

URGENT

CIRCA 1st century
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1 Corinthians

Paul's contact with Corinth

Initial Visit		Acts 18
Letter	½ Corinthians	1 Cor 5:9
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Painful visit		2 Cor 2:1; 12:14; 13:1
Severe letter	1 ½ Corinthians	2 Cor 2:3-4; 7:5-12; sent by Titus
2 Corinthians		
Upcoming Visit		2 Cor 1:23-24; 10:2; 12:14-21; 13:1, etc

Topics in letter

Quarrels among them	Chloe's people	1-4
Immorality among you	Actually reported	5-6
Conjugal relationship	Concerning what you wrote	7:1-24
Virgins		7:25-40
Things sacrificed to idols		8-10
Spiritual Gifts		12-14
Collection for the saints		16:1-4
Apollos		16:12
Main other topics	Covering, Lord's Supper, resurrection	

- **To be of Paul**

- Paul was not crucified for you, was he?
- You were not baptized in the name of Paul?

- **To be of Christ**

- Christ crucified for you
- Baptized in the name of Christ

- **Cross and baptism claim us for Christ**

The Gospel vs worldly wisdom, 1

Message of the gospel	A crucified Mèssiah	1:18-25
Recipients of the gospel	Them	1:26-31
Paul's preaching	Humble	2:1-5
Message preached	Jews wanted signs	
	Greeks wanted wisdom	
	God gave cross	
People called	Not many wise, mighty, noble	
	Foolish, weak, base, things that are not	
	Eliminates boasting except in Lord	

The Gospel vs worldly wisdom, 2

Preacher	Not superior speech or wisdom
	Message of Jesus
	Weakness, fear, and trembling
	So faith would rest in power of God

Gospel is wisdom from God	2:6
Totally inaccessible to man	2:7-9
Only revealed by Spirit	2:10-13
Not appraised by men's wisdom	2:14-16

Understanding illustrations of chapter 3

You are God's Field	God's building
Paul planted	Paul laid the foundation
Apollos watered	Others built on it
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some with materials that withstand fire• Others with materials that are burned up
God gives the increase	God tests in the Day of trial
Reward according to labor	Loss, but saved if resists the fire
There are good builders (reward), there are bad builders (loss, but saved), there are destroyers	

Proper view of men

Paul planted	Apollos watered	God gives increase
Paul laid foundation	Others built upon it	God tests by fire
Servants/stewards		God examines

Party spirit cheats out of fullness of God's blessing 3:18-23

Don't think of men above what is written 4:6

Paul as father 4:14-21

- Model
- Teacher
- Disciplinarian

Efforts to diminish Corinthian pride

- Do you not know:
 - 3:16; 6:3,4,9,15,16,19; 9:13,24
- I don't want you to be ignorant: 10:1; 12:1
- Makes known to them the gospel: 15:1
- Some have no knowledge of God: 15:34

Vice lists

5:10	5:11	6:9-10	Things to flee
Immoral	Immoral	Fornicators	6:18
Covetous	Covetous	Covetous	1 Tim 6:11
Swindlers	Swindler	Swindlers	
Idolaters	Idolater	Idolaters	10:14
	Reviler	Revilers	
	Drunkard	Drunkards	
		Adulterers	
		Effeminate	
		Homosexuals	
		Thieves	

Such were some of you...

- **If bowing to image is idolatry before conversion, is idolatry after**
 - Such were: they separated from their idols
- **If hitting the bottle is drunkenness before conversion, is drunkenness after**
 - Such were: they separated from their adult beverages
- **If living with another guy is homosexuality before conversion, is homosexuality after**
 - Such were: they separated from their domestic partners
- **If being in a second marriage is adultery before conversion, is adultery after**
 - Such were: they separated from their unlawful spouses

Why is adultery the only sin you can continue after conversion?

