

1 CORINTHIANS

Chapter 1

Introduction

1 ¶ Paul, ^acalled *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ ^bthrough the will of God, and ^cSosthenes *our* brother,

2 to the church of God that is at Corinth, to those who ^dare sanctified in Christ Jesus, ^ecalled *to be* saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ ^four Lord, ^gboth their *Lord* and ours.

3 ^hGrace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving

4 ¶ ⁱI thank my God always for you for the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,

5 that in everything you were enriched by Him, ^jin all speech and *in* all knowledge,

6 even as ^kthe testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,

7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, ^lwaiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 ^mwho will also confirm you to the end so ⁿthat you will be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 ^oGod *is* faithful, through whom you were called into ^pfellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Divisions

10 ¶ Now I urge you, brethren, by

the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ^qthat 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.

11 For it has been revealed to me concerning you, my brethren, by those *of the household* of Chloe, that there are disputes among you.

12 Now I say this, that ^reach one of you says, “I am of Paul,” and “I am of ^sApollos,” and “I am of ^tCephas,” and “I am of Christ.”

13 ^uIs Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

14 ¶ I thank God that I baptized ^vnone of you except ^wCrispus and ^xGaius,

15 lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name.

16 And I baptized also the household of ^yStephanas. Besides *this*, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, ^znot with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made void.

Wisdom and Power of God in Christ

18 ¶ For the preaching of the cross is ^afoolishness to ^bthose who are perishing. But to us ^cwho are being saved, it is the ^dpower of God.

Chapter 1: a Rm 1:1 b 2 Co 1:1 c At 18:17 d At 15:9 e Rm 1:7 f 1 Co 8:6 g Rm 3:22 h Rm 1:7 i Rm 1:8 j 1 Co 12:8 k 2 Tm 1:8 l Ph 3:20 m 1 Th 3:13; 5:23 n Cl 1:22; 2:7 o Is 49:7 p Jn 15:4 q 2 Co 13:11 r 1 Co 3:4 s At 18:24 t Jn 1:42 u 2 Co 11:4 v Jn 4:2 w At 18:8 x Rm 16:23 y 1 Co 16:15,17 z 1 Co 2:1,4,13 a 1 Co 2:14 b 2 Co 2:15 c 1 Co 15:2 d Rm 1:16

19 For it is written, ^e“*I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and will bring to nothing the understanding of the clever.*”

20 ¶ ^fWhere is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the philosopher of this world? ^gHas not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

21 For since in the ^hwisdom of God the world by wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe.

22 For the ⁱJews require a sign and the Greeks seek after wisdom.

23 But we preach Christ crucified, ^jto the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles ^kfoolishness,

24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ ^lthe power of God and ^mthe wisdom of God.

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men and the weakness of God is stronger than men,

26 ¶ for you see your calling, brethren, how ⁿthat not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called.*

27 But ^oGod has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise. And God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things that are mighty;

28 and the base things of the world, and things that are despised, God has chosen, and things that are not, so that He might bring to nothing the things that are,

29 so that no flesh should boast in His presence.

30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and ^prighteousness and sanctification and redemption,

31 so that as it is written, ^q“*He who boasts, let him boast in the Lord.*”

Chapter 2

1 ¶ And I, brethren, when I came to you *I did not come with excellent speech or of wisdom while declaring to you the mystery of God.*

2 For I determined not to know anything among you ^rexcept Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

3 ^bI was with you ^cin weakness and in fear and in much trembling.

4 And my speech and my preaching ^dwere not with persuasive words of wisdom, ^ebut in demonstration of the power of the Spirit,

5 so that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the ^fpower of God.

Wisdom from God

6 ¶ But we speak wisdom among those who are perfect, yet not the wisdom of this age nor of the princes of this age, who are being brought to nothing.

7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even the hidden wisdom that God foreordained before the ages to our glory.*

8 This *wisdom* none of the princes of this age has known, for ^ghad they

e Is 29:14 f Is 19:12; 33:18 g Jb 12:17 h Dn 2:20 i Mt 12:38 j Lk 2:34 k 1 Co 2:14 l Rm 1:4 m Cl 2:3 n Jn 7:48 o Mt 11:25 p 2 Co 5:21 q Jr 9:23,24 Chapter 2: a Gl 6:14 b At 18:1 c 2 Co 4:7 d 2 Pt 1:16 e Rm 15:19 f 1 Th 1:5 g Lk 23:34

known, they would not have^h crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written, ⁱ“*Eye has not seen nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love Him.*”

10 But ^jGod has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

11 For what man knows the things of a man except the ^kspirit of man that is in him? ^lEven so the things of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but ^mthe Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God.

13 ¶ Which things we also speak, not in the words that man’s wisdom teaches, but what the Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual *words*.

14 ⁿBut the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him. Neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged by no one.

16 For ^o“*who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?*” ^pBut we have the mind of Christ.

Chapter 3

Sectarianism

1 ¶ And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *men*, but as to carnal, as to ^ainfants in Christ.

2 I have fed you with ^bmilk and not with meat, ^cfor until now you were not able *to receive it*. Even now you are still not able,

3 for you are still carnal. For where *there is envying and strife*, are you not carnal and walking as *worldly men*?

4 For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I *am* of Apollos,” are you not *walking as worldly men*?

5 ¶ Who then is Paul and who *is* Apollos, but ^dservants by whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one?

6 ^eI have planted, ^fApollos watered, ^gbut God gave the increase.

7 So then ^hneither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, ⁱand each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

9 ¶ For ^jwe are laborers together with God. You are God’s field, ^kGod’s building.

10 ^lAccording to the grace of God that is given to me as a wise master-builder, I have laid ^mthe foundation and another builds on it. But let every man take heed how he builds on it.

^h Mt 27:33-50 ⁱ Is 64:4; 65:17 ^j Mt 11:25; 13:11; 16:17 ^k Js 2:26 ^l Rm 11:33 ^m Rm 8:15 ⁿ Mt 16:23 ^o Is 40:13 ^p Jn 15:15 **Chapter 3:** ^a Hb 5:13 ^b 1 Pt 2:2 ^c Jn 16:12 ^d 2 Co 3:3,6; 4:1; 5:18; 6:4 ^e At 18:4 ^f At 18:24-27 ^g 2 Co 3:5 ^h Gl 6:3 ⁱ Ps 62:12 ^j 2 Co 6:1 ^k Ep 2:20-22 ^l Rm 1:5 ^m 1 Co 4:15

11 For no other foundation can man lay than ^uwhat is laid, ^vwhich is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each one's work will be manifested, for the day ^wwill declare it because ^xit will be revealed by fire. And the fire will test each man's work *to determine* what quality it is.

