

# Bethel Bible Series

## 1 & 2 Corinthians

### New Testament Week 14

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - What can be and what cannot be fully known about eternal life and the end times?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

## Review of Last Week - 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Thessalonica

Capital of Macedonia (Northeastern Greece), naval base, on road to Rome

Paul's Second Journey

Paul called to Macedonia in a vision (Acts 16:6-12)

Paul arrested, beaten & jailed in Philippi (Acts 16:13-40)

Paul preached a few months in Thessalonica, then run out by Jews (Acts 17:1-9)

Paul moved on to Berea, then Athens, then Corinth (Acts 17:10-34)

Timothy brought update to Paul in Corinth on Thessalonian church (Acts 18:1-18)

First Thessalonians

*Banner and Two Quills* = Two of Paul's letters were to the Thessalonians

*First Quill* = Paul's 1st letter to Thessalonians, Timothy returned with good report

*Quill is Red* = Praised for courage & steadfastness in face of persecution

Faith became a model for other Greeks, despite persecution from others

*Figures Laying Stone Blocks* = Instructed to be steadfast in their work

Some quit work expecting Christ's return, Paul warned to go back to work

*Grave* = Paul answers "What happens to those who die before Christ returns?"

Some felt that heaven would only result for those alive when Christ returns

*Figure Looking Upward* = Explanations are given about Christ's Second Coming

Paul answered questions with: *Don't be anxious, It will be a surprise*

Second Thessalonians

*Second Quill* = Paul's 2nd letter to Thessalonians, Written a few months after 1st

*Quill is Blue* = Concern over misconceptions about Christ's Second Coming

Addresses confusions by false teachings ascribed to Paul

*Throne and Serpent* = Describes specific events & circumstances before return

First deception, rebellion & man of lawlessness is revealed, evil displayed

*Sundial* = Concern over church's emphasis on time of Christ's return

God is holding back the lawless man until the proper time

*Shovel and Trowel* = Rebukes members who have abandoned their work

The idle should work, Keep away from the idle, warn them as brothers

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### Lesson - 1 & 2 Corinthians

#### Corinth

Fourth largest city in the Roman empire (after Rome, Alexandria & Antioch)  
50 miles west of Athens, capital of Achaia (Southern Greece)  
On the main trade route to Rome from the east  
Cargos & small ships were carried across the 5 mile isthmus

Paul's Second Journey (*See maps in last week's handout*)

Paul in Corinth - Acts 18:1-18

Acts 18:1-3 = Paul meets Aquila & Priscilla and stays with them

Acts 18:4-5 = Worked weekly until Silas & Timothy came, then full-time

Acts 18:6-8 = Paul gave up on Jews and focussed on Gentiles

Acts 18:9-11 = God told Paul not to be afraid, he stayed 1 1/2 years

Acts 18:12-17 = Jews try to convict Paul in front of the authorities

Paul's Return to Antioch

Acts 18:18-22 = Paul ends 2nd Journey, leaves A&P in Ephesus

Apollos

Acts 18:24-26 = Learned man, spoke with great fervor, A&P trained

Acts 18:27-28 = Sent to Corinth with commendation of Ephesians

Paul's Third Journey

Paul's Travels to Corinth

Acts 18:23 = From Antioch through Galatia & Phrygia

Acts 19:1,10 = To Ephesus for 2 years

Acts 19:21-22 = Plans to return to Corinth, sends Timothy ahead

Acts 20:1-3 = Stayed 3 months in Corinth

*Structures in Background* = The city of Corinth

*Green Vapors and Ominous Sky* = Idolatry, immorality and paganism filled Corinth

"A renowned and voluptuous city, where the vices of East and West met."

