

# 1 Corinthians

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# I Corinthians

## I. The Corinthians are greeted by Paul - 1:1-9

### A. Paul gave greetings to the church at Corinth - 1:1-3

#### 1. these greetings were from Paul and Sosthenes - 1:1

Paul was the writer of the book - I Cor. 1:1  
Paul was called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ - Romans 1:1  
Paul received this call through the will of God - II Cor. 1:1

Sosthenes was a brother in Christ - I Cor. 1:1  
Sosthenes had been the ruler of the synagogue in Corinth - Acts 18:17

#### 2. these greetings were to the church at Corinth - 1:2

the church at Corinth was started by Paul - Acts 18:1  
the church at Corinth began in the home of Aquila - Acts 18:2-3  
the church at Corinth contained both Jews and Gentiles - Acts 18:4-8  
the church at Corinth had daily teaching for 18 months - Acts 18:9-11  
the church at Corinth was rejected by many Jews - Acts 18:12-17  
the church at Corinth received further teaching - Acts 18:18  
the church at Corinth was strengthened by Apollos - Acts 18:27-28

this church was the church of God at Corinth  
this church was sanctified in Christ Jesus  
this church was called to be saints  
(they were saints even though every chapter has problems)  
this church included all in Corinth who called on Christ

#### 3. these greetings focused on grace and peace - 1:3

grace speaks of good will, loving-kindness or favor  
peace speaks of the inner peace in a Christian

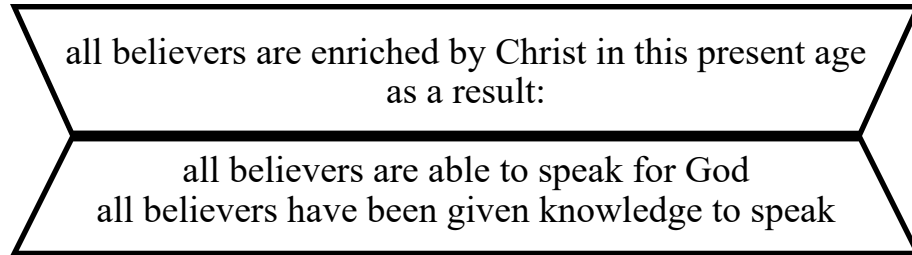
this peace is from both the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ  
this peace is the result of our assurance of salvation in Christ  
this peace is the result of having no fear of judgment from God  
this peace makes it possible to accept our present situation

**B. Paul expressed thanks for the church at Corinth - 1:4-9**

**1. this thanks was expressed continually - 1:4**

Paul continually expressed thanks to God for the Corinthians  
Paul continually thanks God for the grace He had shown to them

**2. this thanks was for all that Christ had done for them - 1:5**



**3. this thanks was for the work Christ had done in their lives - 1:6**

Christ was working in their lives to confirm their salvation  
(this was true in spite of all the problems of this church)

**4. this thanks was for the fact that they had received all the gifts - 1:7**

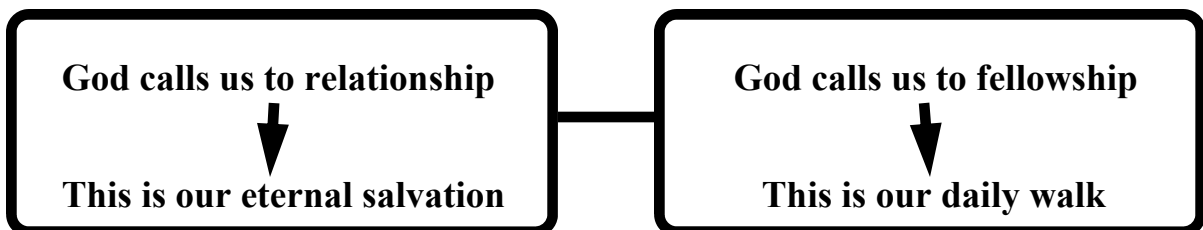
all Christians have received spiritual gifts regardless of their maturity  
all Christians have received spiritual gifts to edify one another  
all Christians are to use our gifts as we wait for the Lord to come

**5. this thanks was for the fact that Christ would make them blameless - 1:8**

Christ will continue to strengthen us unto the end  
Christ will present us blameless at His coming

**6. this thanks was for the fact that God is faithful - 1:9**

God is faithful and will not change His grace toward us  
God is the One who has called us for all eternity  
God has called us to enjoy fellowship with Christ



## **II. The Corinthians are taught how to deal with divisions**

### **A. divisions were present in the church at Corinth - 1:10-17**

#### **1. the Corinthians had divisions among them - 1:10-11**

##### **a. division results in not speaking the same things - 1:10**

###### **Paul begged them to speak the same things**

unity in the body is the result of seeking spiritual wisdom - I Cor. 2:9-13

###### **Paul begged them to avoid divisions**

unity in the body is the result of growing spiritual maturity - I Cor. 3:1-3

###### **Paul begged them to heal the divisions and have unity**

unity in the body is the result of building on a firm foundation - I Cor. 3:10-17

###### **Paul begged them to have the same mind**

this happens as we conform our minds to Christ and His Word

###### **Paul begged them to have the same judgment**

this happens as we make decisions as a body based on His Word

##### **b. division will always cause strife in a local church - 1:11**

Paul told how he had learned about what was happening  
Paul told that he had heard that there was strife among them

#### **2. the Corinthians were choosing favorite teachers - 1:12-17**

##### **a. Paul said some were choosing a particular teacher - 1:12**

some claimed to follow Paul  
some claimed to follow Apollos  
some claimed to follow Peter  
some claimed to follow Christ

when there are divisions, most are usually following their own will

##### **b. Paul said that Christ is not divided - 1:13**

Christ is the source of unity not division  
Paul did not die for them on the cross  
Paul did not baptize them in his own name

**c. Paul said that he had baptized very few - 1:14**

Paul seldom did the baptizing  
Paul had baptized Crispus  
(Crispus had been the chief ruler of the synagogue - Acts 18:8)  
he had been one of the first Christians in Corinth  
Paul had baptized Gaius  
(Gaius was the person with whom Paul stayed on a later visit - Rom. 16:23)  
he had probably been one of the first Christians in Corinth

**d. Paul said he did not want any to say they were baptized in his name - 1:15**

there is always a danger of individuals becoming people followers  
(Paul did not want people to become followers of him)

**e. Paul named a few others he had baptized - 1:16**

Paul had also baptized the household of Stephanas  
Stephanas had been one of the first to become a Christian in Corinth - I Cor. 16:15  
Stephanas had come to visit Paul in the city of Ephesus - I Cor. 16:17  
Stephanas was one of the ones who brought this letter to Corinth

**f. Paul gives us an important example here**

Paul only baptized the first few converts since he was the church planter



Paul had other converts baptized by the initial converts to focus on unity in the body  
Christ used this same pattern - John 4:1-2

**g. Paul said he came to preach the cross of Christ - 1:17**

Christ did not send Paul to baptize  
Christ sent Paul to preach  
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Paul was to preach the Gospel  
Paul was to avoid depending on human wisdom  
Paul was to avoid anything that took away from the cross of Christ  
(we are not to let ourselves hinder the message of Christ)



**B. divisions were caused by a lack of maturity - 1:18-2:16**

**1. they did not understand the message of the cross - 1:18-2:5**

**a. the cross was a stumbling block to many - 1:18-25**

**1) the message of the cross has the power of God - 1:18**

The message of the cross produces two different responses:

**It is foolishness to those who are perishing**

God says that the cross is foolishness to the Gentiles - I Cor. 1:23

God has chosen the foolish things to confound the wise - I Cor. 1:27

**It is the power of God to us who are being saved**

Gods says that the cross is the power of God to the called - I Cor. 1:24

**2) the message of the cross is not based on human wisdom - 1:19**

**God will destroy the wisdom of the wise**

the wisdom of this world is earthly, sensual, demonic - James 3:15-16

the wisdom from above is pure and peaceable- James 3:17-18

**God will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent**

the thoughts of God are hidden from the prudent - Matt. 11:25

the thoughts of God are revealed to spiritual babes - Luke 10:21

**3) the message of the cross makes human wisdom look foolish - 1:20**

**God silences the wise, the scribe and the disputer**

we are not to be wise in our own conceits - Rom. 12:16

we are to seek the mind of Christ - Phil. 2:5-8

**God makes foolish the wisdom of this world**

worldly wisdom focuses on the external - Col. 2:20-23

true wisdom shows itself by godly character - James 3:13

**4) the message of the cross is the message that saves those who believe - 1:21**

**the world cannot know God from the wisdom of the world**

the wisdom of this world darkens the foolish heart - Rom. 1:20-23

**the world will only know God through the foolishness of preaching**

the preaching of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing - I Cor. 1:18

the preaching of the cross is done in the power of the Spirit - I Cor. 2:2-5

**5) the message of the cross rejects human standards - 1:22**

**the Jews require a sign**  
the scribes and Pharisees asked for a sign - Matt 12:38-40; Matt. 16:1  
**the Greeks seek after wisdom**  
the Greeks trusted in human wisdom - Acts 17:18-21

**6) the message of the cross causes many to stumble - 1:23**

**the message of the cross was the message of the apostles**  
the message of the cross was to be preached to all nations - Luke 24:46-48  
the message of the cross was the message of Paul - Gal. 6:14  
the message of the cross is to be our message also - II Cor. 4:5  
**the message of the cross was a stumbling block to the Jews**  
the message of the cross was preached to the Jews - Acts 2:22-36  
the message of the cross caused the Jews to stumble - Rom. 9:37-39  
**the message of the cross was foolishness to the Greeks**  
the message of the cross was preached to the Gentiles - Acts 10:39-43  
the message of the cross is foolishness to all unbelievers - I Cor. 2:14

**7) the message of the cross shows both the power and wisdom of God - 1:24**

**the message of the cross is recognized by those who are called**  
the called include all believers - I Cor. 1:9  
the called are called by the purpose of God - Rom. 8:28-30  
**the message of the cross is for both Jews and Greeks**  
the called include both Jews and Gentiles - Rom. 9:24  
**the message of the cross demonstrates the power of God**  
the message of the Gospel is the power of God - Rom. 1:16  
**the message of the cross demonstrates the wisdom of God**  
Christ became wisdom for us from God - I Cor. 1:30

**8) the message of the cross confounds the wisdom and strength of men - 1:25**

**the foolishness of God is wiser than men**  
the wisdom of God is beyond human understanding - Rom. 11:33-36  
the wisdom of God is the message that we speak - I Cor. 2:7  
**the weakness of God is stronger than men**  
the strength of God is revealed through the Spirit - Zech. 4:6-7

**b. the cross does not depend on human wisdom - 1:26-31**

**1) God has not called many who depend on self - 1:26**

**God is the One who calls all who have come to Christ**  
the Father is the One who calls all who come to Christ - John 6:37  
**God does not call many who depend on human wisdom**  
the message did not come to them in human wisdom - I Cor. 2:3-6  
the message compared spiritual things with spiritual - I Cor. 2:13  
the message came in the wisdom of God - I Cor. 3:18-20  
the message is revealed to man by God - Matt. 11:25-26  
the message is revealed to those who seek godly wisdom - James 3:13-17  
**God does not call many who depend on human power**  
the message was not received by the religious leaders - John 7:47-49  
the message was not received by the political leaders - John 18:38  
**God does not call many who depend on human position**  
the message was not received by those who depend on wealth - Luke 18:24-25

**2) God has called the foolish and the weak - 1:27**

**God is the One who calls the foolish**  
this call is to those who become a fool to the world - I Cor. 3:18  
this call is to those become fools for Christ - II Cor. 12:11  
**God is the One who calls the weak**  
this call is to those who are just children - Matt. 21:16

**3) God has called those who are rejected - 1:28**

**God is the One who calls those born to a low position**  
this call is to those who are not accepted by others - Luke 4:18-19  
this call is to those who are poor - Matt. 11:4-5  
**God is the One who calls the rejected**  
this call is to those rejected by society - Matt. 10:9-13  
this call is to those rejected because of ethnicity - John 4:39-42  
this call is to those rejected because of sin- John 8:1-11