Their argument/ Paul's answer

All things are lawful for me

All things are lawful for me

Food is for the stomach, stomach for food

Every sin a man commits is outside the body

Not all things are profitable

I will not be mastered by anything

God will do away with both of them

Body not for immorality

Immoral sins against his own body

We must see ourselves properly

For the Lord	13
Body will be raised	14
Members of Christ	15-17
Temple of the Holy Spirit	19
Redeemed with a price	20

Ways to flee immorality

- Eyes Job 31:1; 2 Peter 2:14
- Mind Matthew 5:27-28
- Relationships
- Physical contact
- Stumbling block

Paul in 1 Cor 7: stay as you are

- “Have” your mate 1-5
- Widowers and widows 8-9
- Married 10-11
- Married to non-Christian 12-16
- In general 17-24
- Engaged, not engaged 25-38
- Widow 39-40

Constant pairing of instructions

Man have wife, woman have husband	2
Husband fulfill duty to wife; wife to husband	3
Wife not have authority; husband not have authority	4
Unmarried (widowers) and widows	8
Wife not leave; husband not send away	10-11
Husband not divorce; wife not divorce	12-13
You might save your husband; might save your wife	16

It is good: sign of a point from their letter

For a man not to touch a woman (spouse
not be together conjugally) 1

For them to remain as I (Paul)(widows
not remarry) 8

For them to remain as they are (engaged,
not married) 26

Answering their arguments

We know that we all have knowledge	1-3	Love is more important than knowledge
We know that idols don't exist	4-7	Not all men have that knowledge
Food doesn't help or hurt	8-13	Don't abuse liberty

Focus on knowledge

We know that we all have knowledge	1
If anyone supposes he knows anything	2
We know there is no idol	4
Not all have this knowledge	7
You, who have knowledge	10
Through your knowledge	11

Focus on rights

This right of yours	8:9
Right to eat and drink	9:4
Right to take along a wife	5
Right to refrain from working	6
Others share this right	12
Not make full use of my right	18

Overall vision of 8-10, pt1

- Don't eat because of your brother: give up your right
 - Paul gave up rights
 - Am I not free
 - Am I not an apostle
 - Didn't use apostolic privileges
 - Didn't use freedom
 - Self Control to win the prize
 - Runner in a race
 - Israelites in the wilderness
- Don't eat because of the Lord: it is idolatry

Overall vision of 8-10, pt2

- Appendices
 - When meat is wholesaled to butcher shop
 - When you eat at your neighbor's house

Arguments for giving up rights

- Am I not free?
- Am I not an apostle?
 - Apostleship proven
 - Saw the Lord
 - They are his work in the Lord
 - Right to receive support
 - Questions 4-6
 - Proves right
 - Analogies of a soldier, vinegrower
- Law, and oxen
- Sow spiritual/ reap material
- Others were supported
- Jewish priests
- Jesus' statements
- Refused to accept support from Corinthians; only voluntary sacrifice
- Though free he became all things to all men

Arguments for self-discipline, 1

- From the games
 - Effort
 - Self-control
 - Purpose
 - Therefore, buffet body and enslave it

Arguments for self-discipline, 2

- From the wilderness generation

ALL	Under cloud	Salvation
	Passed through the sea	
	Baptized into Moses	Baptism
	Ate the same spiritual food	Lord's Supper
	Drank the same spiritual drink	Presence of Christ

MOST God not well pleased and laid low

SOME Craved evil things
Idolaters
Immoral behavior
Try the Lord
Grumblers

Why not eat idol meat?

- Love brother (give up rights)
- Illustrations
 - Paul gave up support
 - Pal gave up freedom
- Illustrations
 - Isthmian games
 - Wilderness generation
- Love God (don't share with demons)
- Collateral questions: butcher shop and neighbor's house

Covering questions

- Custom?
- Only the hair?
- Relates to spiritual gifts?
- In church assemblies?
- All praying?
- In the presence of men?
- In the presence of women only?