14 If anyone's work endures that he has built, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss. But he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

16 ¶ ^yDo you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, which you are.

18 ¶ ^zLet no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this world, let him become a fool so that he may be wise.

19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. For it is written, *"He catches the wise in their craftiness"*;

20 and again, *"The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain."*

21 Therefore, let no man boast in men. For ^{aa}all things are yours,

22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come. All are yours.

23 And ^{ab}you are Christ's and Christ is God's.

Chapter 4

Christ-Sent Apostles

1 ¶ Let a man so regard us as the ^{ac}servants of Christ ^{ad}and stewards of the mysteries of God.

2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

3 But to me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not judge my own self.

4 For I know nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this. But He who judges me is the Lord.

5 Therefore, ^{ae}judge nothing before the time until the Lord comes, who will both bring to ^{af}light the hidden things of darkness and will ^{ag}manifest the motives of the hearts, and ^{ah}then will everyone have praise of God.

6 ¶ Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that in us you might learn not to think above what is written, that none of you take pride in one against another.

7 For who makes you to be superior? And ^{ai}what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did receive *it*, why do you boast as if you had not received *it*?

8 Now you are already full. Now ^{aj}you are already rich. You have reigned as kings without us. And I wish you did reign, so that we also might reign with you.

n Is 28:16 o Ep 2:20 p 1 Pt 1:7 q Lk 2:35 r 2 Co 6:16 s Pv 3:7 t Jb 5:13 u Ps 94:11 v 2 Co 4:5 w 2 Co 10:7 Chapter 4: a Cl 1:25 b Ti 1:7 c Mt 7:1 d Mt 10:26 e 1 Co 3:13 f Rm 2:29 g Jn 3:27 h Rv 3:17

9 For I think that God has set forth us the apostles last, as *men* condemned to death, for we have become a ⁱspectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

10 We *are* ^jfools for Christ's sake, but you *are* wise in Christ. ^kWe *are* weak, but you *are* strong. You *are* honored, but we *are* despised.

11 Even to this present hour we both hunger and thirst and are naked and are roughly treated and have no certain place of dwelling.

12 ^lSo we labor, working with our own hands. ^mBeing reviled, we bless. Being persecuted, we endure.

13 Being slandered, we kindly respond. ⁿWe are made as the scum of the world *and are* the refuse of all things until now.

14 ¶ I do not write these things to shame you. But ^oas my beloved children, I warn you.

15 For though you have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you *have* not many fathers, for ^pin Christ Jesus I have brought you forth through the gospel.

16 Therefore, I urge you, be ^qimitators of me.

17 For this reason I have sent ^rTimothy to you, ^swho is my son, beloved and faithful in the Lord, who will ^tremind you of my ways that are in Christ, as I ^uteach everywhere ^vin every assembly.

18 ¶ ^wNow some are arrogant, as though I would not come to you.

19 ^xBut I will come to you shortly, ^yif the Lord wills. And I will know, not the speech of those who are arrogant, but the power.

20 For ^zthe kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in ^apower.

21 What do you desire? ^bShall I come to you with a rod, or in love and the spirit of meekness?

Chapter 5

Remove Immorality

1 ¶ It is actually reported that *there is* fornication among you, and such fornication is not even *practiced* among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's ^awife.

2 And ^byou are arrogant and have not rather ^cmourned, that he who has done this deed might be removed from among you.

3 ^dFor I indeed, being absent in body but present in spirit, have judged *already*, as though I were present, *concerning* him who has done this deed.

4 In the ^ename of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are assembled, and *with* my spirit, ^fwith the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

5 ^gdeliver such a one to ^hSatan for the destruction of the flesh so that *his* spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

6 ¶ ⁱYour boasting *is* not good. Do you not know that ^ja little leaven leavens the whole lump?

7 Therefore, purge out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, as

i Hb 10:33 j At 17:18; 26:24 k 2 Co 13:9 l At 18:3; 20:34 m Mt 5:44 n Lm 3:45 o 1 Th 2:11 p Gl 4:19 q 1 Co 11:1 r At 19:22 s 1 Tm 1:2,18 t 1 Co 11:2 u 1 Co 7:17 v 1 Co 14:33 w 1 Co 5:2 x At 19:21; 20:2 y At 18:21 z 1 Th 1:5 a 1 Co 2:4 b 2 Co 10:2 **Chapter 5:** a Lv 18:6-8 b 1 Co 4:18 c 2 Co 7:7-10 d Cl 2:5 e Mt 18:20 f Jn 20:23 g 1 Tm 1:20 h At 26:18 i 1 Co 3:21 j Gl 5:9

you are unleavened. For indeed, ^kChrist our ^lPassover was sacrificed.

8 Therefore, ^mlet us keep the feast, ⁿnot with old leaven, nor ^owith the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

9 ¶ I wrote to you in a letter ^pnot to associate with fornicators.

10 However, *I did* not at all *refer to association* with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go ^qout of the world.

11 But now I have written to you not to associate ^rwith anyone who is called a brother if he is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner. ^sWith such a person do not eat.

12 ¶ For what have I to do with judging those who are outside *the body*? Do you not judge those who are within?

13 But those who are outside, God judges. Therefore, ^tput away the wicked person from among yourselves.

Chapter 6

Lawsuits Among Disciples

1 ¶ Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous and not before the ^usaints?

2 Do you not know that ^vthe saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you

incompetent to judge *even* the smallest matters?

3 Do you not know that we will ^wjudge angels? How much more the things that pertain to this life?

4 If then you have judgments of things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those to judge who are least regarded in the church?

5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one who will be able to judge between his brethren?

6 But brother goes to law with brother, and this before the unbelievers.

7 ¶ Now therefore, there is an utter failure among you because you go to law with one another. ^xWhy do you not rather suffer wrong? Why do you not rather *allow yourselves to be wronged*?