**“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me,  
and the one who comes to Me  
I will by no means cast out.”  
John 6:37**

#### 4) God has called us without human glory - 1:29

**we have no basis for human glory**

we are to glory in the Lord - I Cor. 1:31

we have received all that we have from the Lord - I Cor. 4:7

we see that we are not to glory in man - I Cor. 5:6

**we will not have glory in the presence of God**

we are all guilty before God - Rom. 3:19

we have no basis for boasting - Rom. 3:27

we see Abraham had no basis for boasting - Rom. 4:2

we are to glory in Christ not self - Rom. 15:17

we have no works in which we can boast - Eph. 2:9

the Father has given all glory to Christ - Phil. 2:9-11

#### 5) God has made us what we are in Christ - 1:30

**Christ has placed us in His body**

we were all baptized into His body - I Cor. 12:12-13

we have all become members of His body - I Cor. 12:18

we are particular members of the body of Christ - I Cor. 12:27

we are all to abide in Christ - John 15:1-6

we are to be one in Christ - John 17:21-23

**Christ has given us wisdom from God**

we are given the wisdom of God - I Cor. 1:24

we are to pray for wisdom - Eph. 1:17-18

we have had the wisdom of God revealed to us - Eph. 3:9-10

we see that Christ is the source of all wisdom - Col. 2:2-3

**Christ has given us righteousness**

we have been given the righteousness of Christ - II Cor. 5:21

**Christ has given us sanctification**

we have been sanctified regardless of our past - I Cor. 6:9-11

**Christ has given us redemption**

we have received redemption through Christ - Eph. 1:7

#### 6) God has made us to give all glory to Christ - 1:31

**we are to give glory**

we are to glory in the Lord - II Cor. 10:17

**we are to give all glory to Christ**

we are to boast in the cross of Christ - Gal. 6:13-14

**c. the cross was the message Paul preached - 2:1-5**

**1) Paul did not preach with human wisdom - 2:1**

**Paul did not depend on human speech**  
Paul reasoned from the Word of God - Acts 18:1-4  
**Paul did not depend on human wisdom**  
Paul did not depend on his speaking ability - I Cor. 2:4  
**Paul did declare the testimony of God**  
Paul said his message was repentance and faith - Acts 20:21

**2) Paul preached Christ and Him crucified - 2:2**

**Paul chose to preach only about Christ**  
Paul knew that it is Christ that changes lives - I Cor. 1:23  
**Paul chose to focus on the crucifixion**  
Paul knew that the cross is the power of God in action - I Cor. 1:18

**3) Paul preached in weakness and fear - 2:3**

**Paul experienced weakness**  
Paul knew God's strength would be revealed through his weakness - II Cor. 12:5-10  
**Paul experienced fear**  
Paul had to deal both with conflicts and fears - II Cor. 7:5  
**Paul experienced much trembling**  
Paul had to learn to depend on Christ - II Cor. 4:8-10

**4) Paul preached in the power of the Spirit - 2:4**

**Paul did not speak with enticing words**  
Paul chose to declare the whole counsel of God - Acts 20:27  
**Paul did not speak with human wisdom**  
Paul said flattering speech is for those who try to deceive - Rom. 16:18  
**Paul spoke in the power of the Spirit**  
Paul spoke in the power of the Spirit - I Cor. 2:14-16

**5) Paul preached so their faith would be in the power of God - 2:5**

**Paul did not want faith based on the wisdom of men - I Cor. 1:17**  
**Paul wanted faith based on the power of God - Rom. 1:16**

## **2. they did not understand the ministry of the Spirit - 2:6-16**

### **a. spiritual wisdom is a mystery to the world - 2:6-8**

#### **1) the wisdom of God is different than the wisdom of the world - 2:6**

##### **the wisdom that Paul spoke was a perfect wisdom**

the thoughts and ways of God are higher than our thoughts and ways - Is. 55:8-9

the wisdom of God is the result of growing to maturity - Eph. 4:11-13

the wisdom of God is more than we yet understand - Phil 3:12-15

##### **the wisdom that Paul spoke was not the wisdom of this age**

the wisdom that Paul shared was spiritual wisdom - I Cor. 2:13

the wisdom of God is different than the wisdom of men - James 3:13-17

##### **the wisdom that Paul spoke was not from the rulers of this age**

the wisdom of the rulers was against Christ - Acts 4:25-28

Paul did not depend on the wisdom of man - I Cor. 2:1

the wisdom of this world produces spiritual death - Eph 2:1-4

#### **2) the wisdom of God has been a mystery to the world - 2:7**

##### **the wisdom of God is a mystery**

this wisdom has been a mystery to the world - Eph. 3:3-7

this wisdom has been revealed to the saints - Col. 1:26-27

##### **the wisdom of God has been hidden from the world**

this wisdom was not even revealed to the Old Testament saints - I Pet. 1:11-12

##### **the wisdom of God was present before the world began**

this wisdom was a part of the plan of God from eternity - II Tim. 1:9

this wisdom will bring us to glory - II Pet. 1:3-4

#### **3) the wisdom of God has been rejected by the worldly rulers - 2:8**

##### **the rulers of this world did not know the wisdom of God**

God has revealed these things to the foolish and the weak - I Cor. 1:26-29

God has revealed these things to those who are babes - Matt. 11:25-26

God did not reveal these things to the religious leaders - John 7:48

##### **the rulers of this world crucified Christ because they lacked godly wisdom**

the rulers crucified Christ in ignorance - Acts 3:17

the rulers did not recognize Christ from the Scriptures - Acts 13:27

the rulers had their minds blinded - II Cor. 3:14

even Paul had rejected Christ in his ignorance - I Tim. 1:13

## **b. spiritual wisdom is revealed by the Spirit - 2:9-12**

### **1) the Spirit has many things to teach us - 2:9**

**we have not yet seen what God has prepared for us**  
these things were given by people who did not understand - I Pet. 1:12  
**we have not yet heard what God has prepared for us**  
these things will result in a reward for us - James 1:12  
**we have not yet understood what God has prepared for us**  
these things are all going to work out for our good - Rom. 8:28-29

### **2) the Spirit reveals the things of God to us - 2:10**

**God says the Spirit is the One who reveals the things of God**  
the Spirit reveals things as we pray and seek the will of God - Rom. 8:26-27  
**God says that the Spirit searches all things**  
the Spirit is the One who teaches us all things - John 14:26; 16:13  
**God says that the Spirit searches the deep things of God**  
the Spirit searches the things beyond our understanding - Rom. 11:33-36

### **3) the Spirit of God knows our inner spirit - 2:11**

**man does not know the thoughts of another man**  
a man cannot know the thoughts of another - Prov. 14:10  
**man only knows his own thoughts through his spirit**  
a man can only know by drawing out the thoughts of another - Prov. 20:5  
**man does not know the things of God but by the Spirit**  
a man cannot know the things of God without the Spirit - Rom. 11:33-35

### **4) the Spirit of God is the Spirit we have received - 2:12**

**we did not receive the spirit of the world**  
the spirit of this age blinds the minds of people - II Cor. 4:4  
the spirit of this world controls the thinking of people - I John 5:19  
**we have received the Spirit of God**  
the Spirit in us is greater than the spirit of the world - I John 4:4  
the Spirit we have received is the Spirit of God - Rom. 8:15-16  
**we are able to know the things of God by that Spirit**  
the Spirit of truth reveals all truth to us - John 16:13-15  
the Spirit of truth testifies of Christ - John 15:26-27

**c. spiritual wisdom is revealed through the Word - 2:13**

**we do not teach the wisdom of men**  
we will only be effective as we teach in the power of God - I Cor. 2:4  
we do not follow the fables of man - II Pet. 1:16  
**we teach the wisdom revealed by the Spirit**  
the Spirit teaches us what we ought to say - Luke 12:12  
**we teach the wisdom that compares spiritual with spiritual**  
this wisdom comes from the Word of God - Col. 3:16

**d. spiritual wisdom is really the mind of Christ - 2:14-16**

**1) this wisdom is not revealed to the natural man - 2:14**

**the natural man does not understand the things of the Spirit**  
the natural man does not seek wisdom from above - James 3:14-16  
the natural man is blinded by the god of this age - II Cor. 4:4  
**the natural man views spiritual things as foolishness**  
the natural man teaches according to his own lusts - Jude 18-19  
**the natural man cannot have spiritual discernment**  
the natural man can hear but not understand - Matt. 13:13

**2) this wisdom is revealed to the spiritual man - 2:15**

**the spiritual man examines all things**  
the spiritual man is able to restore others - Gal. 6:1  
the spiritual man prays for spiritual understanding - Col. 1:9  
**the spiritual man cannot be rightly judged by others**  
the false brethren could not understand Christian liberty - Gal. 2:3-5  
the untaught brethren will try to add the law to liberty - Acts 15:1-5

**3) this wisdom only comes from the Lord - 2:16**

**we do not have the mind to instruct Christ**  
Job was asked if he could correct god - Job 40:2  
the Spirit of God is not instructed by man - Is. 40:13-14  
**we have been given the mind of Christ**  
Christ has shared His plans with us - John 15:15  
the Holy Spirit reveals the mind of the Father to us - John 16:13-15  
Christ shared the word of the Father with us - John 17:6-8



**C. divisions were causing serious consequences - 3:1-23**

**1. the Corinthians were carnal because of immaturity - 3:1-3**

**a. the Corinthians had remained as spiritual toddlers - 3:1**

**they had not become spiritual men**

the Corinthians were still controlled by sin - Gal. 6:1

the Corinthians could not yet grasp true wisdom - I Cor. 2:6

the Corinthians were not yet able to judge all things - I Cor. 2:15

**they had remained like fleshly men**

they were walking like men of the flesh - I Cor. 3:3

they were depending on their own strength - Rom. 7:15-25

they were deceiving themselves with human wisdom - I Cor. 3:18-19

**they had remained as spiritual toddlers**

a toddler has not put away childish things - I Cor. 13:11

a toddler is still easily deceived by false teachers - Eph. 4:14

a toddler has not matured properly - Heb. 5:11-14

**b. the Corinthians still needed a diet of milk - 3:2**

**they had received the milk of the Word**

the one who still needs milk is unskillful in the Word - Heb. 5:13

**they had not received more in depth teaching**

they had not matured enough to understand - Heb. 5:14

**they were not prepared for the more in depth teaching**

they were still controlled by divisions - I Cor. 1:10

they were not prepared for teaching about spiritual things - I Cor. 12:1

**c. the Corinthians still acted like non-Christians - 3:3**

**they were still acting like men of the flesh**

they needed to put off the things of the flesh - Col. 3:5-8

**they were still having various conflicts**

they had not yet learned to walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:16

they were still walking in pride - I Cor. 4:18

**they were still walking like people without Christ**

(there are major problems in every chapter of I Corinthians)

this is true of all who remain as spiritual toddlers

I Cor. 3:1-3; I Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:14; Heb. 5:11-14

**2. the Corinthians needed to recognize laborers as equal - 3:4-9**

**a. our leaders are not the ones who changed us - 3:4**

**people were claiming to be of Paul and others of Apollos**  
we are not to be followers of favorite leaders - I Cor. 1:12; 4:6  
**people were showing that they were fleshly**  
we are not to think the way that the world thinks - Rom. 12:2

**b. our leaders are to be those who serve - 3:5**

**Paul and Apollos were servants who had led others to Christ**  
Paul and Apollos were servants of Christ and stewards of God - I Cor. 4:1-2  
**Paul and Apollos were serving as the Lord worked in each one**  
the Lord is the One who gives all gifts for ministry - Rom. 12:3-8; I Pet. 4:10

**c. our leaders are to work together in ministry - 3:6**

**leaders work together to do the work of the Lord - Acts 14:27**  
**leaders look to the Lord to give the increase**  
the Lord is the One who produces the harvest - Mark 4:26-29

