 2. Corroborated – archeological support
    - 3. Hasn’t changed over time
    - 4. No bias
    - 5. Matches reality
    - 6. Fulfills prophecy
    - 7. Savior endorses
- B. Non-biblical sources**
  - 1. Tacitus – Roman Historian
  - 2. Serapion – Philosopher
  - 3. Phlegon – Historian
  - 4. Pliny - The Younger
  - 5. Josephus
- C. The conclusion of non-biblical (non-friendly services)**
  - 1. The 15 things – these sources tell us about Jesus
  - 2. The chain of custody
- IV. The power/importance/proof of the resurrection**
  - A. Died by crucifixion
  - B. Disciples saw risen Savior
  - C. Died for what they saw!
  - D. Their message was unwavering
  - E. Enemies converted
  - F. It was predicted
  - G. It could not be stopped
- V. This is where it begins**
  - A. There is evidence
  - B. There must be willingness
  - C. It is the only assurance
  - D. All are welcome
  - E. It can be yours

**Focus On Jesus  
He Is The Risen Savior  
Who Alone Gives  
Eternal Life**

