

“According to the Scriptures”

1 Cor. 15:3-4

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

Recently I had a conversation with some friends. We were talking about how important it is to believe that the Bible is the Word of God, that it's the final authority for how we live and what we do with our life. It's without error. Not everyone who claims to be a Christian believes that. In the course of the conversation, I made reference to a seminary I know about. They teach people how to be preachers and Bible teachers, and they release people to Christian service. But a few faculty members are post-Christian. They would say they've grown beyond the need to believe that the Bible is the Word of God. They embrace other teachings, even though they might contradict the Bible. They're post-Christian.

Well, it's not popular to say this in our relativistic culture, but not everybody can be right. The claims of Jesus Christ are not merely warm sentiments and optional perspectives. The Gospel is not advice to be considered, it is objective Truth to be believed.

That was the Apostle Paul's passion when he penned these words in 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verses 3 and 4; "...I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins **according to the Scriptures**, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day **according to the Scriptures.**"

Notice: Paul appeals to authority, and his appeal to authority is nothing less than to the Word of God. He says, "I'm not giving you ideas, I'm not giving you my truth, I'm not giving you my insight. What I'm telling you is anchored to the Truth."

Here's what I want you to remember today. It matters a great deal whether or not we believe the Bible is the Word of God. It's the difference between a life-changing message and merely good-but-impotent advice.