**d. our leaders are to look to God for the increase - 3:7**

**the workers are not the focus - II Cor. 12:9-10; Gal. 6:3**  
**the Lord is the One who is the focus - Rom. 15:5-7**

**e. our leaders will receive their reward from Christ - 3:8**

**leaders work together as a team**  
different people function in different parts of the work - John 4:36-38  
**leaders will each be rewarded by the Lord**  
different people will each be rewarded individually - I Cor. 3:12-16

**f. our leaders are all laborers together with God - 3:9**

**God is the One whom we all serve**  
we have all been created in Christ for good works - Eph. 2:10  
**God is the One who produces results**  
God is the Lord of the harvest - Matt. 9:38

### **3. the Corinthians had to build on the right foundation - 3:10-17**

**God is the One who allows us to build on the foundation - 3:10**

**Paul was called to be a masterbuilder by God**

Paul did what he did by the grace of God - I Cor. 15:10

Paul was called to preach where others had not yet preached - Rom. 15:20

**Paul was called to lay a foundation in many places**

Paul had planted churches from Jerusalem to Illyricum - Rom. 15:19

**Paul said that others would build on that foundation**

Paul sent Timothy to build on that foundation - I Cor. 4:14-17

Paul sent Titus to build on that foundation - Titus 1:5

Paul said the whole church would be built on that foundation - Eph. 2:19-22

### **God says Christ is the true foundation - 3:11**

**The true foundation is not laid by man**

the true foundation was laid by the Father - I Pet. 2:6-8

the solid foundation laid by God will stand - II Tim. 2:19

**The true foundation is Christ, Himself**

Christ is the chief cornerstone - Acts 4:11-12

Christ says no other gospel is to be preached - Gal. 1:7-9

### **God says we build on that foundation with various materials - 3:12**

**Some will build with gold, silver and precious stones**

when we have a genuine faith, it is more precious than gold - I Pet. 1:7

when we teach good doctrine we are building with gold - I Tim. 4:6

**Some will build with wood, hay and stubble**

when we build with the wrong materials, it produces dishonor - II Tim. 2:20

when we just peddle the Word, we are like wood - II Cor. 2:17

when we handle the Word deceitfully, we are like wood - II Cor. 4:2

### **God says our works will be tested by fire - 3:13**

**Our works will be revealed**

our works are to be done in the power of the Holy Spirit - I Thess. 1:5

**Our works will be tested by fire**

our works will have their true character revealed by God - I Cor. 4:5

our works may be tested by suffering - I Pet. 4:12

**God says those whose work abides will receive a reward - 3:14**

**the Lord will test our works to see what abides**  
we will stand before God to see what abides - II Cor. 5:10-11  
**the Lord will reward our works that abide**  
we will have joy in the presence of the Lord - I Thess. 2:19  
we will receive the reward of the faithful - II Tim. 4:7-8  
we will share in the glory of heaven - I Pet. 5:1

**God says those whose work is burned have no reward - 3:15**

**the Lord says that some works will be burned**  
our works will be tested by fire - I Cor 3:13  
**the Lord says this will result in loss of reward**  
we want to receive a full reward - II John 8  
**the Lord says it will not result in loss of salvation**  
the righteous will be saved in the judgment day - I Pet. 4:18

**God says that we are the temple of God - 3:16**

**we are the temple of God**  
we are the temple of the living God - II Cor. 6:16  
we are being built together in the temple of God - Eph. 2:21-22  
we are the house of Christ - Heb. 3:6  
we are a spiritual house - I Pet. 2:5  
**we have the Spirit of God dwelling in us**  
we were promised that the Spirit would dwell in us - John 14:17  
we have the Spirit dwelling in us and giving us life - Rom. 8:11  
we have been given the Spirit to dwell in us - I John 4:12-16

**God says that we as His temple are holy - 3:17**

**we are not to defile the temple of God**  
we are not to defile the temple with sin - I Cor. 6:13-18  
**we will be judged if we defile the temple of God**  
we will have our body judged if we continue to defile it - I Cor. 5:5  
we will have our body judged if we do not examine ourselves - I Cor. 11:28-32  
**we are to preserve the temple of God as a holy temple**  
we are to glorify God in our body and in our spirit - I Cor. 6:19-20  
we are to keep our temple as a clean and holy temple - II Cor. 6:14-18

#### 4. the Corinthians could not depend on human wisdom - 3:18-23

##### human wisdom can deceive - 3:18

**people can deceive themselves and seek another foundation**  
the only true foundation is Christ - I Cor. 3:10  
**people who do this are trying to be wise in this age**  
the Jews looked for signs and the Greeks sought wisdom - I Cor. 1:22  
**people need to be viewed as a fool by the world to be wise**  
the preaching of the cross is the power of God - I Cor. 1:18, 24-25

##### human wisdom is foolishness with God - 3:19-20

**the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God**  
God has chosen the foolish things to confound the wise - I Cor. 1:27  
**the wise are taken in their own craftiness - Job 5:13**  
God says that their foolish hearts have been darkened - Rom. 1:21  
**the thoughts of the wise are vain - Psalm 94:11**  
God warned of being deceive by philosophy or tradition - Col. 2:8

##### human wisdom causes man to glory in man - 3:21

**we are not to glory in our own wisdom**  
the Corinthians were boasting in human leaders - I Cor. 1:12, 3:4-7  
**we are to rejoice in the wisdom God has given all believers**  
the promises of God are all through faith - Rom. 4:13  
the promises of God assure us that God is with us - Rom 8:28-32  
the promises of God cause us to preach Christ not self - II Cor. 4:5

##### human wisdom does not compare to the wisdom of God - 3:22-23

**the wisdom even of spiritual leaders does not unite**  
even spiritual leaders can have conflicts - Gal. 2:11-14  
**the wisdom of the world, or life or death does not unite**  
the wisdom of the world bring conflict - Jam. 3:14-16  
**the wisdom of things present or things to come does not unite**  
wisdom without love still brings conflict - I Cor. 13:1-3  
**the wisdom that we have from Christ and the Father unites**  
we are to keep the unity of the Spirit - Eph. 4:3-7  
we see the thoughts and ways of God are higher - Is. 55:8-9

**D. divisions were due to a lack of spiritual parents - 4:1-21**

**1. Paul and Apollos were stewards of God - 4:1-8**

**spiritual leaders are ministers and stewards - 4:1**

**leaders are ministers of Christ**

Paul and Apollos viewed themselves as ministers of God - I Cor. 3:5

**leaders are stewards of the mysteries of God**

leaders are to share these mysteries with others - Rom. 16:25-26

**spiritual leaders are to be faithful - 4:2**

**leaders are stewards of God**

all spiritual leaders are stewards of God - Titus 1:7

all are to be good stewards of the grace of God - I Pet. 4:10

**leaders are required to be faithful**

leaders are not to handle the Word deceitfully - II Cor. 4:2

leaders are to provide a model of faithfulness - Col. 4:7, 17

**spiritual leaders should not be concerned when others judge - 4:3**

**Paul was not bothered when he was judged by others**

he knew that the Lord looks on the heart - I Sam. 16:7

we are not to judge by appearance - John 7:24

**Paul was not bothered when he was judged by a human court**

he looked forward to the day when the Lord would judge - I Cor. 3:13

**Paul did not bother to judge himself**

he knew what was motivating him - II Cor. 5:14-15

**spiritual leaders are to look to the Lord to judge - 4:4**

**Paul did not know of anything of which he was guilty**

Paul was pure of the blood of all men - Acts 20:26-27

Paul had a good conscience before men - Acts 23:1

**Paul said that this did not justify him**

not even Abraham could boast about his works - Rom. 4:2

**Paul said that the Lord is the One who is the true judge**

God Himself is the true judge - Ps. 50:6

we will all stand at the judgment seat of Christ - II Cor. 5:10

## **2. Paul and the apostles were an example of suffering - 4:9-13**

### **Paul had been chosen as an example - 4:9**

#### **God chose the apostles to be last**

the apostles were constantly in danger - I Cor. 15:30-32  
the apostles had a sentence of death in themselves - II Cor. 1:8-10

#### **God chose the apostles to be a spectacle**

they were made fun of by the world - Acts 19:29-32  
they were chosen to suffer for Christ - Phil. 1:29-30

### **Paul was viewed by many as a fool - 4:10**

#### **Paul was glad to be a fool for Christ's sake**

God has chosen to work through the weak - I Cor. 1:26-28

#### **Paul was willing to be made low for Christ's sake**

Paul was considered weak and contemptible - II Cor. 10:10-13  
Paul chose to seek only the approval of the Lord - II Cor. 10:14-18

### **Paul did not have any place to call home - 4:11**

#### **Paul often had basic physical needs**

he often lacked even basic necessities - II Cor. 11:27

#### **Paul had no place to call home**

his home was sometimes the jail - Acts 16:23-24  
his home was usually the home of others - Acts 16:15, 18:1-3

### **Paul had continually endured suffering - 4:12**

#### **Paul did much physical work**

he worked night and day and did not charge the Christians - I Thess. 2:9

#### **Paul experienced much physical abuse**

he was stoned, beaten and imprisoned - Acts 14:19, 16:23-24  
he was continually suffering for Christ - II Cor. 11:23-28

### **Paul was viewed like dirt to be removed - 4:13**

#### **he was defamed and rejected**

he was told he was unfit to live - Acts 22:22

#### **he was treated like dirt to be rejected**

he experienced rejection like Jeremiah - Lam. 3:45-51

**spiritual leaders look to the Lord to reveal the truth - 4:5**

**the Lord will judge in His time**

the Lord is the One to whom we will all give an account - Rom. 14:10-13

**the Lord will bring what He chooses to the light**

the Lord is the One from whom nothing is hidden - Heb. 4:13

**the Lord will reveal the thoughts of the heart**

the Lord will reveal all the thoughts of the heart - Luke 12:1-3

**the Lord will reward us according to His judgment**

the Lord is the One whose approval we should seek - II Cor. 10:18

**spiritual leaders are to be an example of humility - 4:6**

**Paul was willing to use himself as an example**

he encouraged others to follow his example - I Cor. 11:1

**Paul said we are not to exalt men**

he did not want people to exalt him - II Cor. 12:6

he said we are not to exalt ourselves - Rom. 12:3

**Paul said we are not to become proud**

he said we are to view others as more important than self - Phil. 2:3

**spiritual leaders recognize that all we have is from the Lord - 4:7**

**we have received all that we have from the Lord**

God is the One who makes each of us different - I Cor. 12:4-11

God has given each of us the gifts we have - I Pet. 4:10

**we have no room to boast since we have received what we have**

Paul realized that he had no room to boast - I Tim. 1:12-15

Paul reminds us all of what we used to be - Titus 3:3-7

**spiritual leaders and others will reign with God - 4:8**

**the Corinthians were viewing themselves with pride**

the Corinthians were acting with immaturity - I Cor. 3:1-3

the Corinthians were deceiving themselves - Gal. 6:3

**the Corinthians were to learn how to reign with Christ**

the Corinthians needed to learn to stand fast in one spirit - Phil. 1:27

the Corinthians needed to learn to live in Christ - II Tim. 2:11-12

**the Corinthians were to recognize Paul as a partner**

the Corinthians needed Paul to help them grow - II Cor. 13:9-10



### **3. Paul had become a spiritual parent to the Corinthians - 4:14-17**

#### **Paul wrote as a father warning beloved sons - 4:14**

**Paul did not want to bring shame to them**  
Paul did not write to condemn them - II Cor. 7:3  
**Paul did want to warn them as beloved sons**  
Paul spoke as one warning beloved children - II Cor. 6:11-13

#### **Paul had begotten them through the Gospel - 4:15**

**the danger of only having instructors**  
an instructor functions through the law - Gal. 3:24  
an instructor will not help us grow - Gal. 3:25  
**the need for spiritual parents in order to grow**  
a spiritual parent teaches by example - Acts 20:20  
a spiritual parent is motivated by love - II Cor. 5:14-15  
a spiritual parent teaches the whole counsel of God - Acts 20:27  
**the example of a spiritual parent modeled by Paul**  
a spiritual parent provides tender care and an example - I Thess. 2:7-12  
a spiritual parent models God's sufficiency - II Cor. 3:5  
a spiritual parent models servant leadership - II Cor. 4:5