8 No, you do wrong and defraud, and this to *your* brethren.

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived, ^yneither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 Now ^zsuch were some of you. ^{aa}But you were washed. But you were sanctified. But you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and in the Spirit of our God.

k Is 53:7 l Jn 19:14 m Ex 12:15 n Dt 16:3 o Mt 16:6 p 2 Co 6:14 q Jn 17:15 r Mt 18:17 s Gl 2:12 t Dt 13:5; 17:7,12; 19:19; 21:21; 22:21,24; 24:7 Chapter 6: a Dn 7:22 b Ps 49:14 c 2 Pt 2:4 d Pv 20:22 e Gl 5:21 f 1 Co 12:2 g Hb 10:22

Sexual Immorality

12 ¶ ^hAll things are lawful to me, but all things are not profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of anything.

13 ⁱMeats for the stomach and the stomach for meats, but God will destroy both it and them. Now the body *is* not for ^jfornication, but ^kfor the Lord, ^land the Lord for the body.

14 And ^mGod has both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up ⁿby His own power.

15 ¶ Do you not know that ^oyour bodies are the members of Christ? Will I then take the members of Christ and make *them* the members of a harlot? Certainly not!

16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body *with her*? For He says, ^p“*The two will become one flesh.*”

17 ^qBut he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

18 ¶ ^rFlee fornication. Every sin that a man does is outside the body. But he who commits fornication sins ^sagainst his own body.

19 Or ^tdo you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, ^uand you are not your own?

20 For ^vyou have been bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body.

1 ¶ Now concerning the things about which you wrote to me. ^a*It is* good for a man not to touch a woman.

2 However, *in order to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife and let every woman have her own husband.

3 ^bLet the husband render to the wife deserving affection, and likewise also the wife to the husband.

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*. And likewise also, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.

5 ^cDo not deprive one another except by agreement for a time so that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer. And come together again so that ^dSatan not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

6 But I speak this by way of allowance *and* ^enot by command.

7 For ^fI wish that all men were even as I myself. But every man has *his* own gift from God, one after this manner and another after that.

8 ¶ I say to the unmarried and widows that ^git is good for them if they remain even as I *am*.

9 But ^hif they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry, for it is better to marry than to burn *with passion*.

10 And to the married I command, *yet not I* but the ⁱLord, that ^jthe wife not leave *her* husband.

11 But if she does leave, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to *her* husband. And do not let

Chapter 7*Marriage*

h 1 Co 10:23 **i** Mt 15:17 **j** Gl 5:19 **k** 1 Th 4:3 **l** Ep 5:23 **m** 2 Co 4:14 **n** Ep 1:19 **o** Rm 12:5 **p** Gn 2:24 **q** Jn 17:21-23 **r** Hb 13:4 **s** Rm 1:24 **t** 2 Co 6:16 **u** Rm 14:7 **v** 2 Pt 2:1 **Chapter 7:** **a** 1 Co 7:8,26 **b** Ex 21:10 **c** Jd 2:16 **d** 1 Th 3:5 **e** 2 Co 8:8 **f** At 26:29 **g** 1 Co 7:1,26 **h** 1 Tm 5:14 **i** Mk 10:6-10 **j** Mt 5:32

the husband send *his* wife away.

12 ¶ But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is pleased to dwell with him, let him not send her away.

13 And the woman who has a husband who does not believe, and if he is pleased to dwell with her, let her not send *her* husband away.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband. Otherwise, ^kyour children are unclean, but now they are holy.

15 But if the unbeliever leaves, let him leave. A brother or sister is not enslaved in such *cases*. But God has called us ^tto peace.

16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will ^msave *your* husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save *your* wife?

17 ¶ But as God has assigned to everyone, as the Lord has called everyone, so let him walk. And ⁿso I instruct in all the assemblies.

18 Was anyone called having been circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called in uncircumcision? ^oLet him not be circumcised.

19 ^pCircumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but the ^qkeeping of the commandments of God.

20 Let each one remain in the same calling wherein he was called.

21 Are you called *being* a bondservant? Do not worry about it. But if you are able to become free, rather use *it*.

22 For he who is called in the Lord *while* a bondservant is ^rthe Lord's freeman. Likewise, he who is called *while* free is ^sChrist's bondservant.

23 ^tYou were bought with a price. Do not become bondservants of men.

24 Brethren, let each one remain with ^uGod in the *state* wherein he was called.

25 ¶ Now concerning virgins, ^vI have no commandment of the Lord. However, I give my opinion as one ^wwho has obtained mercy by the Lord to be ^xtrustworthy.

26 Therefore, I suppose that this is good because of the present distress, ^ythat *it is* good for a man to remain as he is.

27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

28 But if you marry you have not sinned. And if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless, such will have trouble in the flesh. I am trying to spare you.

29 ¶ But ^zthis I say, brethren, the time *is* shortened so that from now on both those who have wives should be as though they had none,

30 and those who weep as though they did not weep, and those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, and those who buy as though they did not possess,

k Mt 2:15 l Rm 12:18 m 1 Pt 3:1 n 1 Co 4:17 o At 15:1 p Gl 3:28; 5:6; 6:15 q Jn 15:14 r Jn 8:36 s 1 Pt 2:16 t 1 Pt 1:18,19 u Cl 3:22-24 v 2 Co 8:8 w 1 Tm 1:13,16 x 1 Tm 1:12 y 1 Co 7:1,8 z 1 Pt 4:7

31 and those who use the world as not ^amisusing *it*, for ^bthe form of this world is passing away.

32 ¶ But I want you to be free from concern. ^cHe who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord.

33 But he who is married cares for the things of the world, how he may please *his* wife.

34 There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman ^dcares for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband.

35 Now this I speak for your own benefit, not that I may put a restraint on you, but for that which is proper, and that you may be devoted to the Lord without distraction.

36 ¶ But if anyone thinks that he behaves himself improperly toward his virgin *daughter*, if she is past the flower of *her* youth, and if it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin. Let them marry.

37 Nevertheless, he who has settled the matter in his heart, not being compelled, but has authority over his own will, and has so determined in his heart that he will keep his virgin *daughter*, does well.

38 ^eSo then he who gives *her* in marriage does well, but he who does not give *her* in marriage does better.

39 ¶ ^fThe wife is bound by the law

as long as her husband lives. But if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, ^gonly in the Lord.

40 But ^haccording to my opinion, she is happier if she remains as she is. And ⁱI think that I also have the Spirit of God.

