

Paul's Epistle of

1st CORINTHIANS

84th Street church of Christ – March - May, 2022



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I. Introduction (1:1- 9)

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- 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
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- B. “Now Concerning” – Idolatry and Personal Liberty
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- 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)

- The collection for the saints – 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
 - “Now concerning the collection” (v.1)
 - Starting of a new section and answering another question
 - “as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also”
 - Paul taught the same thing in every church – 1 Corinthians 4:17
 - The command to give is something all were instructed on to do

- The collection for the saints – 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
 - “on the first day of the week let each one of you lay aside something, storing up as he may prosper...” (v.2)
 - The collection is done on the first day of the week, no others
 - The amount given is an individual thing
 - “when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem...” (v.3-4)
 - Those at Corinth would have one sent with money from the collection
 - Paul would go with them if it was fitting

- Paul's plans to visit the brethren at Corinth – 1

Corinthians 16:5-11

- “Now I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia). And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter...” (v.5-7)
 - Paul was planning to visit the brethren at Corinth
 - When he did visit them, he preferred to spend time with them and not just pass through
- “I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great and effective door has been opened to me, and there are many adversaries” (v.8-9)
 - Paul saw a great opportunity in the cause, so he was going to stay in Ephesus
 - This opened door and the work he did was effective but did not come without enemies

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- “if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear, for he does the work of the Lord as I do...” (v.10-11)
 - Timothy was a worker and one that Paul appreciated and leaned upon
 - Those at Corinth were to treat Timothy properly that he may be without fear and be sent on his journey in peace that he may come to Paul who was waiting on him

- Concerning Apollos – 1 Corinthians 16:12
 - “I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time...” (v.12)
 - Paul tried to get Apollos to come to them, but he was unwilling
 - It appears Apollos plans to visit at another time

- Final exhortations and greeting – 1 Corinthians 16:13-24

- “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love.” (v.13-14)
 - Being a Christian and standing for truth is not without trouble, be ready and stand courageously, have love for one another
- “I urge you , brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints – that you also submit to such...” (v.15-16)
 - Stephanas and his house were among the first in Achaia to become Christians

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- “I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours...” (v.17-18)
 - These brought something that was lacking
- “The churches of Asia... Aquila and Priscilla... All the brethren greet you” (v.19-20a)
 - A greeting from others, an encouragement, you are not along in the good fight
- “greet one another with a holy kiss” (v.20b)
 - Draw near to one another and treat one another with respect

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- “The salutation with my own hand – Paul’s” (v.21)
 - Paul signed the authenticating it was from him
- “If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!” (v.22)
 - We are to love the Lord with all we have and look forward to his coming
- “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus” (v.23-24)
 - We are all united and bonded in Christ