#### **Paul encouraged them to follow his example - 4:16**

**Paul made a request not a command**  
Paul chose to request not command - Phile. 1:8-10  
**Paul requested them to be followers of his actions**  
Paul requested them to follow him as he followed Christ - I Cor. 11:1

#### **Paul sent Timothy to remind them of his actions - 4:17**

**Timothy was being sent by Paul to the Corinthians**  
Timothy was often sent to encourage Christians - I Thess. 3:1-2  
Timothy had the same concerns as Paul - Phil. 2:19-20  
**Timothy would remind them of the actions of Paul**  
Timothy knew the teaching and actions of Paul - II Tim. 3:10-11  
**Timothy would remind them of Paul's consistent example**  
Timothy knew that Paul was faithful - I Cor. 4:2  
Timothy would also teach what Paul taught - II Tim. 2:2

#### 4. Paul wanted to serve the Corinthians in love - 4:18-21

##### Paul recognized the pride of some - 4:18

**some were proud and puffed up**  
the Corinthians were proud even of sin - I Cor. 5:2  
**some acted as though Paul would not come to them**  
the Corinthians did not understand the heart of Paul - II Cor. 6:11-12

##### Paul wanted to come to help them - 4:19

**Paul wanted to come to them in the near future**  
Paul wanted to come for their benefit - II Cor. 1:15-24  
Paul did not want to cause them sorrow - II Cor. 2:1-2  
**Paul wanted to come if it was the Lord's will**  
Paul always wanted to do the will of the Lord - Acts 18:21  
**Paul wanted to help some learn to change their speech**  
Paul wanted them to learn to speak the wisdom of God - I Cor. 2:6-7  
**Paul wanted them to learn to minister in power**  
Paul wanted them to learn to speak in the power of Christ - II Cor. 13:1-4

##### Paul wanted them to know the power of God - 4:20

**the kingdom of God is not based on words**  
the kingdom of God has a very different basis - Rom. 14:17  
the kingdom of God is based on the power of the Gospel - Rom. 1:16  
**the kingdom of God is built through His power**  
the word is ministered through the power of the Spirit - Rom 15:18-19  
the Gospel is to be proclaimed in power - I Thess. 1:5

##### Paul wanted to minister in love - 4:21

**Paul could come with severe discipline**  
Paul had the authority to command - II Cor. 10:8  
Paul could use that authority to command - II Cor. 13:2  
**Paul chose to come in a spirit of love**  
Paul chose to show the love of a nursing mother - I Thess. 2:7  
**Paul chose to come with a spirit of gentleness**  
Paul chose to plead with gentleness - II Cor. 10:1-2  
Paul chose to minister with the wisdom from above - Jam. 3:17

### III. The Corinthians are taught how to deal with moral problems - 5:1-6:20

#### A. the problem of incest - 5:1-13

##### 1. the Corinthians were proud about sin - 5:1-2

**the church in Corinth has problems with immorality - 5:1**

**the Corinthians were aware of immorality in the church**

Paul had received reports about the church at Corinth - I Cor. 16:17

Paul had heard that there were problems in the church - I Cor. 1:11

**the Corinthians were behaving worse than the world**

Paul was familiar with the past lifestyle of the Corinthians - I Cor. 6:11

Paul said that they needed to remove sin from the church - I Cor. 5:7

Paul said they were to deal with sin within the church - I Cor. 5:11-13

**the Corinthians had a problem of incest in the church**

Paul called the church to separate from immorality - I Cor. 6:18

Paul called the church to glorify God in body and in spirit - I Cor. 6:19-20

Paul called the church to repent of immorality - II Cor. 12:21

Christians are called to separate from immorality - Acts 15:20, 29

**the church at Corinth had become proud of sin - 5:2**

**the Corinthians were proud of the sin**

the Corinthians were puffed up about many things - I Cor. 4:6-8

the Corinthians were proud and did not expect rebuke - I Cor. 4:18

**the Corinthians had not mourned**

the Corinthians were told how to deal with sin - I Cor. 5:4-5

the Corinthians were told why they needed to deal with sin - I Cor. 5:6

the Corinthians were told how dealing with sin would cleanse - I Cor. 5:7-8

the Corinthians did reach a point where they mourned - II Cor. 7:7

the Corinthians did mourn until it brought repentance - II Cor. 7:9-10

**the Corinthians had not dealt with sin**

the Corinthians needed to purge out the old leaven - I Cor. 5:7

the Corinthians were to deal with sinning Christians - I Cor. 5:10-12

the Corinthians were to remove sinning Christians - I Cor. 5:13

**the Corinthians had not removed the sinning brother**

the Corinthians did remove the sinning brother - II Cor. 2:9-11

the Corinthians were told Paul had acted in love - II Cor. 2:4-5

the Corinthians were told how to restore the brother - II Cor. 2:6-8

## **2. the Corinthians were told how to deal with sin - 5:3-5**

### **Paul told them about his own concern - 5:3**

#### **Paul was not physically present in Corinth**

Paul was the same whether present or absent - II Cor. 10:11

#### **Paul was there in his heart**

Paul had a great inner concern when absent - Col. 2:5

#### **Paul had determined that action was needed**

Paul knew discipline was necessary to preserve the church - I Cor. 5:9-11

#### **Paul told them to deal with the sinning brother**

Paul said that the sin must be recognized and removed - I Cor. 5:1-2, 4-5

### **Paul told them how to take action as a body - 5:4**

#### **the church was to act in the name of Christ**

we are to do everything in the name of Christ - Col. 3:17

we have been given the responsibility to bind and loose - Matt. 16:19

we are given a pattern for discipline in the church - Matt. 18:16-20

#### **the church was to act in unity of Christ**

the church is to act as a body in discipline - Matt. 16:17

the church acts on behalf of Christ - John 20:23

#### **the church was to act in the power of Christ**

Christ is the source of all power and authority - Matt. 28:18

Christ delegates the power to discipline to the church - Matt. 16:19

### **Paul told them what action to take as a body - 5:5**

#### **the church was to deliver the brother to Satan**

the church is given the responsibility to exercise discipline - I Cor. 5:13

the church is to carry out this discipline as a body - II Cor. 2:6

the church exercises ultimate discipline by delivering to Satan - I Tim. 1:20

#### **the church would see him experience physical discipline**

the Lord disciplines but does not condemn Christians - I Cor 11:32

the Lord disciplines because of His love - Heb. 12:5-6

the Lord disciplines for our own benefit - Heb. 12:10-11

the Lord has as His goal restoration of the Christian - Gal. 6:1-2

#### **the church would see him experience eternal life**

the Lord will complete what He has started in our lives - Phil. 1:6

the Lord will present all believers blameless before God - I Cor. 1:8

### **3. the Corinthians were told about the danger of leaven - 5:6-8**

**the church was warned of the effects of leaven (sin) - 5:6**

**the Corinthians were glorying (boasting)**

this boasting was about men - I Cor. 3:21

this boasting was the result of pride - I Cor. 4:18-19

this boasting was evil - James 4:16

**the Corinthians were reminded of the effects of leaven**

the leaven of sin leavens the whole lump - Gal. 5:9

the leaven of sin spreads like a cancer - II Tim. 2:17

the leaven of sin corrupts good habits - I Cor. 15:33

**the church was told to remove the old leaven - 5:7**

**the Corinthians were to remove the sinning person**

the church was to take action to remove the sinning person - I Cor. 5:13

the church is to put off the former conduct which was sin - Eph. 4:22

the church is to put off the old man with his deeds - Col. 3:5-9

**the Corinthians were to be a renewed church picturing Christ**

the church is one body serving one Christ - I Cor. 10:17

the church is joined to Christ who is the head - Eph. 4:15-16

**the Corinthians were reminded that Christ was sacrificed for us**

Christ was the Lamb of God who took away sin - John 1:29, 36

Christ was crucified and rose again for us - I Cor. 15:1-4

Christ was our Lamb without spot or blemish - I Pet. 1:19-21

Christ was the Lamb promised by Isaiah - Isaiah 53:7-10

**the church was to be a church without leaven - 5:8**

**the Corinthians were to remember what Christ did**

the church was to remember it had been washed by Christ - I Cor. 6:9-11

the church is the body of Christ and is to glorify Christ - I Cor. 6:19-20

**the Corinthians were not to let sin control**

the church was to remove the open sin in the church - II Cor. 12:21

the church was to no longer walk like the world - Eph. 4:17-22

the church is no longer to live for the lusts of men - I Pet. 4:2

**the Corinthians were to let purity control**

the church is to show its love by its actions - II Cor. 8:8

the church is to love in word and in truth - I John 3:18-21

**4. the Corinthians were only to discipline Christians - 5:9-13**

**the Corinthians were not to fellowship with fornicators - 5:9**

**Paul had already written a letter to the Corinthians**  
the Corinthians had become proud instead of repentant - I Cor. 5:2  
**Paul had told them not to fellowship with fornicators**  
Christians are to avoid sexual immorality - I Cor. 6:13-18

**the Corinthians were to realize this was not talking about non-Christians - 5:10**

**this was not talking about those who were not Christians**  
we are to accept invitations from those who are not Christians - I Cor. 10:27  
**this also included not fellowshiping with Christians practicing other sins**  
we are called to put off the works of the flesh - Gal. 5:16-21  
**this included only other Christians or we would be in isolation**  
we are to be salt and light to the world - Matt. 6:13-16

**the Corinthians were to avoid fellowship with brothers practicing sin - 5:11**

**we are not to fellowship with brothers living in sin**  
discipline removes sinning Christians from fellowship - Matt. 18:17  
discipline includes withdrawing from fellowship - II Thess. 3:6, 14  
**we are not to eat meals with brothers living in sin**  
discipline is to be for the purpose of restoration - Gal. 6:1

**the Corinthians were to discipline those from within who were sinning - 5:12**

**Paul was not calling for separation from non-Christians**  
this would require leaving the world - I Cor. 5:9-10  
**Paul was calling for separation from sinning Christians**  
this also includes separation from those doing false teaching - Rom. 16:17

**the Corinthians were to remove the sinning person - 5:13**

**God would be the One who judges non-Christians**  
the Lord has set a day to judge the world in righteousness - Acts 17:31  
the Lord will reserve the unjust for judgment - II Pet. 2:9  
**God calls the church to discipline Christians**  
the Lord called the church to discipline the offender - I Cor. 5:5-7

## **B. the problem of lawsuits - 6:1-8**

### **the Christians were going to court with each other - 6:1**

#### **the believers had things against each other**

they were not dealing with problems in Biblical ways - Matt. 18:15-17

they were following the way they acted before Christ - Acts 18:14-15

#### **the believers were going to law before the unjust**

they were choosing unbelievers to judge between them - I Cor. 6:6-7

they were using the courts provided by the world - Acts 19:38

#### **the believers were not seeking help from other Christians**

they had people who had devoted themselves to ministry - I Cor. 16:15

they needed help from people with spiritual discernment - I Cor. 2:14

### **the Christians will one day judge the world - 6:2**

#### **saints will one day judge the world**

the saints will judge unbelievers in Christ's kingdom - Luke 22:30

#### **saints should be able to settle their own matters**

the saints need to learn to focus on eternal things - II Cor. 4:18

the saints need to focus on doing the will of God - I John 2:16-17

### **the Christians will one day judge the angels - 6:3**

#### **saints have been chosen to judge angels**

God has reserved sinning angels for judgment - II Pet. 2:4

God has reserved this judgment for the final day - Jude 1:6

#### **saints should be able to judge things of this life**

God has given some the gift of wisdom - I Cor. 12:8

God says that His wisdom will produce peace - Jam. 3:17-18

### **the Christians were to be able to judge their own cases - 6:4**

#### **saints do have things to settle in this life**

God has called Christians to judge the things involving Christians - I Cor. 5:12

God has given qualified people to lead in the church - Acts 6:2-3

#### **saints do not need to have non-Christians settle these things**

God has given a pattern when a brother has offended us - Luke 17:3

God has given us a pattern when we have offended a brother - Matt. 5:23

God has called us to seek reconciliation - Matt. 5:24

**the Christians were to find a wise man to judge for them - 6:5**

**the saints were bringing shame on themselves**

Paul did not want to shame but warn instead - I Cor. 4:14

**the saints had wise men among them**

Paul said they had people they thought were wise - I Cor. 4:10

**the saints could find a brother to judge between them**

Paul knew that they could ask God for wisdom - Jam.1:5

Paul knew that the wise would show it by their conduct - Jam. 3:13

**the Christians were going to court before unbelievers - 6:6**

**brothers was going to law with brothers**

Paul knew that God desired unity between brothers - Psalm 133:1-3

Paul knew that this attitude was a sign of darkness - I John 2:9-11

Paul calls us to be blameless and harmless so that we shine as lights - Phil. 2:14-15