Chapter 8

Food and Idols

1 ¶ Now ^aconcerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have ^bknowledge. ^cKnowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

2 And ^dif anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.

4 ¶ Therefore, concerning the eating of those things sacrificed to idols, we know that ^ean idol is nothing in the world ^fand that *there is* no other God but one.

5 For even if there are ^gso-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many “gods” and many “lords”),

6 but ^hto us *there is* one God, the Father, ⁱfrom whom *are* all things and we in Him, and ^jone Lord Jesus Christ, ^kthrough whom *are* all things and ^lwe through Him.

7 ¶ However, not everyone *has* this knowledge, for some ^maccustomed to the idol until now eat *meat* as a thing sacrificed to an idol, and their conscience being weak is ⁿdefiled.

a 1 Co 9:18 **b** 1 Jn 2:17 **c** 1 Tm 5:5 **d** Lk 10:40 **e** Hb 13:4 **f** Rm 7:2 **g** 2 Co 6:14 **h** 1 Co 7:6,25 **i** 1 Th 4:8 **Chapter 8:** **a** At 15:20 **b** Rm 14:14 **c** Rm 14:3 **d** 1 Co 13:8-12 **e** Is 41:24 **f** Dt 4:35,39; 6:4 **g** Jn 10:34 **h** Mt 2:10 **i** At 17:28 **j** Jn 13:13 **k** Jn 1:3 **l** Rm 5:11 **m** 1 Co 10:28 **n** Rm 14:14,22

8 But ^omeat does not commend us to God, for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

9 ¶ But ^ptake heed lest somehow this freedom of yours becomes ^qa stumbling block to those who are weak.

10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge sitting in an idol's temple, will not ^tthe conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things that are sacrificed to idols?

11 For ^uthrough your knowledge, the weak brother, for whom Christ died, will perish.

12 And ^vso by sinning against the brethren, and wounding their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

13 Therefore, ^wif food causes my brother to stumble, I will never eat meat again, lest I make my brother stumble.

Chapter 9

Rights of an Apostle

1 ¶ Am ^aI not an apostle? Am I not free? ^bHave I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? ^cAre you not my work in the Lord?

2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet indeed I am to you, for you are ^dthe seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 ¶ My defense to those who examine me is this:

4 ^eDo we not have the right to eat and to drink?

5 Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, even as the

other apostles and ^fthe brothers of the Lord and ^gCephas?

6 Or do only I and Barnabas ^hhave no right to refrain from working?

7 ⁱWho *as a soldier* serves at his own expense? Who ^jplants a vineyard and does not eat of the fruit? Or who ^kfeeds a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

8 ¶ Do I say these things *only* as a man? Or does not the law say the same also?

9 For it is written in the law of Moses, ^l*"You will not muzzle the ox while he is threshing."* Is God concerned for oxen?

10 Or does He say *this* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written so that ^mhe who plows should plow in hope, and that he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

11 ⁿIf we sowed to you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we reap your material things?

12 If others are partakers of *this* right over you, do we not more? ^oNevertheless, we have not used this right, but we endure all things ^pso that we should not hinder the gospel of Christ.

13 ^qDo you not know that those who minister holy things live *from the things* of the ^rtemple? And those who wait at the altar are partakers *of the food* of the altar?

14 Even so ^sthe Lord has commanded ^tthat those who preach the

o Rm 14:17 p Gl 5:13 q Rm 14:13,21 r 1 Co 10:28 s Rm 14:15,20 t Mt 25:40 u Rm 14:21 Chapter 9: a At 9:15 b 1 Co 15:8 c 1 Co 3:6; 4:15 d 2 Co 12:12 e 1 Th 2:6,9 f Mt 13:55 g Mt 8:14 h At 4:36 i 2 Co 10:4 j Dt 20:6 k Jn 21:15 l Dt 25:4 m 2 Tm 2:6 n Rm 15:27 o At 18:3; 20:33 p 2 Co 11:12 q Lv 6:16,26; 7:6,31 r Nm 18:8-31 s Mt 10:10 t Rm 10:15

gospel should live from the gospel.

15 ¶ But ^uI have used none of these things, nor have I written these things that it should be done so to me, for ^v*it would be* better for me to die than that anyone should make my boasting void.

16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast about, for ^wnecessity is laid upon me. For woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

17 For if I willingly do this, ^xI have a reward; but if against my will, ^yI have been entrusted *with* a stewardship.

18 What then is my reward? *It is this:* that when ^zI preach the gospel I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, so that I ^anot abuse my right in the gospel.

19 ¶ For though I am ^bfree from all *men*, ^cI have made myself a bondservant to all, so that ^dI might gain the more.

20 So ^eto the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win the Jews. To those who are under law I became as one under law (though I myself am not under law), so that I might win those who are under law.

21 ^fTo ^gthose who are without law, as without law, ^hthough not being without God's law but under Christ's law, so that I might win those who are without law.

22 ⁱTo the weak I became as weak so that I might win the weak. ^jI have become all things to all *men* so that

^kI might by all means save some.

23 And this I do for the sake of the gospel so that I might be a partaker of it.

24 ¶ Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? So ^lrun that you may obtain *the prize*.

25 And every man who strives exercises self-control in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we ^man imperishable.

26 Therefore, I thus run, ⁿnot with uncertainty. I thus box, not as *one who* beats the air.

27 ^oBut I discipline my body and ^pbring *it* into subjection, lest by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be ^qdisqualified.

Chapter 10

Warnings from Israel's Apostasy

1 ¶ I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, how all our fathers were under ^athe cloud and all passed through ^bthe sea.

2 And *they* were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.

3 And *they* all ate the same ^cspiritual food.

4 So *they* all drank the same ^dspiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual Rock that followed them. And that Rock was Christ.

5 But God was not pleased with many of them, for they ^ewere scattered in the wilderness.

6 ¶ Now these things were examples

u At 18:3; 20:33 v 2 Co 11:10 w Rm 1:14 x 1 Co 3:8,14; 9:18 y Gl 2:7 z 1 Co 10:33 a 1 Co 7:31; 9:12 b 1 Co 9:1 c Gl 5:13 d Mt 18:15 e At 16:3; 21:23-26 f Gl 2:3; 3:2 g Rm 2:12,14 h 1 Co 7:22 i Rm 14:1; 15:1 j 1 Co 10:33 k Rm 11:14 l Gl 2:2 m Js 1:12 n 2 Tm 2:5 o Rm 8:13 p Rm 6:18 q Jr 6:30 Chapter 10: a Ex 13:21,22 b Ex 14:21,22,29 c Ex 16:4,15,35 d Ex 17:5-7 e Nm 14:29,37; 26:65

for us so that we should not lust after evil things as ^fthey also lusted.

