

*Paul's Epistle of*

# 1<sup>st</sup> CORINTHIANS

84<sup>th</sup> Street church of Christ – March - May, 2022



# Introduction

- **AUTHOR:** PAUL, the apostle (1:1; 16:21)
- **PLACE OF WRITING:** Ephesus (16:8)
- **TIME OF WRITING:**
  - Probably in the spring of 57 A.D.
  - Shortly before the Jewish feast of Pentecost (16:8)
  - During his third missionary journey (Acts 19:1-41).

# List of Roman Emperors

Augustus	27 B.C.-14 A.D.
Tiberius	14-37
Caligula	37-41
Claudius	41-54
Nero	54-68
Galba	68-69
Otho	69
Vitellius	69
Vespasian	69-79
Titus	79-81
Domitian	81-96
Nerva	96-98
Trajan	98-117
Hadrian	117-138



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- **BACKGROUND OF THE CITY OF CORINTH:**
  - On the Isthmus of Greece about 50 miles to the east was the city of Athens
  - Became a very important commercial center
  - Known for its immorality found in the temple of Venus (Aphrodite)
- **BACKGROUND OF THE CHURCH AT CORINTH – Acts 18**

# Map of Ancient Greece - Corinth





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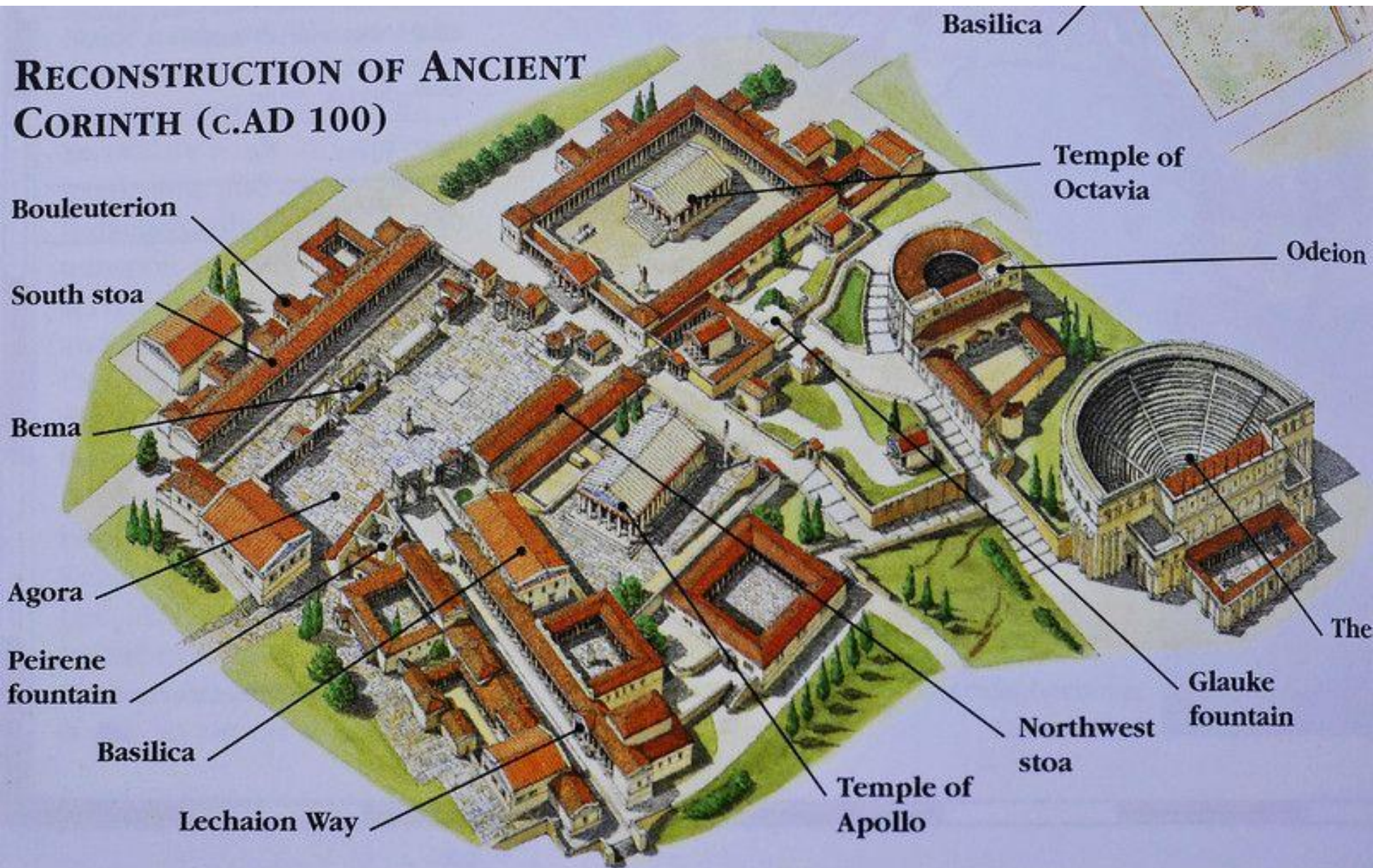
# Ancient Corinth (*reconstruction*)