**brothers were doing these things before unbelievers**

Paul said they were settling matters before the unjust - I Cor. 6:1

**the Christians were to learn to be wronged - 6:7**

**the saints were defeating themselves by going to court**

they were being controlled by their own desires - James 4:1-3

**the saints should be willing to take a wrong**

they were to be willing to be taken advantage of - Matt. 5:39-41

they were not to return evil for evil - I Thess. 5:15

**the saints should be willing to take a loss**

they were to be will to suffer a loss - Luke 6:29

they were to be willing to leave vengeance to the Lord - Rom. 12:17-19

they were to follow the example of Christ - I Pet. 2:19-23

**the Christians were actually wronging other brethren - 6:8**

**the saints were doing wrong**

they would be repaid for what they did wrong - Col. 3:25

**the saints were robbing each other**

they were taking advantage of brothers - I Thess. 4:6

they would be judged by the Lord - James 5:4

**the saints were doing it before unbelievers**

they were to be an example of the believers - I Tim. 4:12



### C. the problems have a solution in Christ - 6:9-11

#### God says that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom - 6:9

**the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God**

those who practice the works of the flesh  
will not inherit the kingdom of God - Gal. 5:19-21

**the unrighteous include fornicators**

fornicators will not inherit the kingdom of God - Eph. 5:4-5

**the unrighteous include idolaters**

idolaters are sacrificing to demons - I Cor. 10:7, 20

**the unrighteous include adulterers**

adulterers will be judged by God - Heb. 13:4

**the unrighteous include homosexuals**

homosexuals will receive the penalty of their error - Rom. 1:26-27

**the unrighteous include sodomites**

sodomites are contrary to sound doctrine - I Tim. 1:8-11

#### God lists additional examples of the unrighteous - 6:10

**the unrighteous include those who are thieves**

Christians are not to steal any longer - Eph. 4:28

**the unrighteous include those who are covetous**

Christians are not to be covetous (an idolater) - Eph. 5:5

**the unrighteous include those who are drunkards**

Christians are to be filled with the Spirit - Eph. 5:18

**the unrighteous include those who are revilers**

Christians are not to be revilers - I Cor. 5:11

**the unrighteous include those who are extortioners**

Christians are not to be extortioners - I Cor. 5:10-11

#### God tells us how we become righteous - 6:11

**Christ through the Holy Spirit changed our past**

we became a new creation in Christ - II Cor. 5:17

**Christ through the Holy Spirit washed us**

we were saved through the washing of regeneration - Titus 3:5

**Christ through the Holy Spirit sanctified us**

we were sanctified through faith in Christ - Acts 26:18

**Christ through the Holy Spirit justified us**

we were justified through faith apart from the law - Rom. 3:26-30

## **D. the problem of moral impurity - 6:12-20**

### **1. our bodies are for the Lord - 6:12-14**

**Paul said all things were lawful but not always beneficial - 6:12**

#### **all things are lawful for the Christian**

all things are lawful but we are to seek to build up others - I Cor. 10:23-24

#### **all things are not helpful for the Christian**

our liberty can become a stumbling block to others - I Cor. 8:7-13

#### **all things are not beneficial for the Christian**

some things may hinder the gospel of Christ - I Cor. 9:12

some things may hinder a new Christian - I Cor. 10:24-33

some things mean we are no longer walking in love - Rom. 14:15-23

**Paul said that our bodies are for the Lord - 6:13**

#### **God made food for the stomach**

foods go into the stomach and then are eliminated - Mark 7:18-19

#### **God made the stomach for foods**

those foods however do not give life - John 6:27, 49

#### **God will one day destroy both the stomach and foods**

we are not to subject ourselves to things of this life - Col. 2:20-23

#### **God did not make the body for sexual immorality**

we are to glorify God both in body and in spirit - I Cor. 6:19-20

#### **God made the body for the Lord**

we are the temple of God - I Cor. 3:16-17

we are not to let sin reign in our body - Rom. 6:12

we are to present our body to God - Rom. 12:1-2

#### **God gave the Lord for the body**

Christ is the Savior of the body - Eph. 5:23

**Paul said that God will raise up our bodies - 6:14**

#### **God raised up Christ by His power**

God raised Christ from the dead by His power - I Cor. 15:15-20

God did this to fulfill His purpose - Acts 2:23-24

#### **God will raise us up by His power**

God will also raise us from the dead by His power - II Cor. 4:14

God raised us from the dead to walk in newness of life - Rom. 6:4-8

## **2. our bodies are not for fornication - 6:15-17**

### **our bodies are the body of Christ - 6:15**

#### **we realize our bodies are members of the body of Christ**

our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit - I Cor. 6:19  
our bodies have been joined to the body of Christ - I Cor. 12:12-13  
our bodies are members of the body of Christ - I Cor. 12:27  
our bodies are individual members of the body of Christ - Rom. 12:5  
our bodies are joined together in one body - Eph. 4:15-16

#### **we are not to make members of Christ members of a harlot**

we are not to continue in sin - Rom. 6:1-2  
we are not to sin because we are under grace - Rom. 6:15  
we are to be joined to our wife until death - Rom. 7:1-5  
**we are to use our bodies are to glorify God in all things**  
we are to serve God in the newness of the spirit - Rom. 7:6  
we are to do all that we do to the glory of God - I Cor. 10:31

### **our bodies are not to be joined to a harlot - 6:16**

#### **a man joined to a harlot becomes one body with her**

we see this from the example of Judah - Gen. 38:15-24  
we see this from the example of Samson - Judges 16:1

#### **a man becomes one flesh when joined to a woman**

becoming one in marriage was the original plan of God - Gen. 2:24  
becoming one in marriage is God joining two together - Matt. 19:5-6  
becoming one in marriage is not to be broken by man - Mark 10:6-9  
becoming one represents Christ and the church- Eph. 5:31

### **our bodies and our spirits are to be joined to Christ - 6:17**

#### **we are to be joined to the body of the Lord**

we have all been joined into one body - I Cor. 12:13  
we are to have the mind of Christ - Phil. 2:5  
we are members of the body and flesh of Christ - Eph 5:30  
**we are to become one spirit with Christ**  
we have been born of the Spirit - John 3:6  
we are one spirit in Christ and the Father - John 17:21-23  
we are to maintain that unity and oneness - Eph. 4:3-6  
we are complete in Christ - Col. 2:9-10

### **3. our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit - 6:18-20**

#### **our body was not made for sexual immorality - 6:18**

##### **we are to flee from sexual immorality**

we are to flee from youthful lusts - II Tim. 2:22  
we are to realize God will judge sexual immorality - Heb. 13:4  
we are to abstain from fleshly lusts - I Pet. 2:11

we are to avoid presenting ourselves to sin - Rom. 6:12-13

##### **we are to realize that other sins are outside our body**

we destroy our own soul through immorality - Prov. 6:32  
we destroy our body with the immoral woman - Prov. 7:24-27

##### **we are to realize that immorality is against our own body**

we are to possess our own body in honor - I Thess. 4:3-5  
we are to realize that we dishonor our body - Rom. 1:24

#### **our body is to be the temple of the Holy Spirit - 6:19**

##### **we realize our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit**

we are the temple of the living God - II Cor. 6:16  
we are a holy temple and dwelling place for God - Eph. 2:21-22

##### **we realize that the Holy Spirit is in us**

we are the temple of God and the Spirit dwells in us - I Cor. 3:16  
we are being built up a spiritual house - I Pet. 2:5

##### **we realize that we have been given the Spirit by God**

we received the Holy Spirit as our down payment - Eph 1:13-14

##### **we realize we no longer belong to ourselves**

we are to live or die for the Lord - Rom. 14:7-9  
we no longer live for ourselves - II Cor. 5:14-15

#### **our body is to be used to glorify God - 6:20**

##### **we have been bought with a price**

we were bought with the precious blood of Christ - I Pet. 1:18-19

##### **we are to glorify God with our body**

we are to do everything to glorify God - I Cor. 10:31

##### **we are to glorify God with our spirit**

we are to glorify God by proclaiming His praises - I Pet. 2:9

##### **we are to realize we belong to God**

we have been purchased by the blood of Christ - Acts 20:28

#### **IV. The Corinthians are taught concerning marriage - 7:1-40**

##### **A. the question of marriage and celibacy - 7:1-9**

###### **1. sex is wrong outside of marriage - 7:1**

**Paul was answering questions they had asked**  
Paul also answered other questions - I Cor. 8:1  
**Paul said a man is not to touch a woman sexually**  
one who touches sexually will not be innocent - Prov. 6:29

###### **2. sex is important in marriage - 7:2-5**

**sex is something that is proper in marriage - 7:2**

**a man is to avoid sexual immorality by having his own wife**  
a man is to love his wife as he loves himself - Eph. 5:28, 33  
**a woman is to avoid sexual immorality by having her own husband**  
a woman is to have the same respect for her husband - Eph. 5:33

**sex is something that is to be a part of marriage - 7:3**

**a husband is to meet the need of the wife for affection**  
husbands are to give honor to the wife - I Pet. 3:7  
**a wife is to meet the need of the husband for affection**  
partners are both to meet the needs of one another - I Pet. 3:8-9

**sex is to meet the needs of our partner - 7:4**

**the wife does not have authority over her body**  
a wife is to be submissive to her husband - Eph. 5:22  
**the husband does not have authority over his body**  
a husband is to be submissive to his wife - Eph. 5:21

**sex is to be something a couple enjoys regularly - 7:5**

**partners are not to deprive one another**  
marriage was designed to make us one flesh - Gen. 2:24  
**partners are provide protection against temptation**  
marriage is provide protection from sinful lusts - I Cor. 5:9

### 3. sex is not desired by some - 7:6-9

some people do not desire sex - 7:6

**marriage is something that God has given**  
some people need marriage for self control - I Cor. 7:5  
**marriage is not a law for all people**  
some may choose to remain as virgins - I Cor. 7:25

some people have been given the gift of singleness - 7:7

**Paul felt it was fine for some to remain single like himself**  
Paul and Barnabas were both single apostles - I Cor. 9:5  
**Paul says that we have each been given a gift from God**  
all gifts are given through the Holy Spirit - I Cor. 12:4  
**Paul said that some had the gift of singleness**  
some are single for the sake of the kingdom of God - Matt. 19:10-12  
**Paul said that some had the gift of marriage**  
most of the early church leaders were married - I Cor. 9:5  
marriage does not cause a person to sin - I Cor. 7:28

some people may choose not to marry - 7:8

**some may be single because they choose not to marry**  
this choice gives them extra time to serve the Lord - I Cor. 7:32  
**some may be single because they choose to remain widows**  
this choice will usually refer to those who are older - I Tim. 5:9-10  
**some may be single like Paul and that is also good**  
this choice is to serve the Lord without distraction - I Cor. 7:35

some people do not have that kind of self control - 7:9

**some people have difficulty exercising sexual self-control**  
we are to marry rather than to behave improperly - I Cor. 7:36  
a widow is free to remarry if she chooses - I Cor. 7:39  
**some people have a need to marry**  
we are to marry rather than commit sexual sin - I Cor. 7:2  
we do not sin if we choose to marry - I Cor. 7:28  
**some people will otherwise struggle with passion**  
we see that Satan tries to tempt because of lack of self control - I Cor. 7:5