7 ^gDo not be idolaters as some of them were, as it is written, ^h“*The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.*”

8 ⁱNor let us commit fornication as ^jsome of them did, and ^kin one day twenty-three thousand fell.

9 Nor let us try the Lord as ^lsome of them tried *Him*, and ^mwere destroyed by serpents.

10 Nor *let us* complain as ⁿsome of them complained, and ^owere destroyed by ^pthe destroyer.

11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and ^qthey were written for our admonition, ^rupon whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 ¶ Therefore, ^slet him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man. But ^tGod is faithful, ^uwho will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able *to endure*, but will with the temptation also make a way of escape so that you may be able to endure.

The Lord's Meal and Idol Feasts

14 ¶ Therefore, my beloved, ^vflee from idolatry.

15 I speak as to ^wwise men. You judge what I say.

16 ^xThe cup of blessing that we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood

of Christ? ^yThe bread that we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ?

17 For *though* ^zwe are many, *we are* one bread *and* one body, for we are all partakers of that one bread.

18 ¶ Consider ^aIsrael ^bafter the flesh. ^cAre not those who eat the sacrifices partakers of the altar?

19 What then do I mean? ^dThat an idol is anything or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is anything?

20 But I *say* that the things that the Gentiles ^esacrifice, ^fthey sacrifice to demons and not to God. And I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

21 ^gYou cannot drink the cup of the Lord and ^hthe cup of demons. You cannot partake of the ⁱLord's table and of the table of demons.

22 Or do we ^jprovoke the Lord to jealousy? ^kAre we stronger than He?

Freedom

23 ¶ All things are lawful, but all things are not ^lexpedient. All things are lawful, but all things do not edify.

24 Let no man seek his own *good*, but ^meveryone another's *good*.

25 ⁿEat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions for conscience' sake,

26 for ^o“*the earth is the Lord's and its fullness.*”

27 ¶ If any of those who do not believe invite you *to a feast*, and you desire to go, eat ^pwhatever is set be-

f Nm 11:4,34 g 1 Co 5:11; 10:14 h Ex 32:6 i Rv 2:14 j Nm 25:1-9 k Ps 106:29 l Ex 17:2,7 m Nm 21:6-9 n Ex 16:2 o Nm 14:37 p Ex 12:23 q Rm 15:4 r Ph 4:5 s Rm 11:20 t 1 Co 1:9 u Ps 125:3 v 2 Co 6:17 w 1 Co 8:1 x Mt 26:26-28 y At 2:42 z 1 Co 12:12,27 a Rm 4:12 b Rm 4:1 c Lv 3:3; 7:6,14 d 1 Co 8:4 e Lv 17:7 f Dt 32:17 g 2 Co 6:15,16 h Dt 32:38 i 1 Co 11:23-29 j Dt 32:21 k Ez 22:14 l 1 Co 6:12 m Ph 2:4 n 1 Tm 4:4 o Ps 24:1 p Lk 10:7,8

fore you, asking no questions for conscience' sake.

28 But if anyone says to you, "This is offered in sacrifice to idols," do not eat ^qfor the sake of the one *who* informed *you*, and for conscience' sake. For ^r"*the earth is the Lord's and all its fullness.*"

29 I do not mean your own conscience, but of the other. For ^swhy is my freedom judged by another *man's* conscience?

30 For if I by thanksgiving am a partaker, why am I slandered ^tfor that for which I give thanks?

31 ¶ ^uTherefore, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

32 ^vGive no offense either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God,

33 just ^was I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of the many, so that they may be saved.

Chapter 11

1 ¶ Be imitators of ^ame even as I also *am* of Christ.

Integrity in Worship

2 ¶ Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions as I delivered *them* to you.

3 But I want you to know that ^bthe head of every man is Christ, and ^cthe head of the woman *is* the man, and ^dthe head of Christ *is* God.

4 Every man praying or ^eprophesying, *while* having *his* head covered, dishonors his head.

5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with *her* head uncovered dishonors her head, for she is even as the woman whose head is ^fshaved.

6 For if the woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is a ^gshame for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered.

7 For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, since ^hhe is the image and glory of God. But the woman is the glory of man.

8 For the man is not of the woman, but the woman ⁱfrom man.

9 Nor was the man created for the woman, but the woman ^jfor the man.

10 For this reason the woman ought to have a *symbol of authority* on *her* head because of the angels.

11 Nevertheless, in the Lord, ^kneither is the man independent of the woman, nor the woman independent of the man.

12 For as the woman originates from the man, even so the man also *is born* through the woman, but all things *are* from God.

13 ¶ Judge for yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to pray to God *with her head* uncovered?

14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him?

15 But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her, for *her* hair is given to her for a covering.

q 1 Co 8:7,10,12 r Ps 24:1 s Rm 14:16 t Rm 14:6 u Cl 3:17 v Rm 14:13 w Rm 15:2 Chapter 11: a Ep 5:1 b Ep 1:22; 5:15; 5:23 c Gn 3:16 d Jn 14:28 e 1 Co 12:10 f Dt 21:12 g Nm 5:18 h Gn 1:26,27; 5:1; 9:6 i Gn 2:21-23 j Gn 2:18 k Gl 3:28

16 But ^hif anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, ^mnor the assemblies of God.

The Lord's Meal

17 ¶ But in giving these instructions I do not praise *you* because you do not come together for the better but for the worse.

18 For first of all, when you come together in assembly, ⁿI hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it.

19 For ^othere must also be factions among you so ^pthat those who are approved may be made known among you.

20 Therefore, when you come together, *it* is not to eat the Lord's supper.

21 For in eating, each one takes before *others* his own supper. And one is hungry and ^qanother is drunken.

22 What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and to drink? Or do you despise ^rthe assembly of God and ^sshame those who have nothing? What will I say to you? Will I praise you in this? In this I do not praise *you*.

23 ¶ For ^tI have received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, ^uthat the Lord Jesus on the night in which He was betrayed took bread.

24 And when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "This is My body which is for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

25 After the same manner *He took* the cup also after supper, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

26 ¶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death ^vuntil He comes.