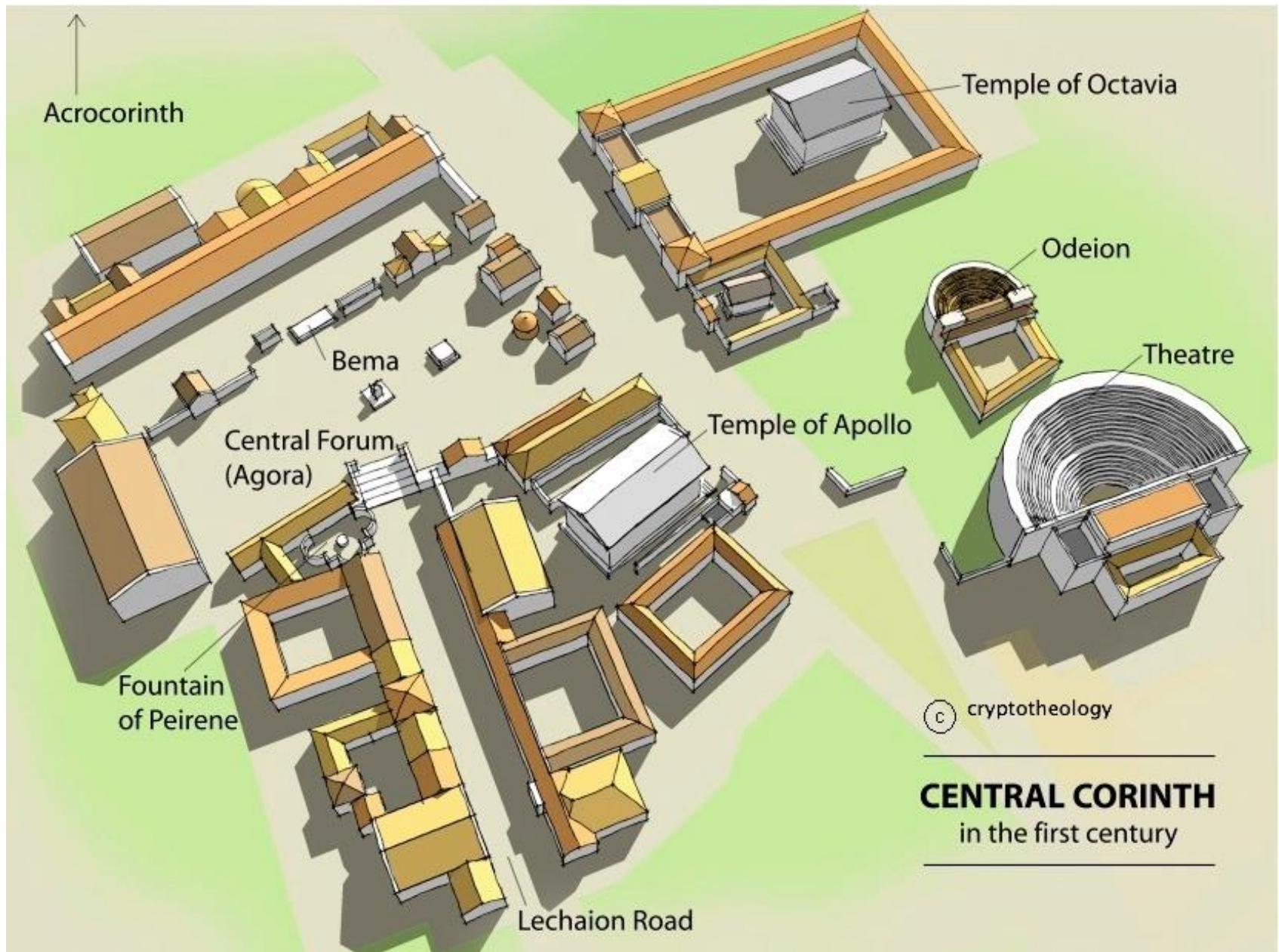
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## RECONSTRUCTION OF ANCIENT CORINTH (c.AD 100)