## **B. the question of marriage and divorce - 7:10-24**

### **1. separation of Christians is not to lead to divorce - 7:10-11**

**separation of a Christian couple is not the plan of God - 7:10**

**the Lord and Paul both give the same command**  
**the Lord said a wife is not to leave her husband**  
the only reason for divorce is sexual immorality - Matt. 5:32

**separation of a Christian couple is not to lead to divorce - 7:11**

**the Lord says if a wife departs she is to remain unmarried**  
the one who divorces a partner commits adultery - Mark 10:11-12  
**the Lord says she is to seek to be reconciled to her husband**  
the Lord said that divorce is the result of hardness of heart - Matt. 19:6-9  
**the Lord says the same command is for the husband**  
the Lord says that marriage pictures His relationship to the church - Eph 5:25-28

### **2. separation is not to be initiated by a Christian - 7:12-14**

**a person does not have to divorce a non-Christian partner - 7:12**

**a brother may have a wife who is not a Christian**  
**a brother is not to put away such a wife if she is happy to live with him**  
the husband may lead the wife to Christ - I Cor. 7:16

**a person who is a Christian is not to initiate divorce - 7:13**

**a woman may have a husband who is not a Christian**  
**a woman is not to leave him if he is happy to live with her**  
the wife may lead the husband to Christ - I Cor. 7:16

**a person sanctifies the partner and the children - 7:14**

**a believing partner sanctifies the unbelieving partner**  
a wife may win her husband by her changed behavior - I Pet. 3:1-6  
a wife may be won by the changed behavior of her husband - I Pet. 3:7  
**a believing partner sanctifies the children**  
a believing person sanctifies many others around him - Acts 10:24

**3. separation can only be initiated by the unbelieving - 7:15-16**

**the unbeliever can choose to depart - 7:15**

**the Christian cannot stop the unbeliever from leaving**  
the Lord calls believers to pursue peace and holiness - Heb. 12:14  
**the Christian is not under bondage if the unbeliever leaves**  
the Lord will give peace to the believer who seeks God's wisdom - Jam. 3:17-18

**the unbeliever may be reached by the believer - 7:16**

**a wife may be used by the Lord to reach her husband**  
Lydia saw her whole household turn to the Lord - Acts 16:14  
**a husband may be used by the Lord to reach his wife**  
the jailer saw his whole household turn to the Lord - Acts 16:34

**4. seek to remain in the state in which we are called - 7:17-20**

**God calls us to remain in the situation in which we are called - 7:17**

God has given each Christian gifts - Rom. 12:3-8, I Pet. 4:10-11  
God has called each Christian and made us one - Gal. 3:26-29  
God has called us to love and to walk in the Spirit - Gal. 5:13, 16

**God calls some of us in uncircumcision - 7:18**

God has given us all access by one Spirit - Eph. 3:11-18  
God has made us one new man in Christ - Col. 3:10-11

**God calls us to be obedient to His commandments - 7:19**

God says that obedience is better than sacrifice - I Sam. 15:22-23  
God calls us to be doers of His Word - Jam. 1:22  
God says we show we know Him by obedience - I John 2:3-5  
God says He answers the prayers of the obedient - I John 3:22-24  
God says that obedience and love go together - I John 5:2-3

**God calls us to remain in our calling - 7:20**

God has chosen to work through us in our weakness - I Cor. 1:26-29



**5. seek to serve the Lord whatever our situation - 7:21-24**

**God calls some as slaves and others as free men - 7:21**

**some became Christians while they were slaves**  
those with masters are to treat them with honor - I Tim. 6:1-3  
those who are in Christ are equal in the sight of God. Gal. 3:28-29  
those who are in Christ have put on the new man - Col. 3:10-11  
**such individuals were to serve the Lord as slaves**  
those who are slaves are to follow the example of Christ - I Pet. 2:18-24  
those who are slaves are to do the will of God - Eph. 6:5-8  
**such individuals were to serve the Lord if they became free**  
those who become free are to follow the example of the Lord - Heb. 13:5-6

**God says that we are to be the slaves of Christ - 7:22**

**those called as slaves become the Lord's freedmen**  
Christ is the one who gives us true freedom - John 8:32-36  
Christ says that we are to stand fast in this freedom - Gal. 5:1  
Christ says we are to use this liberty to serve - Gal. 5:13  
**those called as freedmen become the Lord's slaves**  
Christ set us free to serve Him as servants of God - I Pet. 2:16  
Christ set us free to serve others for the Gospel's sake - I Cor. 9:19-23

**God says that we have been bought with a price - 7:23**

**Christ bought us with a price**  
Christ paid the price to purchase our salvation - I Cor. 6:20  
Christ bought us to make us His own special people - Titus 2:14  
Christ suffered for us to bring us to God - I Pet. 3:18  
**Christ tells us not to become slaves to the ways of men**  
Christ says there are those who want to bring us into bondage - Gal. 2:4

**God tells us to remain with Him in the state we are called - 7:24**

**we may have been in different situations when we became Christians**  
we are to remain in the calling in which we are called - I Cor. 7:20  
**we are to be faithful to God in whatever situation we are**  
we are to glorify God in whatever situation we are in - I Cor. 10:31  
we are to do all that we do for the Lord - Col. 3:23-24

**C. the question of marriage and ministry - 7:25-38**

**1. ministry is not restricted by marriage - 7:25-28**

**Paul speaks to those who are still virgins - 7:25**

**Paul said this was not given to him as a command from the Lord**  
Paul had not received specific instructions about some matters - I Cor. 7:12  
**Paul says he is speaking convictions he believes**  
Paul spoke what he felt would produce happiness - I Cor. 7:40  
**Paul says this is possible because the Lord made him trustworthy**  
Paul had become a faithful steward of the Lord - I Cor. 4:2

**Paul says it is good to remain in our present situation - 7:26**

**Paul said that this was a time of unusual circumstances**  
Paul recognized that the time was short - I Cor. 7:29-31  
**Paul said for this reason virgins might prefer to remain virgins**  
Paul recognized that virgins have less cares - I Cor. 7:32-34

**Paul says the Lord uses both the married and the unmarried - 7:27**

**Paul said that some were married to a wife**  
Paul said that those who are married have responsibilities - I Cor. 7:34  
Paul said that the married are to picture Christ and the church - Eph 5:21-33  
**Paul said these should not act like the unmarried**  
Paul said that the married were to meet the needs of partners - I Cor. 7:3-5  
**Paul said there were some who were not married**  
Paul said the unmarried can focus on pleasing the Lord - I Cor. 7:32  
**Paul said they might choose not to seek a wife**  
Paul said that this was only for a few - I Cor. 7:36-37

**Paul says it is not a sin to marry - 7:28**

**Paul said it was not a sin to get married**  
this was the plan of God from the beginning - Gen. 2:24  
**Paul said it was not a sin for a virgin to get married**  
this is best for those who have the need - I Cor. 7:36  
**Paul said that marriage does bring some limitations**  
this is to meet the needs of the partner - I Cor. 7:33-34

## 2. ministry is only for a limited time - 7:29-31

**Paul says we only have a short time to serve the Lord on the earth - 7:29**

**the time that we have on this earth is short**

the length of physical life is short - Eccles. 12:1-6

the time of the coming of the Lord is getting closer - Rom. 13:11-12

the end of all things is at hand so we are to serve the Lord - I Pet. 4:7-11

**the time that we have will make sacrifices necessary**

the time of His coming should cause us to avoid worldly lusts - Rom. 13:13-14

the time of His coming should cause us to godly living - Titus 2:11-14

**the time that we have may require sacrifices in marriage**

the time of His coming does require aggressive evangelism - II Pet. 3:8-9

the time of His coming caused the apostles to travel - I Cor. 9:5

**Paul says we are to use all the time that the Lord gives us - 7:30**

**the time that we have may cause limitations of our sorrow**

the ministry of a Christian will produce sorrow at times - John 16:22

the time of weeping will be turned to joy - Luke 6:21

**the time that we have may cause limitations of our joy**

the ministry that we have may be the result of trials - James 1:2

the ministry that we have may result in suffering - I Pet. 4:12-19

**the time that we have may cause limitations of our use of things**

the ministry of Paul caused him to suffer the loss of all things - Phil. 3:8

the ministry of Paul was done without charge - I Cor. 9:18

**Paul says that the present world is only temporary - 7:31**

**the use of this world is to be the normal use**

we are to be content if we only have basic necessities - I Tim. 6:6-8

we are to learn to be content whatever our situation - Phil. 4:11-12

**the use of this world is not to cause worldly priorities**

we are not to seek earthly treasure for the last days - James 5:1-5

we are to seek treasure in heaven which is eternal - Matt. 6:19-24

**the use of things and life in this world are passing away**

we will find that our lives are like the grass - I Pet. 1:24

we will find that our lives are like a vapor - James 4:14

we will find that riches fade like the grass - James 1:9-11

we are not to love the world and its things - I John 2:15-17

**ministry is changed by marriage - 7:32-34**

**the unmarried can devote full time to ministry - 7:32**

**Paul wanted Christians to be free to serve the Lord**

the Christian is to turn his burdens over to the Lord - Ps. 55:22

the Christian is free to obey the Lord - Matt. 28:19-20

the Christian is free to serve the Lord - John 15:16

the Christian is free to serve other Christians - Gal. 5:13

**Paul said the unmarried cares for the things of the Lord**

the unmarried can focus on the Lord day and night - I Tim. 5:5

(this is illustrated by Anna - Luke 2:36-38)

**Paul said the unmarried seeks to please the Lord**

the unmarried does not focus on the needs of a partner - I Cor. 7:34

(this is illustrated by Paul and Barnabas - I Cor. 9:5-6)

**the married man spends time pleasing his wife - 7:33**

**the married man has to care for the things of the world**

he is to meet the needs of his wife - I Cor. 7:3

he is to provide for physical and spiritual needs - Eph. 5:25-33

**the married man focuses on how to please his wife**

he is to help his wife know that she is loved - Col. 3:19

he is to take time to understand his wife - I Pet. 3:7

he is to take time to train the children - Eph. 6:4

**the married woman spends time pleasing her husband - 7:34**

**the unmarried woman is different than the married woman**

the unmarried woman has to learn to trust God - I Tim. 5:5

**the unmarried woman can focus on the things of the Lord**

the unmarried woman can pray day and night - I Tim. 5:5

**the unmarried woman can focus on being holy in body and spirit**

we are to glorify God both in body and in spirit - I Cor. 6:20

we know that God sanctifies spirit, soul and body - I Thess. 5:23

**the married woman has to care for things of the world**

she is to meet the needs of her husband - I Cor. 7:3

**the married woman focuses on how to please her husband**

she is to learn to become submissive - I Pet. 3:1-6

she is to take time to train the children - Deut. 6:5-7

**4. ministry is unlimited for a virgin - 7:35-38**

**a person can serve the Lord without distraction if unmarried - 7:35**

**Paul was speaking for the benefit of the Christians**  
Paul did what he did to benefit others - I Cor. 9:19-22  
**Paul did not want to create a snare for the Christians**  
Paul did not want to give instructions that would be a trap - I Cor. 7:5-9  
**Paul wanted to make it possible to serve without distraction**  
some do not marry for the sake of the kingdom of God - Matt. 19:12  
some desire to have a total focus on ministry - I Cor. 9:19-23

**a person does not sin to marry - 7:36**

**Paul realized the danger of improper actions**  
marriage is better than a lack of self control - I Cor. 7:9  
**Paul said that some have a real need for marriage**  
marriage was created by God to prevent loneliness - Gen. 2:18  
marriage was created by God to meet needs - I Cor. 7:2-4  
**Paul said it is not a sin to marry**  
marriage is certainly not a sin - I Cor. 7:28

