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1 Corinthians



The Apostle Paul's Mission to the Corinthians



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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	September	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 16:1-12
12	November	26	1 Corinthians 16:13-24



Conclusion

Final Admonitions, Commendations & Greetings,
Anathema & Maranatha
1 Corinthians 16:13-24





Final Exhortations

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



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).

D. Concerning Spirituality & Spiritual Gifts (12:1-14:40).

E. Concerning the Resurrection of the Body (15:1-58).

F. Concerning the Collection (16:1-4).

IV. Conclusion (16:5-24).

A. Announcement of Plans (16:5-12).

B. Final Admonitions (16:13-14).

C. Commendations & Greetings (16:15-18)

D. Anathema & Maranatha (16:19-24).





1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.



Final Admonitions: Act Like Men. Love.



Here, at the closing of the Apostle Paul's letter, he writes a variety of exhortations.

- Be watchful. A frequent NT command.
 - Jesus frequently uses it (Matt. 24:42; 25:13; 26:38, 41; Mark 13:34, 35, 37; 14:34, 38). Stand firm in the faith.
 - The apostles also use it often (Acts 20:31; Col. 4:2; 1 Thess. 5:6; 1 Pet. 5:8; Rev. 3:2, 3; 16:15).
- Stand firm in the faith.
 - “Faith” is occasionally used as a reference to the gospel.
 - Jude 3—“Contend for the faith, once for all delivered to the saints.”



Act Like Men



- Paul commands both men and women to “act like men.”
- These three English words translate one Greek word, the root of which refers to an adult male.
- **Androgyny** consists of two Greek words: Andro (male) + gyne (female).
- Contrary to protests, the ESV, “act like men,” is a legitimate translation.
- The root appeals to masculinity and maturity.
- NIV translates it, “Be courageous!” It’s a legitimate translation, also.
- **Be strong!** A synonym.



Let all that you do be done in love.



- Following four terse imperatives, Paul commands.
- Our degraded culture cannot abide the idea that manliness and love belong together.
- The prominence of love as a theme throughout 1 Corinthians.
- Being a man, courageous, and strong is not contrary to doing everything in love.
- Paul's four imperatives must never be received as squelching tenderness and affection.
- Nor does he allow us to sentimentalize his command to love.



Commendations & Greetings

1 Corinthians 16:15-20





1 Corinthians 16:15-18

Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints—be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence, for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.



Commendations (16:15-18)



- Greetings that mention many names are common among NT letters (Rom. 16:3, 5, 6, 8; 2 Cor. 13:12, 13; Phil. 4:21-22; Col. 4:10, 12, 14; 1 Thess. 5:26; 2 Thess. 3:17; 2 Tim. 4:19, 21; Philem. 23).
- Greetings filled with names testify to the letter's authenticity.
- Paul wrote from Ephesus. Visitors from Corinth brought a letter to him.
- Three visitors: Stephanas, Fortunatus, Achaicus.
- Stephanas, first Christian family in Achaia.



1 Corinthians 16:19-20

The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.



Greetings (16:19-20)



- Churches in Asia associated with Paul: Laodicea, Colossae, Ephesus.
- Aquila & Priscilla (Rom. 16:3; 2 Tim. 4:19).
“Priska”=“Priskilla.”
- Now residents of Ephesus, hosting a home church.
- The “holy kiss” may have originated with the early Christians rather than adapted by them from the culture.



Anathema & Maranatha

1 Corinthians 16:19-24





1 Corinthians 16:21-24

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.



Apostolic Authentication (16:21-24)



- Paul dictated his letters to an amanuensis. Skills in
 - Taking dictation.
 - Accuracy.
 - Penmanship.
- Paul wrote the final paragraphs of his letters.
 - To authenticate them.
 - Forgers in the ancient world.
 - Paul mentions his concern over forgers in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2
 - His writing distinguishes the letter as his.



Anathema; Maranatha (16:22)



- “If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!”
- A touch of poetry: Anathema; Marana tha.
- *Anathema*, a Greek loan word to English, meaning a curse, an abomination, a denunciation.
- *Marana tha* is an Aramaic expression meaning, “Our Lord, come!”



Anathema, an Imprecation (16:22)



Are these statements compatible?

- “If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!”
- Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished (Prov. 17:5).



Luke 6:24-26



But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.
Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.
Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.
Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”



Acts 8:20-21



Peter answered Simon Magus: “May your money perish with you because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money! You have no part or share in this ministry because your heart is not right before God.



Revelation 6:9-11



When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” Then, each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.



The Lord's Prayer



Martin Luther, points out that whenever we pray, “Let your name be hallowed, let your kingdom come, let your will be done,” we are praying that our Heavenly Father will heap “Curses, maledictions and disgrace upon every other name and every other kingdom. May they be ruined and torn apart and may all their schemes and wisdom and plans run aground.”



A Benediction (16:23-24)



- The opposite of an imprecation or malediction is a benediction: “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.”
- “My love be with you all in Christ Jesus” is unusual among Paul’s letters.
- “Amen!” Let it be so.

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