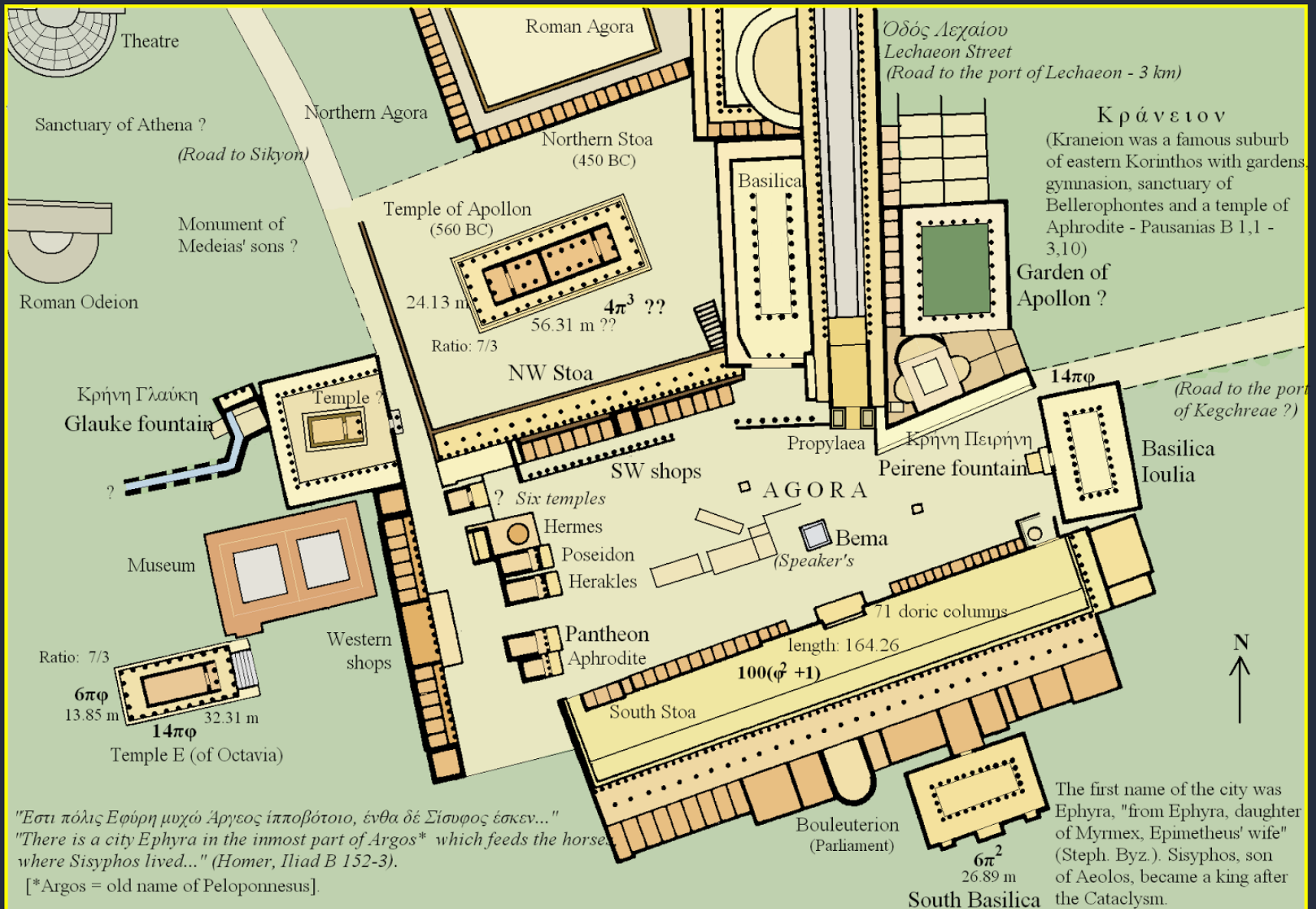


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"Εστι πόλις Εφύρη μυχῷ Ἀργεὸς ἵπποβότοιο, ἐνθα δὲ Σίσυφος ἔσκεν..."  
 "There is a city Ephyra in the inmost part of Argos\* which feeds the horse,  
 where Sisyphos lived..." (Homer, Iliad B 152-3).  
 [\*Argos = old name of Peloponnesus].

**EPHYRA - KORINTHOS**

The first name of the city was Ephyra, "from Ephyra, daughter of Myrmex, Epimetheus' wife" (Steph. Byz.). Sisyphos, son of Aeolos, became a king after the Cataclysm.

# Outline

## **I. Introduction (1:1- 9)**

## **II. Dealing with Problems Reported to Paul (1:10 – 6:20)**

A. Problem of Factionalism (1:10 – 3:23)

B. Problem of Rejecting Paul's Work (4:1-21)

C. Problem of the Fornicator and Church Discipline (5:1-13)

D. Taking Problems between Brethren to Civil Courts (6:1-11)

E. Responsibility to Glorify God with the Body (6:12-20)



### **III. Dealing with Questions Asked by the Corinthians (7:1 – 16:9)**

A. “Now Concerning” – Marriage and Present Distress  
(7:1-40)

B. “Now Concerning” – Idolatry and Personal Liberty  
(8:1 – 11:1)

C. “Now... Remember Me” and Apostolic Tradition

1. Submission and Customs (11:2-16)

2. Pattern for Lord’s Supper (11:17-34)

D. “Now Concerning” – Spiritual Gifts (12:1 – 14:40)

E. “Now...” Concerning – The Resurrection (15:1-58)

F. “Now Concerning” – The Collection (16:1-9)

### **IV. Concluding Remarks (16:10-24)**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother,

<sup>2</sup> To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, <sup>7</sup> so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1

<sup>10</sup> Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you, but *that* you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. <sup>11</sup> For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's *household*, that there are contentions among you. <sup>12</sup> Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?



# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1

<sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. <sup>16</sup> Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”

# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1

<sup>20</sup> Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Greeks foolishness, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1

<sup>26</sup> For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*. <sup>27</sup> But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; <sup>28</sup> and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are <sup>29</sup> that no flesh should glory in His presence. <sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption — <sup>31</sup> that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”



## 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2

<sup>6</sup> However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, <sup>8</sup> which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

<sup>9</sup> But as it is written:

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

## 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2

<sup>10</sup> But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2

<sup>13</sup> These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

<sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one.

<sup>16</sup> For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.