



The Church at Corinth

part 9





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Paul's Second Missionary Journey

AD 51 - 53





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The letters pt 8



The Church at Corinth – letter 1 written about AD 57 -

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

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)

groupies

arrogance



2. Sex and Laws (5 – 7)

3. Food (8 – 10)



inappropriate behaviour

4. The Gathering (11 – 14)

5. The Resurrection (15)



The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Marriage and divorce

A little bit of (extra)Biology

Ps139

¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I will praise You, **for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made**; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well.

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Marriage and divorce



54% plasma
1% white blood cells
45% red blood cells

20 – 30 trillion blood cells

Last about 120 days
2,000 renewed every second
2,000 are absorbed for nutrients

70 – 80% of all cells in the body
45% dry mass of the body

Carry 4 x O₂ molecules per cell

No nucleus

Blood type comes from the father

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Marriage and divorce

1 Corinthians 7

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It is good for a man not to touch a woman. ² Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. ³ Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. ⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵ Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. ⁶ But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment. ⁷ For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.

⁸ But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; ⁹ but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Marriage and divorce

1 Corinthians 7

¹⁰ Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. ¹¹ But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to *her* husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife.

¹² But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. ¹³ And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. ¹⁴ For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. ¹⁵ But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. ¹⁶ For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Marriage and divorce

Remember the context:-

Their lifestyle and reputation – particularly in the world.

Paul is responding to what they asked

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Biblical ideal

Marriage is for life

“Till death do us part”

Matthew 19 : 6 - What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. (KJV)

BUT we live in a sinful fallen world.

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³² But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.

³³ But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife.

³⁴ There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please her husband.

³⁵ And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.

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Genesis 2

²⁴ Therefore shall a **man** leave his father and his mother and shall **cleave** unto his wife: and they shall be **one flesh**. (KJV)

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be **joined** to his wife, and they shall become **one flesh**. (NKJV)

²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were **not ashamed**.

Genesis 1

²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them.

The Church at Corinth – letter 1 – Marriage and divorce

Man - XY



+

Woman - XX

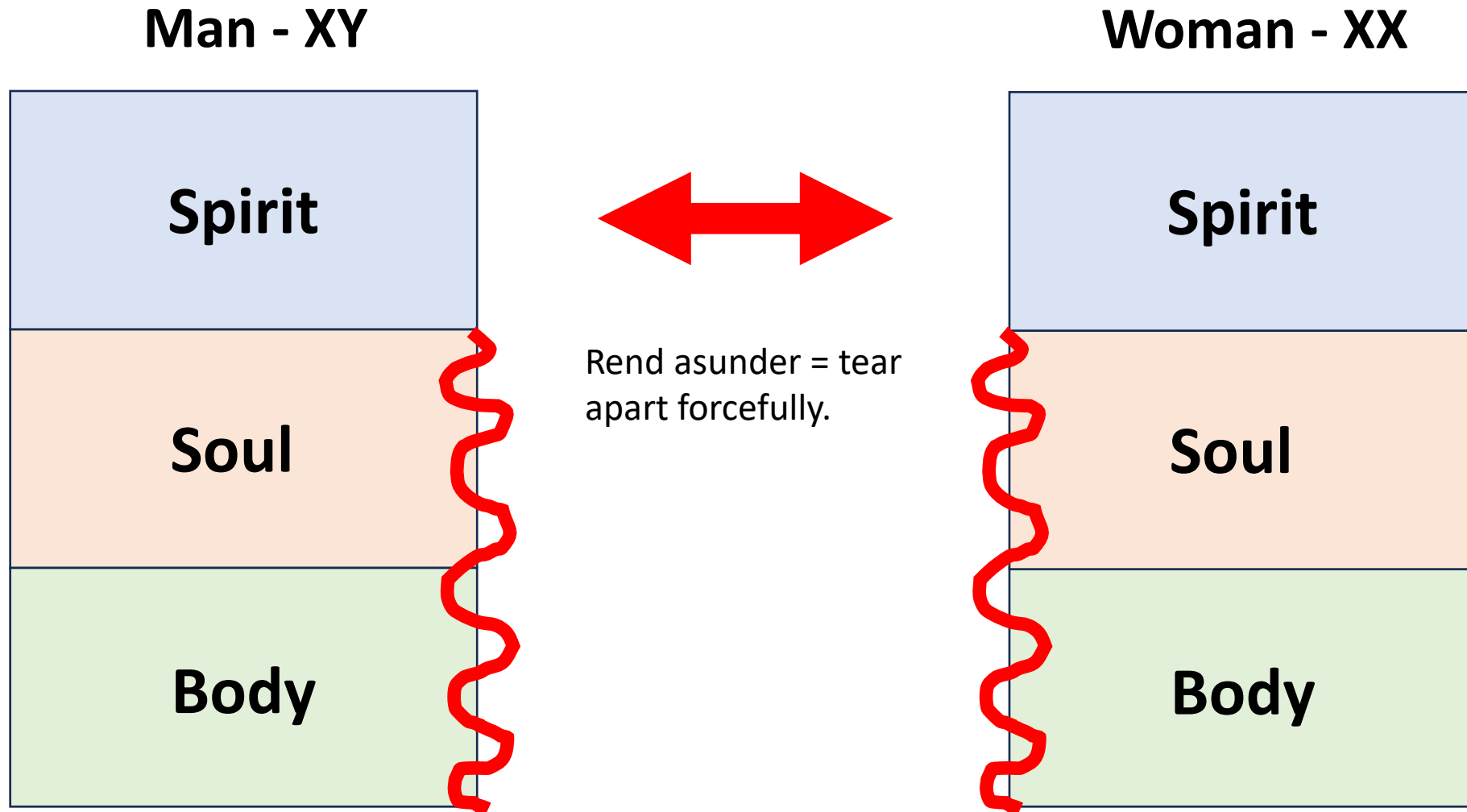


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Man - XY **+** Woman - XX

Spirit	Spirit
Soul	Soul
Body	Body

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2 Corinthians 7

¹³ Now in return for the same (I speak as to children), you also be open.

¹⁴ **Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.** For what fellowship (in common) has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

Belial = Lord of wickedness or lies, satan himself

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Ignoring the holiness of God = compromise

Ignoring the design = misuse = disease

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Where are we at?

Are we saved and changed – or still thinking like the world?

Are we living by faith and living in the fullness of the Holy Spirit?

Are we living in righteousness or are there areas we have compromised ie sin or giving the wrong ideas to others?

Come to God and put it right with Him first – seek his forgiveness.



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24th December