Holy Spirit baptism 1

- Arguments that show all are baptized with the Spirit
 - 1 Cor 12:13 – We are baptized in one Spirit
 - OT expectation: Ezek 36:26-27; 37:14; 39:29; Isa 32:15; 44:3-5; Joel 2:28-32; Zech 12:10
 - Titus 3:5-6 – HS poured out on us richly
 - Acts 2:38 – Gift of HS should be connected with Joel prophecy
 - Luke 3:16 – Either baptized by Spirit or fire (said to all)
 - John 3:5 – Born of water is baptism in water; born of Spirit is baptism in Spirit

Holy Spirit baptism 2

- So many passages to consider:
 - Luke 11:13; John 7:37-39; Acts 5:32; 19:1-7; Rom 5:5; 1 Cor 6:9-11, 18-20; 2 Cor 5:5; Gal 3:5; 4:6; Eph 1:13-14; 3:16; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thess 4:8; 2 Tim 1:14; 1 Pet 1:2
 - Notice these chapters: Romans 7-8; 2 Cor 3; Gal 5
- Does not mean:
 - Spiritual gifts continue 1 Cor 13
 - Revelation outside the word Eph 2:20
 - Direct impact on unbelievers John 14:17

The word 'agape'

- OT passages that use agapao:
 - Jud 16:4; 2 Sam 13:4,15; Hos 4:18; 9:1-10; 12:7; Amos 4:5; Jer 5:31; 8:2; 14:10
- NT passages that use phileo:
 - John 5:20 (cf Jn 3:35 that has agapao); 11:3 (cf 11:5 that has agapao); 16:27; 1 Cor 16:22; Rev 3:19
- NT passages that use agapao:
 - Matt 6:24; Luke 6:32; 11:43; 16:13; John 3:19; 12:43; 21:7; 2 Tim 4:10; 2 Pet 2:15; 1 John 2:15
- APPEAL: give up statements about Greek (at least w/o checking with someone who really knows; we don't know enough to use interlinears or lexicons)

1 Corinthians 13

- Thesis: show love as greater than spiritual gifts
- Proofs
 - Hypothetically large degree of SG's w/o love is useless 1-3
 - Nature of love 4-7

1 Corinthians 13

- Proofs cont...
 - Love last's longer 8-13
 - SG's will cease because they are partial
 - Cease when the perfect comes
 - Partial refers to part by part revelation, perfect is complete revelation
 - Analogies
 - Childhood vs adulthood
 - Dim mirror seeing vs face to face seeing
 - Partial knowledge vs full knowledge
 - Three periods of time
 - SG's plus FHL
 - Just FHL
 - Just love

If anyone thinks...

- He is wise 3:18
- He knows anything 8:2
- He is a prophet or spiritual 14:37

Proving Resurrection, pt1

- Resurrection of Christ 1-11
- If no resurrection, Christ was not raised 12-19
 - Our preaching is vain
 - Your faith is vain
- Christ has been raised 20-28
 - He is the firstfruits
 - Last enemy, death, is defeated by resurrection

Proving Resurrection, pt2

- Supplementary arguments 29-34
 - 3rd person Their baptism is just for the dead
 - 1st person Why in constant danger?
Why suffer?
Why not live it up?
 - 2nd person Watch your company
Sober-minded
Stop sinning

Proving Resurrection, pt3

- How are the dead raised? 35-49
 - Like planting a seed; plant comes from seed but doesn't look like seed
 - God has plenty of experience in finding bodies for plants, animals, planets, etc
 - Sown perishable, raised imperishable
- What will happen when Jesus returns 50-57
- Exhortation 58

Saints only passages for church benevolence

- Those who believed Acts 2:44-45
- Congregation of believers Acts 2:32-35
- Relief of the brethren Acts 11:27-30
- Serving the saints Rom 15:25
- Poor among the saints Rom 15:26
- Acceptable to the saints Rom 15:31
- Collection for the saints 1 Cor 16:1
- Support of the saints 2 Cor 8:4
- Ministry to the saints 2 Cor 9:1
- Needs of the saints 2 Cor 9:12
- Widows indeed 1 Tim 5:16

Concluding remarks

- Travel plans
 - Paul's 5-9
 - Timothy's 10-11
 - Apollos's 12
- Parting exhortations 13-14
 - Be on the alert
 - Stand firm in the faith
 - Act like men
 - Be strong
 - Do all in love
- Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus 15-18
- Greetings
 - Churches in Asia
 - Aquila and Prisca and church
 - All the brethren
 - Them to greet each other
 - Paul's
- Closing