**a person who decides not to marry does well - 7:37**

**Paul realized that some can stand steadfast**  
Paul says we should all be steadfast in our faith - Col. 1:23  
Paul says we should be steadfast in our work for the Lord. I Cor. 15:58  
**Paul realized that some feel no necessity to marry**  
Paul says that sometimes situations create unique circumstances - I Cor. 7:26  
**Paul realized that some had strong power over their will**  
Paul provides an example of such power - I Cor. 9:27  
**Paul realized that some could make a decision in their heart**

**a person who decides to remain single also does well - 7:38**

**Paul said it is good to get married if needed**  
marriage is better than burning with lust - I Cor. 7:9  
**Paul said it is good to remain single if desired**  
singleness give more time to serve the Lord - I Cor. 7:32

**D. the question of marriage and remarriage - 7:39-40**

**a person is bound by marriage as long as they live - 7:39**

**a woman is married as long as her husband lives**  
people are under the law as long as they live - Rom. 7:1  
people are loosed from marriage at death - Rom. 7:2  
people will not marry or give in marriage in heaven - Luke 20:34-35  
**a woman is no longer bound to him when her husband dies**  
people are loosed from their partners at death - Rom. 7:2  
**a woman is then free to remarry if she desires**  
people are free to marry another after a partner dies - Rom. 7:3  
**a woman is to marry in the Lord**  
people who remarry are only to marry believers - II Cor. 6:14-18

**a person is happy if they remain as they are - 7:40**

**Paul said a woman may be happier not to remarry**  
Paul felt that some would be happy to remain single - I Cor. 7:8  
Paul knew that some wanted to serve the Lord without distraction - I Cor. 7:35  
**Paul said that was according to his judgment**  
Paul had not exercised his right to marry - I Cor. 9:1-5  
**Paul said he was depending on the Spirit of God**  
Paul was not speaking just from his own opinion - II Cor. 10:8-10  
Paul spoke as an apostle of Christ - II Cor. 12:11  
Paul had been taught what he spoke by the Holy Spirit - I Thess. 4:8  
Paul had been given wisdom by God to write what he wrote - II Pet. 3:15-16

**Some principles for marriage today**

**Christians are only to marry other Christians - II Cor. 6:14-18**  
**Christian partners are to submit to one another in love - Eph. 5:21**  
**Christians partners are to love as Christ loved the church - Eph. 5:21-33**  
**Christian are to marry rather than burn with lust - I Cor. 7:8-9**  
**Christians are to meet the sexual needs of their partners - I Cor. 7:3-5**

## **V. The Corinthians are taught about Christian liberty - 8:1-11:1**

### **A. the question about food offered to idols - 8:1-13**

#### **1. food is not the question but love is - 8:1-3**

#### **knowledge puffs up while love builds up - 8:1**

##### **Paul answered a question about food offered to idols**

things offered to idols are offered to demons - I Cor. 10:19-22  
things offered to idols are to be abstained from - Acts 15:19-20, 29

##### **Paul said that each person has some knowledge**

Gentiles were taught to avoid things offered to idols - Acts 21:25

##### **Paul said that knowledge can cause pride**

Paul said knowledge without love mean nothing - I Cor. 13:2

##### **Paul said that love will build up**

Paul said that not all things do build up - I Cor. 10:23  
Paul said we are to do the things that do build up - I Thess. 5:11  
Paul said that the body edifies itself in love - Eph. 4:16

#### **knowledge is limited in this life - 8:2**

##### **people may think that they know a lot**

those who are proud actually know nothing - I Tim. 6:3-5

##### **people will realize that they actually know very little yet**

those without love do not understand what they are saying - I Tim. 1:5-7

##### **people will one day have a full knowledge**

we will one day know as we are known by God - I Cor. 13:12

#### **knowledge does not have the impact of love - 8:3**

##### **we are called to really know God**

God gave us the example of Paul of how to know Christ - Phil. 3:10

God tells us how to really get to know Him - II Pet. 1:3-8

##### **we will be known by God if we love Him**

God has known us and we are not to return to the law - Gal. 4:9

God has known us and we are to depart from iniquity - II Tim. 2:19

God will work things to conform us to His image as we love Him - Rom. 8:28-29

God will give us the crown of life if we love Him - Jam. 1:12

God has chosen those who love Him to be heirs to the kingdom - Jam. 2:5

## 2. food offered to idols is not even the question - 8:4-6

### there is only one true God - 8:4

#### **Paul now gives instruction about food offered to idols**

we know that idols are just gods made with hands - Acts 19:26  
we know that these are just gods made by the hands of men - Ps. 115:4-8

#### **Paul says that an idol in this world is really nothing**

we know that an idol is not anything - I Cor. 10:19-20  
we know that the true God made heaven and earth - Is. 37:16

#### **Paul says that there is only one true God**

we know we are only to worship the true God - Mark 12:29-31  
we know that all praise belongs to the one true God - I Tim. 1:17  
we know that there is only one Mediator to God - I Tim. 2:5

### there are many false gods - 8:5

#### **there are many who are so-called gods**

there are many called gods who are not gods - Jer. 2:11  
there had been gods made for every city in Judah - Jer. 2:28  
**there are so-called gods both in the heavens and on the earth**  
there will be a man of sin who wants to sit on the throne of God - II Thess. 2:4

#### **there are both many gods and many lords**

there are many gods that people serve - Gal. 4:8

### there is only one God who gives life - 8:6

#### **there is only one true God**

the true God is the Creator - Jonah 1:9  
the true God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit dwelling together - John 14:9-10

#### **there is only one Father from whom all things come**

the Father is the One to whom Christ ascended - John 20:17  
the Father is the source for all in heaven and earth - Eph. 3:14-15  
the Father is the One in whom we live and move - Acts 17:23-25

#### **there is only one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things**

Christ is the One by whom all things consist - Col. 1:13-17  
Christ is the One through whom are all things - Rom. 11:33-36

#### **there is only one true Christ who created us**

Christ was the One who made all things - John 1:3, 10  
Christ is the One to whom all must bow one day - Phil 2:9-11



### **3. food is not to cause a stumbling block to others - 8:7-9**

#### **food can cause a weak Christian to stumble - 8:7**

**some people do not understand that God created all things**  
some new Christians do not yet understand this - I Cor. 10:28  
**some are very conscious of one or more idols**  
some would buy food because it was offered to idols - I Cor. 10:23-27  
**some eat certain foods as something offered to a particular idol**  
some had still not been able to sort things out in their conscience - I Cor. 10:29  
**some people have a weak conscience which they defile**  
some new Christians have not yet learned to eat in faith - Rom. 14:23  
some new Christians are still struggling with their conscience - I Cor. 10:29

#### **food is neither good or bad in itself - 8:8**

**we are not better before God because of food**  
food may be eaten by some and not by others - Rom. 14:1-3  
food is not the focus of the kingdom of God - Rom. 14:17  
foods should be eaten without asking questions - I Cor. 10:27  
**we are not better if we eat certain foods**  
food is not unclean in itself - Rom. 14:14  
food offered to idols can become a stumbling block - I Cor. 10:28-29  
**we are not better if we avoid certain foods**  
food rules are often a self imposed religion - Gal. 2:20-23  
food, drink and all that we do should be to glorify God - I Cor. 10:31  
food is just one area where we seek the profit of others - I Cor. 10:32-33

#### **food is not the question but rather how to help others - 8:9**

**we can understand that food does not make us better or worse**  
we recognize that food in itself is neither good or bad - Rom. 14:14  
we recognize that some things do not build up others - I Cor. 10:23-24  
**we are to remember that does not always give us freedom to eat**  
we are to seek to follow the things that edify others - Rom. 14:19  
we are to bear the infirmities of the weak - Rom 15:1  
**we are not to become a stumbling block to those who are weak**  
we are not to cause others to sin - Matt. 18:6  
we choose not to cause a brother to stumble - Rom. 14:20-21  
we are to use our liberty to serve others - Gal. 5:13

#### **4. food could cause a weak brother to stumble - 8:10-13**

**those who are weak look at others as examples - 8:10**

**others watch us to see what we do**

we may know that food is not bad in itself - I Cor. 8:1

we are not to judge the one who is weak in faith - Rom. 14:1-3

**others watch us who have a weak conscience**

we may have someone watch us who is struggling in their conscience - I Cor. 8:7

**other will follow our example about things offered to idols**

we are not to be a stumbling block to a weaker brother - Rom. 14:13

we are to seek to build up the weaker brother - Rom. 14:19-20

**those who are weak do not have our knowledge - 8:11**

**a weak brother does not have the knowledge we have**

we have already had time to grow in grace and knowledge - II Pet. 3:18

**a weak brother can be destroyed by our example**

we are to choose to make ourselves servants to all - I Cor. 9:19

**a weak brother is one for whom Christ also died**

we are to do whatever is necessary to help others - I Cor. 9:19-22

**those who are weak should not have us sin against them - 8:12**

**it is possible for us to sin against other brethren**

we are not to despise others by sinning against them - Matt. 18:10

**it is possible for us wound their weak conscience**

we can wound the weak conscience of another - Rom. 14:15

**it is possible for us to sin against Christ by wounding others**

we see that Saul sinned against Christ by persecuting Christians - Acts 9:4-5

**those who are weak should be our concern - 8:13**

**we are to be aware that a brother might stumble**

we are not to cause a weaker brother to stumble - Rom. 14:13

**we are to be willing to set aside our liberty**

we are to seek those things which build up others - Rom. 14:19

**we are to avoid making a brother stumble**

we are not to cause others to stumble - I Cor. 10:27-29

we are to seek what will benefit others - I Cor. 10:24

**B. the question answered by the example of Paul - 9:1-27**

**1. Paul recognized he had certain rights - 9:1-6**

**a. he was recognized as an apostle - 9:1-2**

**Paul had seen Christ - 9:1**

Paul had been chosen by Christ as an apostle - II Cor. 12:11-12

Paul had seen the Lord - Acts 9:3-6, Gal. 1:15-17

Paul had carried on an effective ministry - Rom. 16:15-24

**Paul had been an apostle to the Corinthians - 9:2**

Paul had been an apostle to others - Rom. 15:20-22

Paul had also been an apostle to the Corinthians - II Cor. 11:5

Paul was not inferior to any of the apostles - 12:11-13

**b. he did not take advantage of being an apostle - 9:3-6**

**Paul could defend what he did - 9:3**

Paul chose not to boast of his authority - II Cor. 10:7-8

Paul chose to beseech rather than demand - Phile. 1:8-9

**Paul had a right to eat and drink like others - 9:4**

**Paul had the same right to eat as others**

Paul chose to work so as not to burden others - II Thess. 3:8-9

**Paul had the same right to drink as others**

Paul said that they chose not to make demands for food - I Thess. 2:6

**Paul had a right to marry if he so chosen - 9:5**

**Paul could have married if he had chosen to do so**

Paul said those who forbid to marry are false teachers - I Tim. 4:1-3

**Paul said other apostles were married**

**Paul said the brothers of Christ were married**

**Paul said that Peter was married**

we read that Peter was married - Matt. 8:14, Mark 1:30

**Paul had a right to live from the Gospel - 9:6**

**Paul and Barnabas had worked to supply their needs**

Paul had worked when he was in Corinth - I Cor. 18:1-3

Paul had worked when he was in Thessalonica - I Thess. 2:9

**Paul said the other apostles had been provided for by the churches**

Paul taught that a workman was worthy of wages - I Tim. 5:17-18

## 2. Paul chose to set aside his right to financial help - 9:7-18

### a. a worker has a right to receive wages - 9:7-10

people who serve as soldiers or farmers benefit from their work - 9:7

**Paul said a soldier does not fight at his own expense**  
a soldier does not have to get entangled in the affairs of this life - II Tim. 2:3-4  
**Paul said that a farmer eats the fruit of his crops**  
a farmer who plants gets rewarded according to his own labor - I Cor. 3:8  
**Paul said that a shepherd drinks the milk of his flocks**  
a shepherd enjoys the milk of his flocks - Prov. 27:27

people who receive do so according to the law - 9:8

**Paul said that he was not just speaking from his own opinion**  
Paul spoke the things that God had given to him - I Thess. 2:13  
Paul said those who rejected the Word rejected God - I Thess. 4:8  
**Paul said that the law taught the same thing**  
Paul said that Christianity did not void the law - Rom. 3:31

people provide for their animals who serve them - 9:9

**Paul reminded them of the law of Moses**  
Moses was the one who wrote the law for God -  
**Paul said the law said to provide for the ox**  
Moses wrote that they were not to muzzle the ox - Deut. 25:4  
**Paul said this was how God provided for the ox**  
God is the One who provides for the animals - Psalm 104:27  
God is the One who provides for all - Psalm 145:15-26

people who serve the Lord can look forward in hope - 9:10

**Paul said this example from the law was for our sakes**  
the things written before were all to give us hope - Rom. 15:4  
the things god has done has been for our sakes - II Cor. 4:15  
**Paul said those who plow should plow in hope**  
God says that there is also a spiritual harvest - John 4:35-38  
**Paul said those who thresh should thresh in hope**  
God says that we will have an eternal reward - II Tim. 2:6-11