27 Therefore, whoever eats ^wthis bread and drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, will be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

28 But ^xlet a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

29 For he who eats and drinks not discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment to himself.

30 For this reason many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For ^yif we judged ourselves, we would not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, ^zwe are disciplined by the Lord so that we may not be condemned with the world.

33 ¶ Therefore, my brethren, when you ^acome together to eat, wait for one another.

34 And if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home so that you do not come together for judgment. Now the rest I will set in order when I come.

Chapter 12

Spiritual Gifts

1 ¶ Now ^bconcerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.

2 You know ^cthat when you were

I 1 Tm 6:4 m 1 Co 7:17 n 1 Co 1:10-12; 3:3 o 1 Tm 4:1 p Dt 13:3 q Jd 12 r 1 Co 10:32 s Js 2:6 t 1 Co 15:3 u Mt 26:26-28 v Jn 14:3 w Jn 6:51 x 2 Co 13:5 y 1 Jn 1:9 z Ps 94:12 a 1 Co 14:26 **Chapter 12: a** 1 Co 12:4; 14:1,37 b Ep 2:11

Gentiles *you were* led astray to ^cdumb idols, however you were led.

3 Therefore, I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed. And ^dno one can say that Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.

4 ¶ ^eNow there are many kinds of gifts, but ^fthe same Spirit.

5 And ^gthere are many kinds of ministries, but the same Lord.

6 And there are many kinds of activities, but it is the same God ^hwho works all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone to profit *all*.

8 For to one is given through the Spirit ⁱthe word of wisdom, to another ^jthe word of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

9 ^kto another faith by the same Spirit, to another the ^lgifts of healing by the one Spirit,

10 ^mto another the working of powers, to another ⁿprophecy, to another ^odiscerning of spirits, to another ^pvarious kinds of languages, to another the interpretation of languages.

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, ^qdistributing to every one individually ^ras He wills.

Unity of the Organic Body

12 ¶ For ^sas the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the one body, though they are many, are one body, ^tso also *is* Christ.

13 For ^uby one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, ^vwhether

Jews or Greeks, whether bondservants or free, and ^wwe were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 ¶ If the foot says, "Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear says, "Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling?

18 But now ^xGod has set the members, each one of them in the body, ^yjust as He has desired.

19 And if they were all one member, where *would be* the body?

20 ¶ But now *they are* many members, but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

22 On the contrary, more indeed, those members of the body who seem to be more feeble are necessary.

23 And those *members* of the body whom we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable *parts* have more abundant presentation.

24 For our more presentable members have no need of *it*. But God has composed the body, having given more abundant honor to that *member* which lacked,

c Ps 115:5 d Mt 16:17 e Rm 12:3-8 f Ep 4:4 g Rm 12:6 h 1 Co 15:28 i 1 Co 2:6,7 j Rm 15:14 k 2 Co 4:13 l Mk 3:15; 16:18 m Mk 16:17 n Rm 12:6 o 1 Jn 4:1 p At 2:4-11 q Rm 12:6 r Jn 3:8 s Rm 12:4,5 t Gl 3:16 u Rm 6:5 v Cl 3:11 w Jn 7:37-39 x 1 Co 12:28 y Rm 12:3

25 so that there should be no division in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.

26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it. Or, if *one* member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 ¶ Now ^zyou are the body of Christ and ^amembers individually.

28 And ^bGod has designated some in the church, first ^capostles, second ^dprophets, third teachers, then ^emiracles, then ^fgifts of healings, ^ghelps, ^hadministrations, and varieties of languages.

29 *Are* all apostles? *Are* all prophets? *Are* all teachers? *Are* all workers of miracles?

30 Do all have the gifts of healing? Do all speak with languages? Do all interpret?

31 But ⁱearnestly desire the greater gifts. And yet I show to you a more excellent way.

Chapter 13

The More Excellent Way

1 ¶ If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 And if I have *the gift of* ^aprophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith ^bso that I could move mountains, and do not have love, I am nothing.

3 And ^cif I give all my goods to *the poor*; and if I give my body to be

burned, and do not have love; it profits me nothing.

4 ¶ ^dLove suffers long and is ^ekind. Love ^fdoes not envy. Love does not exalt itself, is not puffed up,

5 does not behave unbecomingly, ^gdoes not seek its own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil,

6 ^hdoes not rejoice in iniquity, but ⁱrejoices in the truth;

7 ^jbears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 ¶ Love never fails. But where *there are* prophecies, they will be abolished. Where *there are* languages, they will cease. Where *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.

9 ^kFor we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is complete has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

11 ¶ When I was a child I spoke as a child. I understood as a child. I thought as a child. But when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For ^lnow we dimly see in a mirror, but then ^mface to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know just as I also am known.

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three. But the greatest of these *is* love.

Chapter 14

Unity in Assembly

1 ¶ Pursue love, yet ^adesire spiritual gifts, ^bbut especially that you may prophesy.

z Rm 12:5 a Ep 5:30 b Ep 4:11 c Ep 2:20; 3:5 d At 13:1 e 1 Co 12:10,29 f 1 Co 12:9,30 g Nm 11:17 h Rm 12:8 i 1 Co 14:1,39 Chapter 13: a 1 Co 12:8-10,28; 14:1 b Mt 17:20; 21:21 c Mt 6:1,2 d Pv 10:12; 17:9 e Ep 4:32 f Gl 5:26 g 1 Co 10:24 h Rm 1:32 i 2 Jn 4 j Gl 6:2 k 1 Co 8:2; 13:12 l Ph 3:12 m 1 Jn 3:2 Chapter 14: a 1 Co 12:31; 14:39 b Nm 11:25,29

2 For he who ^cspeaks in an *unlearned* language does not speak to men, but to God, for no one understands. However, in spirit he speaks mysteries.

3 But he who prophesies speaks ^dedification and ^eexhortation and comfort to men.

4 He who speaks in a language edifies himself. But he who prophesies edifies the assembly.

5 I wish that you all spoke with languages, but *even* more that you prophesied, for greater *is* he who prophesies than he who speaks in languages, unless he interprets so that the assembly may receive edification.

6 ¶ But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with languages, what will I profit you unless I will speak to you either by ^frevelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by teaching?

7 Even things without life, whether flute or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or harped?

8 For if the trumpet produces an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for the battle?

9 So you also, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

10 There are, perhaps, so many kinds of speech in the world, and none of them *is* without significance.

11 Therefore, if I do not know the

meaning of the speech, I will be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks *will be* a foreigner to me.

