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1 Corinthians



The Apostle Paul's Mission to the Corinthians



Christ Bible Church



Adult Bible Class Calendar Spring 2023

Date			Lesson Portion of 1 Corinthians
1	February	5	Review of 1 Corinthians 1-7 & Preview of 1 Corinthians 8-11
2	February	12	1 Corinthians 8:1-6
3	February	19	1 Corinthians 8:7-13
4	February	26	1 Corinthians 9:1-14
5	March	5	1 Corinthians 9:15-27
6	March	12	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
7	March	19	1 Corinthians 10:14-22
8	March	26	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
9	April	2	1 Corinthians 11:2-16
10	April	9	1 Corinthians 11:17-34



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Adult Bible Class Calendar Fall 2023 Projected

Date			Lesson Portion of 1 Corinthians
1	September	17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
2	September	24	1 Corinthians 12:12-31
3	October	1	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
4	October	8	1 Corinthians 14:1-25
5	October	15	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
6	October	22	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
7	October	29	1 Corinthians 15:12-34
8	November	5	1 Corinthians 15:35-49
9	November	12	1 Corinthians 15:-50-58
10	November	19	1 Corinthians 16:1-24

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Review & Preview

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Review of 1:1-7:40

Paul's First Mission to Corinth

2nd Missionary Journey

- He planted the church in Corinth during his second journey.
- He stayed in Corinth for 18 months (A.D. 50 to early 52).
- He supported himself as a leather worker also known as “tent-making,” working with Aquila and Priscilla, Jews expelled from Rome by Claudius in A.D. 49.
- Ministered in the synagogue where Crispus, the synagogue ruler, became a Christian (Acts 18:8).
- While in Corinth he wrote 1 & 2 Thessalonians.
- A Jewish plot against Paul—Preaching an illegal religion.



THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL

ACTS 15:36-18:32

• City

Jerusalem Conference, A.D. 49, (Acts 15:1-30; Gal 2:1-21)

Paul returns from Jerusalem to plan his next venture

Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work

Luke joins Paul

Paul receives vision that encourages him to preach to Macedonia

Paul leaves on chariot before Gallio

Paul speaks to the Areopagus



**Ancients Attempted
to Dig a Canal**

**Canal
Completed
1893**



Ancient Corinth

- A Reputation of Debauchery.
 - Streams of merchants and sailors passed through the city.
 - Temple of Apollo (Greek god of music, song, & poetry) was in Corinth.
 - Apollo was represented as the ideal of male beauty.
 - The center of homosexual practices with young boys serving at the temple.
 - Temple of Aphrodite (Greek goddess of love) reputed to host 1000 temple prostitutes.

Ruins of Temple of Apollo



Ancient Corinth

Ruins of the Temple of Aphrodite



Paul's Second Mission to Corinth

3rd Missionary Journey

- **Apollos in Corinth (Acts 18:23-28).**

After spending some time in Antioch, Paul set out from there and traveled from place to place throughout the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples.

Meanwhile, a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately.

When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers and sisters encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. When he arrived, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed. For he vigorously refuted his Jewish opponents in public debate, proving from the Scriptures that Jesus was the Messiah.

- **Ephesus, Paul's Mission Base (Acts 19).**



Paul's Second Mission to Corinth

3rd Missionary Journey

- **Ephesus, Paul's Mission Base (Acts 19:1-10).**

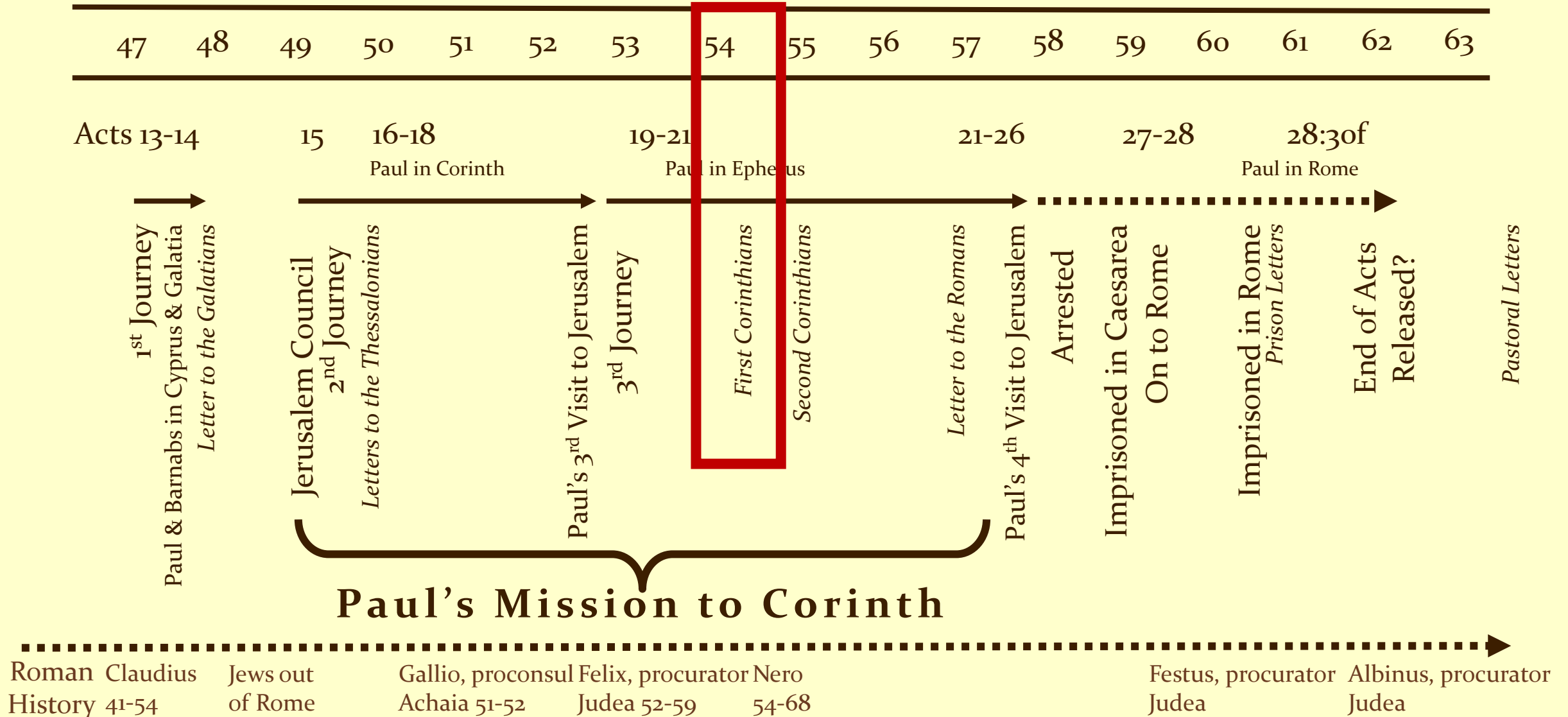
And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. There were about twelve men in all.

