

Thank you



The Church at Corinth

part 3



**Paul's
Second
Missionary
Journey**

AD 51 - 53



The Church at Corinth

1 Corinthians 1

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

²To 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:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 1

¹Paul, 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:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



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The letters pt2



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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

1 Corinthians 1

¹¹ 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

¹ Now concerning the things of **which you wrote** to me:

1 Corinthians 16

¹⁵ 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— ¹⁶ that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labours with *us*.

¹⁷ **I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus**, for what was lacking on your part, **they supplied**.

¹⁸ 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 1

5 main problem areas

1. Divisions (1 – 4)

3 main leaders – Paul, Apollos, Peter

groupies – attacking other groups

Claims of spiritual superiority over one another

contentions/factions

2. Sex (5 – 7)

3. Food (8 – 10)

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promiscuity – prostitution to incest
temple prostitutes
grace covers any sin, freedom to sin

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- failure to understand its significance

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Food

1 Corinthians 8

¹ Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge.

Who was Paul writing to?

Acts 18

⁴ Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁷ Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshipper of God

⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptised.

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Food

Three groups in the church

Jews who knew the law and obeyed it

Jews who knew the law and ignored it (“does not apply anymore”)

Gentiles who did not know the law

Law = Leviticus 11 – 15 – hygiene rules for Gods people

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Food

1 Corinthians 8

¹ Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up (makes arrogant) , but love edifies (builds up). ² And if anyone **thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing** yet as he ought to know.

³ But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.

⁴ Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. ⁵ For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), ⁶ yet for us **there is one God, the Father**, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and **one Lord Jesus Christ**, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

⁷ However, **there is not in everyone that knowledge**; for some, with consciousness of the idol, **until now** eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

⁸ **But food does not commend us to God**; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Food

1 John 5

²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Deuteronomy 5

⁷ ‘You shall have no other gods before Me.

Leviticus 19

⁴ ‘Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves moulded gods: I *am* the LORD your God.

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Food

1 Corinthians 8

⁹ But beware lest somehow this **liberty** of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you **who have knowledge** eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

¹¹ And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

¹² But when **you thus sin against the brethren**, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Food

Its not about the idols

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Food

1 Corinthians 9

¹ Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? ² If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ **For if I do this willingly**, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, that I may **not abuse my authority in the gospel.**

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Food

1 Corinthians 9

²⁴ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. ²⁵ And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, **but we for an imperishable crown.**

²⁶ Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air.

²⁷ But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Food

1 Corinthians 10

¹Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ²all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ **But with most of them God was not well pleased,** for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things became our examples,

²³ All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. ²⁴ **Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being.**

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Food

1 Corinthians 10

³¹ Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God.** ³² Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, ³³ just as I also please all *men* in all *things*, **not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved**

The Church at Corinth – letter 1

Where are we at?

Are we saved and changed – or still like the world

Full of the Holy Spirit – discerning worldliness

Are we arrogant or proud?

Are we seeking to do what God has called us to do?

Are we seeking the good of others or just ourselves?



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