

Bethel Bible Series

1 & 2 Corinthians

NT Study 14

He for whom God is not sufficient asks far too much. - PK

Welcome

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 and jailed in Philippi (Acts 16:13-40)
Paul preached a few weeks 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 and 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 answered "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 were 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
Addressed confusions by false teachings ascribed to Paul
Throne and Serpent = Described specific events and circumstances before return
First deception, rebellion and man of lawlessness will be 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 = Rebuked 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 and Antioch)

50 miles west of Athens, capital of Achaia (Southern Greece)

Around 250,000 free persons plus up to 400,000 slaves

On the main trade route to Rome from the east

Cargos and small ships were carried across the 5 mile isthmus

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

Paul in Corinth - Acts 18:1-18

Acts 18:1-3 = Paul met Aquila & Priscilla and stayed 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 focused on Gentiles

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

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

Paul's Return to Antioch

Acts 18:18-22 = Paul ended 2nd Journey, left Aquila & Priscilla in Ephesus

Apollos

Acts 18:24-26 = Learned man, spoke with great fervor, Aquila & Priscilla 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 and Phrygia

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

Acts 19:21-22 = Planned 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 57AD from Ephesus on 3rd Journey; To winter in Corinth

1 Corinthians 4:17-19 = Sent Timothy with letter to help until Paul got there

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; 3:3-9 = Paul planted, Apollos watered, God grew; Fellow workers

Figure Holding Books = Warned 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 was 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 = Spoke 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 and 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 and 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

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 = 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 and love. The greatest is love.

Faith = Past - Trusting in God based on what He has done for us

Hope = Future - Looking forward to what God has planned for us

Love = Present - Living filled with love for God and for others

Figure with Hand at Forehead = Answered 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 different than 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 = Got report from Titus, Sorry for harshness in earlier letter

2 Corinthians 8:17; 9:3 (1-5) = Sent Titus with letter to prepare for Paul's coming

Responded to Attacks

2 Corinthians 10:9-11 = Accused of being bold in letters but wimpy in person, Will be bold

2 Corinthians 11:21b-23, 30; 10:17 = Others boasted of being better Christians, Paul in Christ

2 Corinthians 12:11-12 = Paul not inferior to *super-apostles* (arrogant false apostles in Corinth)

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

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 = 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 8:2-5 = Spontaneous response of those who give themselves to God

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 = Reap what you sow, Be a cheerful giver

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 14 and Assignment 15

Next Week - *The Church*