And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. This continued for two years so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

Paul's Correspondence with the Corinthians Entails Four Letters; We Have Only Two of Them

- **A Corinthians** (“I have written you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people” [1 Cor. 5:9]).
- **B Corinthians** (We know it as 1 Corinthians).
- **C Corinthians** (“For I wrote to you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears” [2 Cor. 2:4], “the painful letter”).
- **D Corinthians** (We know it as 2 Corinthians).

A Chronology



1 Corinthians 1:1-3

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

To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:

This is significant because it indicates that the Apostle Paul shows a consciousness that he is writing this letter for an audience that is universal, not just to the church in Corinth.

Paul's letters provide hints that he understands that his writings are to be regarded as authoritative Scripture to be shared among all the churches.

Review of 1 Corinthians

- I. Introduction (1:1-9).
 - A. Salutation (1:1-3).
 - B. Thanksgiving (1:4-9).

- II. Response to Received Reliable Oral Reports from the Corinthians (1:10-6:20).
 - A. The Problem of Factionalism within the Church (1:10-4:21).
 - B. The Problem of Incestuous Immorality within the Church (5:1-13).
 - C. The Problem of Civil Litigations within the Church (6:1-11).
 - D. The Problem of Sexual Immorality within the Church (6:12-20).

- III. Response to a Letter from the Corinthians (7:1-16:4)
 - A. Concerning Marriage and Related Questions (7:1-40).



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Paul's Major Concerns—Review of Chapters 1-7



Paul's Responses to Received Reliable Oral Reports from the Corinthians.

1. Partisanship, Celebrity, Syncretism (1:10-4:21).
2. Pride over Immorality (5:1-21).
3. Petty Litigiousness—Pagan Law Courts (6:1-11).
4. Pagan Gnosticism & Sexual Relations (6:12-21).
5. Pagan Gnosticism & Marriage (7:1-40).

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Preview of 8:1-16:24

Preview of 1 Corinthians 8-16

- I. Introduction (1:1-9).
- II. Response to Received Reliable Oral Reports from the Corinthians (1:10-6:20).
- III. Response to a Letter from the Corinthians (7:1-16:4)
 - A. Concerning Marriage and Related Questions (7:1-40).
 - B. Concerning Foods Sacrificed to Idols (8:1-11:1).
 - 1. Correcting the Problem: Knowledge & Love (8:1-13).
 - 2. Modeling Proper Use & Non-Use of Christian Freedom (9:1-27).
 - 3. Applying a Warning: The Danger of Presumption (10:1-13).
 - 4. Drawing the Analogy: The Lord's Table (10:14-22).
 - 5. Summarizing the Corrective: True Limitations of Christian Freedom (10:23-11:1).
 - C. Concerning the Christian Assembly (11:2-34).
 - 1. Propriety of Men and Women (11:2-16).
 - 2. Propriety at the Lord's Table (11:17-34).

Preview of 1 Corinthians 8-16

- I. Introduction (1:1-9).
- II. Response to Received Reliable Oral Reports from the Corinthians (1:10-6:20).
- III. Response to a Letter from the Corinthians (7:1-16:4)
 - A. Concerning Marriage and Related Questions (7:1-40).
 - B. Concerning Foods Sacrificed to Idols (8:1-11:1).
 - C. Concerning the Christian Assembly (11:2-34).
 - D. Concerning Spirituality & Spiritual Gifts (12:1-14:40).
 - 1. True Spirituality (12:1-3).
 - 2. The Diversity of Gifts in One Body (12:4-31).
 - 3. The Crucial Accompaniment—Love (13:1-13).
 - 4. Prophecy and Tongues (14:1-40).
 - E. Concerning the Resurrection of the Body (15:1-58).
 - F. Concerning the Collection (16:1-4).
- IV. Conclusion (16:5-24).



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Paul's Major Concerns—Preview of Chapters 8-16



Paul's Responses to a Letter from the Corinthians.

1. Pagan Gnosticism & Foods Offered to Idols (8:1-11:1).
2. Propriety in Public Worship (11:2-34).
3. Proper Spirituality & Uses of Spiritual Gifts (12:1-14:40).
4. Pagan Gnosticism & the Resurrection (15:1-58).
5. Paul's Collection for Judean Christians (16:1-4).
6. Paul's Plans & Final Exhortations & Warnings (16:5-24).

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