

Corinthians

Paul established the church in Corinth on his second missionary journey. The Jews became abusive as they did in many places so Paul went next door and taught the Gospel to the Gentiles. Paul stayed in Corinth one and one-half years because God told him there were many people there with open minds. However, as a trading and seaport city Corinth was a very corrupt city.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians at least twice with the first letter being written in response to some questions they had raised.

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Wisdom and Unity

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 1 Corinthians 1-4

Key Point: Be united in purpose for the message of the cross is God's power, Christ Crucified and resurrected. Therefore, you are God's temple where He dwells since His Spirit lives in us. Being united in purpose is not the same as united in opinion.

Maintaining Righteousness Within the Body

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 1 Corinthians 5 –6

Key Point: Do you not know your bodies are members of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit because you were washed (Greek *apelousasthe*, cleansed of sin by a washing (a baptism by immersion), sanctified and justified in the name of Jesus Christ.

Marriage

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 1 Corinthians 7

Key Point: Each person is responsible for keeping God's commands.

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Marriage and Divorce

Possibility of Falling Away

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 1 Corinthians 8 – 11

Key Point: The Children of Israel were baptized into Moses; they all ate the same spiritual food but many perished because of sin. They were examples and warnings to Children of God, as Christians can also be consumed by sin. However, God provides a way for us to avoid sin thus escape temptations.

Worship

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 1 Corinthians 12 – 14

Key Point: We were all baptized by one spirit into one body, Christ body, but like our physical body, Christ's body has many different functions that need to be performed. Each Christian must perform some function for the body to operate effectively and efficiently.

Resurrection

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 1 Corinthians 15 – 16

Key Point: You are saved by the Gospel **if** you hold firmly to the Word. Otherwise, if you do not hold firmly your belief was in vain.

Forgiving Others

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 2 Corinthians 1-2:11

Key Point: By being in Christ He set His seal of ownership on us by putting His spirit in our hearts as a deposit. We must stand the test and forgive others so Satan will not outwit us.

Reconciled Into the Likeness of God

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 2 Corinthians 2:12 – 6:2

Key Point: Be reconciled to God for today is the day of salvation and in doing so one is in Christ becoming a new creation.

Christian Repentance

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 2 Corinthians 6:3 – 7:16

Key Point. We should be like the Corinthian Christians. Those who sinned expressed sorrow that led to repentance.

Christian Giving

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 2 Corinthians 8 – 9

Key Point: Decide in your heart what to give remembering that one who sows sparingly reaps sparingly. There are gifts of time, deeds done, money, love, compassion. The gift will be accepted based upon what one has and by his gifts to the poor his righteousness endures forever.

Apostleship

Setting: Paul had stayed in Corinth one and one-half years teaching with many converts and wrote to them at least on two occasions.

Text: 2 Corinthians 10 – 13

Key Point: Paul defends his teaching of the Gospel as true, showing that he was an Apostle concluding an Apostle was marked by his signs, wonders and miracles all of which he performed.

Word Study:

12: 12 Signs – (Greek *semeion*) A sign is intended to appeal to the understanding and used to prove God authenticates the men sent by him, or by which men prove that the cause they are pleading is God's.

12:12 Wonders – (Greek *teras*) something strange, causing the beholder to marvel, is always used in the plural, always rendered wonders, and generally follows *semeia* (signs).

12:12 Miracles – (Greek *dunamis*) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth: a power indicates its source as supernatural