Pagan altars = Poseidon, Artemis, Apollo, Hermes, Zeus, Heracles

Temple of Aphrodite = Contained over 1000 prostitutes

*Group of People* = Corinthian Church existed in the midst of this culture

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### First Corinthians

*Column on Right* = Paul's First Letter to the Church at Corinth

1 Corinthians 16:5-8 = Written Spring 57 AD; Planned to spend winter in Corinth

1 Corinthians 4:17-19 = Sends Timothy with letter to help until Paul comes

*Columns are Separated* = Church rebuked for allowing worldly factions

1 Corinthians 1:10-12 = Heard of divisions; Follow Paul, Apollos, Peter, Christ

1 Corinthians 1:13; 3:4-9 = Paul planted, Apollos watered, God grew; Fellow workers

*Figure Holding Books* = Warns against undue emphasis upon worldly wisdom

Acts 17:21 = Greeks loved to philosophize

1 Corinthians 1:18-20 = Where is the wise man? the scholar? the philosopher?

1 Corinthians 1:21-25 = Foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of men

1 Corinthians 2:6-7 = We speak God's secret wisdom

1 Corinthians 2:13-14 = Wisdom from the Spirit, foolish to the man without Spirit

*Figure in Dark Cloak* = Deep concern over open immorality within the church

1 Corinthians 5:1 = Incest exists in the fellowship

1 Corinthians 5:2-5 = Church instructed to take action quickly

1 Corinthians 5:6-7 = A little yeast works its way through the whole dough

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 = Keep away from wicked people who call themselves Christians

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 = Flee from sexual immorality; Your body is a temple

*Figure Holding Gavel* = Folly of lawsuits between believers

1 Corinthians 6:1-5 = Disputes between Christians should be decided by Christians

1 Corinthians 6:6-8 = Brothers have been taking each other to court

*Woman in Wedding Veil* = Counsel given on marriage and divorce

1 Corinthians 7:1-3 = Best not to marry, but do so to escape immorality

1 Corinthians 7:8-9 = Stay single unless you can't control yourself

1 Corinthians 7:10-11 = If you are married, stay married

1 Corinthians 7:12,15-16 = If married to an unbeliever, stay married, but not bound

*Stone on Monument Edge* = Don't allow Christian Liberty to be a stumbling block

1 Corinthians 8:4,7-8 = It's ok to eat meat offered to idols but not all know this

1 Corinthians 8:9-11,13 = Don't do so if it causes your brother to stumble

1 Corinthians 6:12-13 = Everything is permissible, but not everything is beneficial

1 Corinthians 9:19 = Though Paul is free, he made himself a slave to all to win all

1 Corinthians 10:31-32 = Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God

*Figure with Clasped Hands* = Every temptation can be withstood with God's power

1 Corinthians 10:13 = No new temptations, God won't let you be tempted beyond means

*Figure Holding Chalice and Bread* = Speaks against misuse of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:20-22 = During Lord's Supper, some don't wait, some get drunk ...

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 = If unworthy LS, guilty of sinning against body & blood of Christ

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#### First Corinthians (cont.)

*Figure with Multicolored Garment* = Church is a body with many different members

1 Corinthians 12:14-20 = Many different parts of the body arranged as God wants

1 Corinthians 12:21-22,26 = Parts are dependent, vital & rejoice/suffer together

1 Corinthians 12:27 = We are all parts of the body of Christ

*Prism on Manuscript* = People are given different gifts, to build Christ's body

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 = Different kinds of gifts, but the same Lord = tongues, interpretation

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 = Spirit gives wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophesy, discernment,

*Figure Aiding Fallen Person* = Love is the prime virtue of the Christian life

1 Corinthians 13:13 = These 3 remain: faith, hope & love. The greatest is love.

*Figure with Hand at Forehead* = Answers questions about the resurrected body

1 Corinthians 15:12-19 = If there is no resurrection, then Christ was not raised

1 Corinthians 15:35-38 = Earthly body is only the seed to the heavenly body

1 Corinthians 15:40,42-44 = Splendor of heavenly body versus earthly body

#### Second Corinthians

*Dual Columns* = Paul's Second Letter to the Church at Corinth

2 Corinthians 7:5-6 = Written Summer/Fall 57 AD while in Macedonia on way to Corinth

2 Corinthians 7:7-9 = Gets report from Titus, Sorry for harshness in earlier letter

2 Corinthians 8:17;9:3 = Sends Titus with letter to prepare for Paul's coming

2 Corinthians 10:9-11 = Not trying to scare with letters, Will be bold in person

2 Corinthians 11:21b-23 = Anything anyone can boast of, Paul can too

2 Corinthians 12:11-12 = Paul is not inferior to the "super-apostles"

*Descending Dove on Column* = God's grace is sufficient for all things

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 = God comforts us in times of trouble

2 Corinthians 4:7-9 = Ability to stand strong in difficult situations

*Crown on Column* = Those in Christ become new creatures

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 = If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation

*Grain Sheaf on Column* = Motives and attitudes about true Christian giving

2 Corinthians 8:3-5 = Spontaneous response of those who give themselves to God

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 = Reap what you sow, Be a cheerful giver

#### Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 14 and Assignment 15

Next Week - *The Church*