





# The Church at Corinth

## part 2



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## Pauls Missionary Journeys

First – Acts 13:1 – 14:28 - AD 48 – 49

Second – Acts 15:36 – 18:22 - AD 51 – 53 - **18 months at Corinth**

Antioch – AD 53 – 54 (start)

Third – Acts 18:23 – 21:17 - AD 54 – 57

To Rome Acts 27:1 – 28:16 - AD 59 – 60

**Paul's  
Second  
Missionary  
Journey**

**AD 51 - 53**





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## Pauls Second Missionary Journey – Acts 15:36 – 18:22 - AD49

### Acts 16

<sup>6</sup> Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. <sup>7</sup> After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. <sup>8</sup> So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

<sup>9</sup> And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “**Come over to Macedonia and help us.**”

<sup>10</sup> Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

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## 1 Corinthians 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God,  
and Sosthenes *our* brother,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ  
Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus  
Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## 2 Corinthians 1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother,  
To the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia:

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



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PAUL'S LETTERS AND MISSIONARY JOURNEYS				
YEAR A.D.	MAJOR EVENTS	ACTS	PERIOD	LETTERS
34	Conversion, Damascus, Arabia	9	3 years - Arabia	
37	Jerusalem, Tarsus, Syria, Cilicia			
46-47	Antioch, Jerusalem	11	1 year - Antioch	
48-49	First Missionary Journey and Antioch	13-14		Galatians
50	Jerusalem Council and Antioch	15		
51-53	Second Missionary Journey	16-18	18 months - Corinth	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians
53-54	Antioch			
54-57	Third Missionary Journey	19-21	3 years - Ephesus	1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Romans
57	Jerusalem Arrest	22-23		
57-59	Caesarea Prisoner	24-26	2 years	
59-60	Journey to Rome	27-28		
60-67 circa	Rome House Arrest	28	5-7 years circa	Ephesians Colossians Philemon Philippians 1 Timothy Titus 2 Timothy



# The Church at Corinth

Often referred to as:-

The Church on the edge

The Church in trouble

The Church with problems

Described as - The world in the Church

First letter written in AD 56 – from Ephesus

Second letter written in AD 57 – from Philippi

# The Church at Corinth – letter 1

Paul wrote to correct erroneous views in the Corinthian church

Issues in the church – reported from the house of Chloe - 1:11

reported by another letter – 7:1 (16:17 – letter carriers)

5 main problem areas

Paul - Defines the problem

Shows how they were not living out what they believed

# The Church at Corinth – letter 1

## 1 Corinthians 1

<sup>11</sup> For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, **by those of Chloe's household**, that there are contentions among you.

## 1 Corinthians 7

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the things of **which you wrote** to me:

## 1 Corinthians 16

<sup>15</sup> I urge you, brethren—you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first fruits of Achaia, and *that* they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints— <sup>16</sup> that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labours with *us*.

<sup>17</sup> **I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus**, for what was lacking on your part, **they supplied**. <sup>18</sup> For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.



# The Church at Corinth – letter 1

5 main problem areas

1. Divisions (1 – 4)
2. Sex (5 – 7)
3. Food (8 – 10)
4. The Gathering (11 – 14)
5. The Resurrection (15)

# The Church at Corinth – letter 2

3 main areas

1. Reconciliation(1 – 7)
2. Forgotten generosity (8 – 9)
3. Final challenge (10 – 13)

# The Church at Corinth – letter 1

## 1. Divisions (1 – 4)

3 main leaders – Paul, Apollos, Peter

groupies – attacking other groups

Claims of spiritual superiority over one another contentions/factions

## 1 Corinthians 1

<sup>11</sup> For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's *household*, that there are **contentions among you**. <sup>12</sup> Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

<sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. <sup>16</sup> Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.



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## 1 Corinthians 1

<sup>18</sup> For the **message of the cross is foolishness** to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved **it is the power of God**.

<sup>25</sup> Because the **foolishness of God is wiser than men**, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

<sup>27</sup> **But God** has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty

## 1 Corinthians 2

<sup>5</sup> that **your faith should** not be in the wisdom of men but **in the power of God**. <sup>6</sup> However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet **not the wisdom of this age**, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

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## 1 Corinthians 3

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* **but as to carnal**, as to babes in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; <sup>3</sup> for you are still carnal. **For where *there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men***? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I *am* of Apollos,” are you not carnal?

<sup>5</sup> Who then is Paul, and who *is* Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, **but God gave the increase**. <sup>7</sup> So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, **but God who gives the increase**. <sup>8</sup> Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labour.

<sup>9</sup> For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, ***you are God’s building***.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let **each one take heed** how he builds on it.

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## 1 Corinthians 4

<sup>1</sup> Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. <sup>2</sup> Moreover it is required in stewards that **one be found faithful.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then **each one's praise will come from God.**

<sup>6</sup> Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may **be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.**



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## 1 Corinthians 4

<sup>14</sup> I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children **I warn you.**

<sup>15</sup> For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. <sup>16</sup> Therefore I urge you, imitate me.

<sup>17</sup> For this reason **I have sent Timothy to you**, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

<sup>18</sup> Now **some are puffed up**, as though I were not coming to you. <sup>19</sup> But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. <sup>20</sup> For the kingdom of God *is* not in word but in power. <sup>21</sup> What do you want? **Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?**

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## 1 Corinthians 4

<sup>14</sup> I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.

## 1 Corinthians 2

<sup>2</sup> For I determined not to know anything among you except **Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**

# **The Church at Corinth – letter 1**

**Are we saved and changed – or like the world?**

**Full of the Holy Spirit – discerning worldliness and knowing Christ**

**Are we gospel groupies, arrogant or proud or seeking God's good in all?**





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## The letters pt3