12 So you also, since you are zealous for spiritual *gifts*, seek that you may abound for the edification of the assembly.

13 ¶ Therefore, let the one who speaks in a language pray that he may ^ginterpret.

14 For if I pray in a language, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.

15 What then is *the conclusion*? I will pray with the Spirit and I will pray with the mind also. ^hI will sing with the Spirit and I will sing ⁱwith the mind also.

16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say “Amen” ^jat your giving of thanks, seeing he does not understand what you are saying?

17 For you are certainly giving thanks, but the other *person* is not edified.

18 ¶ I thank my God *that* I speak with languages more than you all.

19 However, in the assembly I would rather speak five words with my mind, so that I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in a language.

20 ¶ Brethren, ^kdo not be children in thinking. However, in malice ^lbe babes, but in thinking be mature.

21 ^mIn the law it is written, ⁿ“*With men of other languages and other lips I will speak to this people, and yet for all that they will not hear Me,*” says the Lord.

c At 2:4; 10:46 d Rm 14:19; 15:2 e 1 Tm 4:13 f 1 Co 14:26 g 1 Co 12:10 h Cl 3:16 i Ps 47:7 j 1 Co 11:24 k Ps 131:2 l 1 Pt 2:2 m Jn 10:34 n Is 28:11,12

22 ¶ Therefore, the languages are for a ^osign, not to those who believe, but for unbelievers. But prophesying is not for unbelievers, but for those who believe.

23 Therefore, if the whole assembly gathers in one place, and all speak with languages, and there come in the uninformed, or unbelievers, ^pwill they not say that you are mad?

24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or uninformed *person* comes in, he is convinced by all *and* he is convicted by all.

25 The secrets of his heart are revealed. And so falling down on *his* face he will worship God and report ^qthat of a truth God is certainly among you.

Orderliness in Assembly

26 ¶ What then is it, brethren? When you come together, every one of you has a psalm, ^rhas a teaching, has a language, has a revelation, has an interpretation. ^sLet all things be done for edification.

27 If anyone speaks in a language, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, and *each* in turn, and let one interpret.

28 But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in the assembly, and let him speak to himself and to God.

29 Let two or three prophets speak, and ^tlet the others judge.

30 If *anything* is revealed to another who is sitting, ^ulet the first keep silent.

31 For you can all prophesy one by one so that all may learn and all may

be exhorted.

32 Now ^vthe spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

33 For God is not a *God* of confusion but of peace, ^was in all the assemblies of the saints.

34 ¶ ^xLet your women keep silent in the assemblies, for they are not permitted to speak. But *they are* to submit themselves, as the ^ylaw also says.

35 And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home, for it is improper for women to speak in the assembly.

36 ¶ Was it from you that the word of God *first* went forth? Or *did* it come only to you?

37 ^zIf anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.

38 But if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

39 ¶ Therefore, brethren, ^adesire to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in languages.

40 ^bLet all things be done properly and in order.

Chapter 15

The Resurrection of Jesus

1 ¶ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel ^awhich I preached to you, which also you received and ^bin which you stand,

2 ^cby which also you are saved, if you hold fast to that word which I preached to you, unless ^dyou believed in vain.

o Mk 16:17 p At 2:13 q Is 45:14 r 1 Co 12:8-10; 14:6 s 2 Co 12:19 t 1 Co 12:10 u 1 Th 5:19,20 v 1 Jn 4:1 w 1 Co 11:16 x 1 Tm 2:11 y Gn 3:16 z 2 Co 10:7 a 1 Co 12:31 b 1 Co 14:33 Chapter 15: a Gl 1:11 b Rm 5:2; 11:20 c Rm 1:16 d Gl 3:4

3 ¶ For ^eI delivered to you first of all that ^fwhich I also received, that Christ died for our sins ^gaccording to the Scriptures,

4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day ^haccording to the Scriptures,

5 and ⁱthat He was seen by Cephas, then ^jby the twelve.

6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some have fallen asleep.

7 After that He was seen by James, then ^kby all the apostles.

8 And ^llast of all He was seen by me also, as to one untimely born.

9 ¶ For I am ^mthe least of the apostles, and not worthy to be called an apostle because ⁿI persecuted the church of God.

10 But ^oby the grace of God I am what I am. And His grace toward me was not in vain, but I labored more abundantly than they all, ^pyet not I, but the grace of God *that was* with me.

11 Therefore, whether *it was* me or them, so we preach and so you believed.

The Resurrection of the Dead

12 ¶ Now if Christ is preached that He rose from the dead, how can some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, ^qthen Christ is not risen.

14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching *is* vain and your faith *is* also vain.

15 Moreover, we are found false witnesses of God because ^rwe have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise, if *it is* that the dead are not raised.

16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.

17 Now if Christ has not been raised, *then* your faith *is* vain. ^sYou are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who have fallen ^tasleep in Christ have perished.

19 ^uIf we have hope in Christ only in this life, we are of all men most to be pitied.

20 ¶ But now ^vChrist has been raised from the dead *and* has become ^wthe firstfruits of those who are asleep.

21 For ^xsince by man *came* death, ^yby Man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all will ^zbe made alive.

23 But ^aeveryone in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

24 Then *comes* the end when He delivers ^bthe kingdom to God the Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

25 For He must reign ^cuntil He has put all enemies under His feet.

26 ^dThe last enemy *that will be* destroyed *is* death.

27 For ^eHe has put all things under

e 1 Co 11:2,23 f Gl 1:12 g Ps 22:15; Is 53:5-12 h Gn 1:9-13; Ps 16:9-11; 68:18; 110:1; Is 53:10; Hs 6:2; Jh 1:17; 2:10 i Lk 24:34 j Mt 28:17 k At 1:3,4 l At 9:3-8; 22:6-11; 26:12-18 m Ep 3:8 n At 8:3 o Ep 3:7,8 p Ph 2:13 q 1 Th 4:14 r At 2:24 s Rm 4:25 t Jb 14:12 u 2 Tm 3:12 v 1 Pt 1:3 w At 26:23 x Rm 5:12; 6:23 y Jn 11:25 z Jn 5:28,29 a 1 Th 4:15-17 b Dn 2:44; 7:14,27; 2 Pt 1:11 c Ps 110:1; Mt 22:44 d 2 Tm 1:10; Rv 20:14; 21:4 e Ps 8:6; 110:1

His feet. But when He says all things have been subjected, it is evident that He is excluded who put all things in subjection to Him.

