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1 Corinthians



# **The Apostle Paul's Mission to the Corinthians**



# Christ Bible Church

## Adult Bible Class Calendar Fall 2023



Date			Lesson Portion of 1 Corinthians
1	September	10	Review & Preview
2	September	17	1 Corinthians 11:2-16
3	October	24	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
4	October	1	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
5	October	8	1 Corinthians 12:12-20
6	October	15	1 Corinthians 12:21-31
7	October	22	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
8	October	29	1 Corinthians 14:1-12
9	November	5	1 Corinthians 14:13-25
10	November	12	1 Corinthians 14:26-40
11	November	19	1 Corinthians 16:1-11
12	November	26	1 Corinthians 16:12-24

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## Review & Preview

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Review of 1:1-11:1; 15:1-58

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# Paul's First Mission to Corinth

## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 & Sosthenes**—Preaching an illegal religion; brought before Proconsul of Achaia, Gallio.



**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 to go to Macedonia

Paul speaks to the Areopagus



# Paul's Second Mission to Corinth

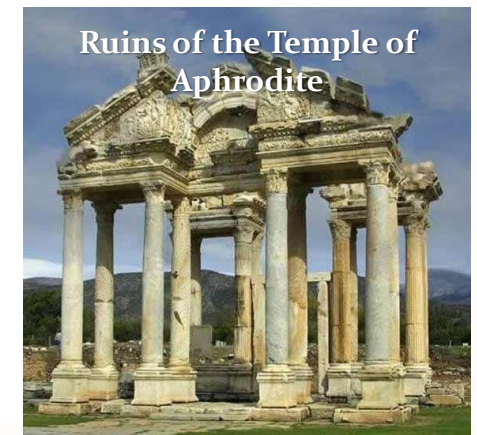
## 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey

- Apollos in Corinth (Acts 18:23-28).
- Ephesus, Paul's Mission Base (Acts 19).



Ruins of the Temple of Apollo

Temple of Apollo, center of same-sex practice with boys, was in Corinth.



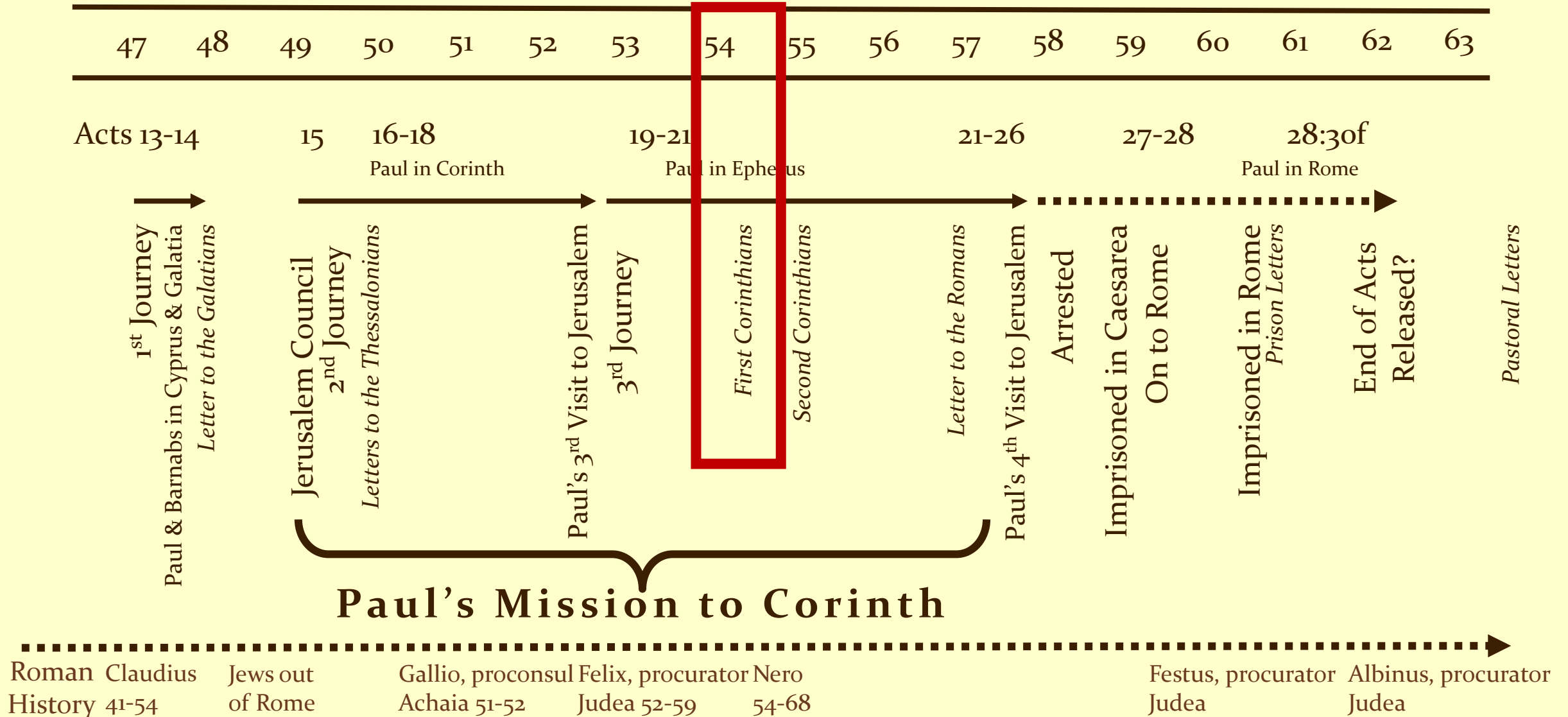
Ruins of the Temple of Aphrodite

Temple of Aphrodite reputed to host 1000 temple prostitutes.

# 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





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Review of 1:2-7:40

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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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Review of 8:1-11:1; 15:1-58

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## Paul's Major Concerns—Review of Chapters 8-10



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

1. Pagan Gnosticism and Foods Offered to Idols (8:1-11:1).
  - Knowledge & Love (8:1-13).
  - Paul's Non-Use of Christian Freedom (9:1-27).
  - Warning: Israel's Typological Role (10:1-13).
  - Analogy: The Lord's Table versus Pagan Tables (10:14-22).
  - True Limitations of Christian Freedom (10:23-11:1).
2. Pagan Gnosticism and the Resurrection (15:1-58).



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Preview of 11:2-14:40; 16:1-24

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## Paul's Major Concerns—Preview of Chapters 11-14, 16



### Paul's Responses to a Letter from the Corinthians.

1. Propriety in Public Worship (11:2-34).
  - Head Coverings & Prayer (11:2-16).
  - Eating at the Lord's Table (11:17-34).
2. Proper Spirituality & Uses of Spiritual Gifts (12:1-14:40).
  - True Spirituality (12:1-3).
  - The Diversity of Gifts in One Body (12:4-31).
  - Gifts Governed by Love (13:1-13).
  - Prophecy & Tongues (14:1-40).
3. Paul's Collection for Judean Christians (16:1-4).
4. Paul's Plans & Final Exhortations & Warnings (16:5-24).

# Preview of 1 Corinthians 11-16

- 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).
    - 1. Propriety of Men and Women (11:2-16).
    - 2. Propriety at the Lord's Table (11:17-34).
  - 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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