28 ^fAnd when all things are subjected to Him, ^gthen will the Son also Himself be subject to Him who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all.

29 ¶ Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead?

30 And ^hwhy do we stand in jeopardy every hour?

31 I affirm, brethren, by ⁱthe boasting in you that I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, ^jI die daily.

32 If according to men ^kI have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, ^llet us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.

33 ¶ Be not deceived, ^mevil company corrupts good morals.

34 ⁿAwake to righteousness and do not sin, ^ofor some have no knowledge of God. ^pI speak *this* to your shame.

The Bodily Resurrection

35 ¶ But some will say, ^q“How are the dead raised? And with what body do they come?”

36 Foolish one, ^rwhat you sow is not made alive unless it dies.

37 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

38 But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

39 ¶ All flesh *is* not the same flesh. But *there is one flesh* of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fish, another of birds.

40 *There are* also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. But the glory of the heavenly *is* one and the *glory* of the earthly *is* another.

41 *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars, for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory.

42 ¶ ^sSo also *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown perishable. It is raised imperishable.

43 ^tIt is sown in dishonor. It is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness. It is raised in power.

44 It is sown a natural body. It is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, ^u“*The first man, Adam, became a living soul.*” ^vThe last Adam *became* ^wa life-giving spirit.

46 ¶ However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 ^xThe first man ^ywas from the earth, earthly. The second Man ^zis from heaven.

48 As *was* the earthly, so also *are* those who are earthly. ^aAnd as *is* the heavenly, so also *are* those who are heavenly.

f Ph 3:21 g 1 Co 3:23; 11:3; 12:6 h 2 Co 11:26 i 1 Th 2:19 j Rm 8:36 k 2 Co 1:8 l Is 22:13; 56:12 m 1 Co 5:6 n Rm 13:11 o 1 Th 4:5 p 1 Co 6:5 q Ez 37:3 r Jn 12:24 s Dn 12:3 t Ph 3:21 u Gn 2:7 v Rm 5:14 w Jn 5:21; 6:57 x Jn 3:31 y Gn 2:7; 3:19 z Jn 3:13 a Ph 3:20

49 Now ^bas we have borne the image of the earthly, ^clet us also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 ¶ Now I say this, brethren, that ^dflesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery. ^eWe will not all sleep, ^fbut we will all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, ^gfor the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and ^hthis mortal *must* put on immortality.

54 So when this perishable has put on the imperishable, and this mortal has put on immortality, then will be brought to pass the saying that is written, ⁱ“*Death is swallowed up in victory.*”

55 “*O’ death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?*”

56 The sting of death *is* sin, and ^kthe power of sin *is* the law.

57 ^lBut thanks *be* to God who gives us ^mthe victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 ¶ ⁿTherefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing ^othat your labor is not *in vain* in the Lord.

Chapter 16

Contribution for the Saints

1 ¶ Now concerning ^athe collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, you must do also.

2 ^bOn the first *day* of the week let each one of you put something aside as he may prosper so that there be no collections when I come.

3 And when I come, ^cwhomever you may approve by letters, these will I send to carry your gift to Jerusalem.

4 Now ^dif it is advisable that I also go, they will go with me.

Requests from Paul

5 ¶ Now I will come to you ^ewhen I pass through Macedonia, for I am passing through Macedonia.

6 And it may be that I will remain with you *to spend the* winter, so that you may ^fsend me on my journey wherever I go.

7 For I do not wish to see you now in a passing visit, but I hope to stay a while with you ^gif the Lord permits.

8 ¶ But I will tarry in Ephesus until ^hPentecost.

9 For ⁱa great and effective door has opened to me, and ^j*there are* many adversaries.

10 ¶ Now ^kif Timothy comes, see that he is with you without fear, for ^lhe does the work of the Lord as I also *do*.

11 ^mTherefore, let no one despise him. But send him forth ⁿin peace so that he may come to me, for I am waiting for him with the brethren.

12 ¶ Now concerning *our* brother ^oApollos, I strongly encouraged him

b Gn 5:3 c Rm 8:29 d Jn 3:3,5 e 1 Th 4:15 f Ph 3:21 g Mt 24:3 h 2 Co 5:4 i Is 25:8 j Hs 13:14 k Rm 3:20; 4:15; 7:8 l Rm 7:25 m 1 Jn 5:4 n 2 Pt 3:14 o 1 Co 3:8 **Chapter 16:** a Gl 2:10 b At 20:7 c 2 Co 3:1; 8:18 d 2 Co 8:4,19 e 2 Co 1:15,16 f At 15:3 g Js 4:15 h Lv 23:15-22 i At 14:27 j At 19:9 k At 19:22 l Ph 2:20 m 1 Tm 4:12 n At 15:33 o 1 Co 1:12; 3:5

to come to you with the brethren. But it was not his desire to come at this time, but he will come when he has an opportune time.

13 ¶ ^pWatch! ^qStand fast in the faith. Behave like men. ^rBe strong.

14 ^sLet all *that you do* be done in love.

15 ¶ I urge you, brethren, you know ^tthe household of Stephanas, that it is ^uthe firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have dedicated themselves to ^vthe ministry of the saints,

16 ^wthat you submit yourselves to such, and to everyone who works with *us* and ^xlabors.

17 ¶ I rejoice over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, ^yfor what was lacking on your part they have supplied.

18 For ^zthey have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore, ^aacknowledge such men.

Final Greeting

19 ¶ The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, ^bwith the church that is in their house.

20 All the brethren greet you. ^cGreet one another with a holy kiss.

21 *This is* ^dthe greeting with my own hand, Paul.

22 ¶ If anyone ^edoes not love the Lord Jesus Christ, ^flet him be accursed. ^gCome, O Lord.

23 ^hThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.

24 My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

p Mt 24:42 q Ph 1:27; 4:1 r Ep 3:16; 6:10 s 1 Pt 4:8 t 1 Co 1:16 u Rm 16:5 v 2 Co 8:4 w Hb 13:17 x Hb 6:10 y 2 Co 11:9 z Cl 4:8 a Ph 2:29 b Rm 16:5 c Rm 16:16 d Cl 4:18 e Ep 6:24 f Gl 1:8,9 g Jd 14,15 h Rm 16:20