**b. a worker for the Gospel can receive pay - 9:11-14**

**Paul had sown spiritual seed - 9:11**

**Paul said they had sown spiritual seed among the Corinthians**

Paul said they had planted spiritual seed - I Cor. 3:5-9

**Paul said it was not wrong to receive for financial needs**

the Christians in Macedonia shared financial needs - Rom. 15:26-27

those who are taught are to share with those who teach - Gal. 6:6

**Paul did not exercise his right to financial help -9:12**

**Paul said that there were others receiving financial help from Corinth**

Paul said that the Corinthians had helped others - II Cor. 11:18-21

Paul even gave them opportunities to help others - I Cor. 16:1-2

**Paul said that he and his team had not personally used this right**

Paul said that they chose to be like spiritual parents instead - I Cor. 4:14-15

Paul did not covet the money of others - Acts 20:32-34

**Paul said they had not talked about their financial needs**

Paul had received money from other churches while in Corinth - II Cor. 11:7-10

Paul had chosen not to be burdensome to the Corinthians - II Cor. 12:13-15

**Paul said they did not want to hinder the spread of the Gospel**

Paul did what he did so no one could say anything - II Cor. 11:12

**Paul said those who serve in the temple eat from the altar - 9:13**

**Paul said that those who serve in the temple are provided for**

the Levites were provided for by the Lord - Deut. 10:9

the Levites and priests received food from the offerings - Deut. 18:1-5

**Paul says that those who offer sacrifices also eat some of them**

those who offered the sacrifices also ate part of the sacrifice - I Cor. 10:18

those who were priests ate of the sacrifices - Num. 5:9-10

**Paul said those who preach the Gospel can also receive - 9:14**

**Paul said that the Lord provided for those who served Him**

Christ provided for the disciples when He sent them out - Matt. 10:8-11

**Paul said that the Lord provided through those receiving ministry**

Christ told those who receive to share with those who teach - Gal. 6:6

Christ provided for the elders to receive from the church - I Tim. 5:17

**c. a worker can choose to receive no pay - 9:15-18**

**Paul had not taken personal advantage of this right - 9:15**

**Paul had not claimed his right to receive financial help**

Paul used his own hands to provide for his necessities - Acts 20:34

Paul had received gifts from other churches - II Cor. 11:9-12

**Paul was not writing so they would share with him**

Paul had no plans to receive from the Corinthians - II Cor. 12:13-18

**Paul said he would rather die than make people feel obligated**

Paul had a great desire to do what God called him to do - Phil 1:20-23

**Paul felt the necessity to preach the Gospel - 9:16**

**Paul did not preach the Gospel to receive glory**

Paul said he would glory in Christ not himself - Rom. 15:17-20

**Paul preached because he could not keep quiet**

Paul was concerned to be obedient to the heavenly vision - Acts 26:16-20

**Paul felt a tremendous duty to preach the Gospel**

Paul said that he was a debtor to all people - Rom. 1:14

Paul also called on others to carry out their ministry - Col. 4:17

**Paul felt that he was a steward of the Gospel - 9:17**

**Paul preached willingly and would receive a reward**

Paul always had a concern for people to serve God willingly - Phile. 1:14

Paul knew this was what God expected of leaders - I Pet. 5:2-4

**Paul said he could have the attitude of being unwilling**

Paul wanted to express the mercy that he had received - I Tim. 1:11-15

**Paul felt that he had been given this oversight by God**

Paul felt that he must build on the foundation God had given - I Cor. 3:8-11

**Paul felt happy to preach the Gospel without charge - 9:18**

**Paul asked what kind of a reward he had**

Paul said his reward was the profit of many - I Cor. 10:33

**Paul said his reward was to preach without cost**

Paul was willing to spend for the sake of others - II Cor. 12:14-15

**Paul had a great concern not to abuse his right**

Paul had the concern of caring parents - I Thess. 2:7-12

### **3. Paul wanted to do all things to spread the Gospel - 9:19-27**

#### **a. he became all things to all men - 9:19-23**

**Paul became a servant to all to reach people - 9:19**

**Paul was free from men and owed nothing to anyone**

Paul used his freedom to serve others - Gal. 5:1, 13

**Paul chose to make himself servant to all**

Paul chose to please others for their sake - Rom. 15:2

**Paul became a Jew to reach Jews - 9:20**

**Paul became a Jew to reach Jews**

Paul went to the Jews in the synagogue - Acts 17:2-3

**Paul placed himself under the law to reach those under the law**

Paul was willing to take a Jewish vow to reach Jews - Acts 21:20-26

**Paul did not focus on the law with Gentiles - 9:21**

**Paul did not teach the law to the Gentiles**

Paul did not require the law of Gentiles - Gal. 2:3-4, 2:12-14

**Paul was under the law of Christ - the law of love**

Paul focused on the law of love - Rom. 13:8-10

**Paul wanted to reach those who did not know the law**

Paul also encouraged others to follow the law of love - I Thess. 3:12-4:2

**Paul became weak to reach the weak - 9:22**

**Paul became weak to reach those who were weak**

Paul would not do anything that would hurt the weak - I Cor. 8:13, II Cor. 11:29

**Paul did whatever it took to reach people**

Paul endured all things for the sake of the elect - II Tim. 2:10

**Paul did what he did for the sake of the Gospel - 9:23**

**Paul did this for the sake of the Gospel**

Paul had this attitude because of his great love - II Cor. 2:4

**Paul wanted to share the Gospel with others**

Paul followed the example of Christ in being faithful - Heb. 3:1-2

**b. he had as his purpose to win God's prize - 9:24-27**

**Paul ran to win the prize - 9:24**

**Paul compared ministry to a race**

Paul did not want to run in vain - Gal. 2:2

**Paul said that in a race one wins the prize**

Paul looked forward to his future reward - II Tim. 4:7-8

**Paul said to run so that we win our race**

Christ is our example of how to run this race - Heb. 12:1-2

**Paul looked for an eternal reward - 9:25**

**Paul said people make sacrifices to win an earthly race**

we are to have the same attitude as we fight the spiritual fight - I Tim. 6:12

**Paul said they do that to win a very temporary crown**

we do it to receive an eternal kingdom - Heb. 12:28

**Paul said we do it to obtain an eternal crown**

we do it to win an eternal crown - James 1:12

we do it to receive an eternal inheritance - I Pet. 1:4-5

**Paul did not have an uncertain focus - 9:26**

**Paul ran with his eyes on the goal**

Paul looked toward our eternal house - II Cor. 5:1, 8

Paul was willing to suffer in order to win - II Tim. 1:12

Paul looked forward to the crown of glory - I Pet. 5:4

**Paul fought not as one just beating the air**

Paul wanted to compete according to the rules - II Tim. 2:5

**Paul made certain that he remained qualified - 9:27**

**Paul said that he disciplines his body**

Paul knew the discipline of suffering - I Cor. 4:11

**Paul said that he brought his body under subjection**

Paul had a plan to flee and to follow - II Tim. 2:22

**Paul was concerned to finish the race well**

Paul wanted to fight the good fight - II Tim. 4:7

**Paul did not want to become a castaway**

Paul did not want anyone to become disqualified - II Cor. 13:5-6



**C. the questions answered by practical instructions - 10:1-11:1**

**1. the people were to avoid satisfying self - 10:1-13**

**a. Israel had received spiritual food - 10:1-4**

**this food was received while they were in the wilderness - 10:1**

**Paul wanted to remind them of the past of Israel**

God did not spare Israel in the past - Rom. 11:21

**Paul reminded them of the cloud in the wilderness**

God had covered all of Israel with the cloud - Ex. 13:21-22

**Paul reminded them of passing through the Red Sea**

God had taken all of Israel through the Red Sea - Ex. 14:19-22, 29

**this food was received while they were under the cloud - 10:2**

**Paul said they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud**

God caused the people to see that Moses was faithful - Heb. 3:2-3

**Paul said they were all baptized into Moses in the sea**

God caused the people to see His work and believe Moses - Ex. 14:31

**this food was the spiritual food which was given to all - 10:3**

**Paul said they all ate the same spiritual food**

God gave all of the people manna in the wilderness - Ex. 16:4, 15, 35

God said that food could not give life - John 6:22-58

**this food was accompanied by spiritual water from the Rock - 10:4**

**Paul said they all drank the same spiritual drink**

God gave Israel physical water from a rock at Mt. Horeb - Ex. 17:6

God gave Israel physical water from a rock at Kadesh - Num. 20:8-11

Christ said He is the One who is living water - John 4:10-14

Christ said that He is the One who gives the living water - John 7:37-39

**Paul said they drank of the spiritual Rock that followed them**

God was the One who provided their needs in the wilderness- Ps. 78:15-20

God did this because He remembered His promise to Abraham - Ps. 105:41-43

**Paul said that the rock that followed them was Christ**

God said the things of the past were just a shadow of Christ - Col. 2:13-17

**b. Israel had been judged for sin - 10:5-6**

**this judgment caused many of them to be overthrown in the wilderness - 10:5**

**Paul said that God was not pleased with most of the people in the wilderness**  
all in the wilderness died except Joshua and Caleb - Number 24:64-65  
**Paul said that their dead bodies were scattered in the wilderness**  
all of their bodies were scattered in the wilderness - Heb. 13:17

**this judgment provides an example for us of the dangers of lust - 10:6**

**Paul said what happened in the wilderness provided examples for us**  
the entire Old Testament was written for our learning - Rom. 15:4  
**Paul said God does not want us to lust after evil things**  
this caused Sodom and Gomorrah to experience eternal judgment - Jude 7

**c. Israel provides an example for us to avoid sin - 10:7-10**

**some put God to the test by idolatry - 10:7**

**Paul said that we are not to become idolaters like some of them**  
**Paul said the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play**  
this happened when they worshipped the golden calf - Ex. 32:6

**some put God to the test by fornication - 10:8**

**Paul said that some of them committed sexual immorality**  
**Paul said that 23,000 died as a result in one day**  
this happened in the land of Moab - Numbers 25:1-9 (less 1000 in v. 4)

**some put God to the test and were destroyed by serpents - 10:9**

**Paul said that when we sin we test Christ**  
**Paul said some were destroyed by serpents for testing Christ**  
this happened as they went around Edom - Num. 21:4-9

**some put God to the test by murmuring - 10:10**

**Paul said some put God to the test by murmuring**  
**Paul said that those who murmured were destroyed**  
this happened often in the wilderness - Ex. 15:24, Num. 14:27-30

**d. Israel provides an example for us to escape sin - 10:11-13**

**God gave us example for our admonition - 10:11**

**Paul said that these things were for our example**  
the things written before were for our sakes - I Cor. 9:9-10  
**Paul said these things were written for our admonition**  
the things written before were for our learning - Rom. 15:4  
**Paul said this is true even though we are in the ends of the ages**  
the things written are to be taught as the Day approaches - Heb. 10:25

**Gave gave us examples to warn us of falling - 10:12**

**Paul warned to watch out if we think we are standing**  
we do not yet know as we ought to know - I Cor. 8:1-2  
**Paul said that such pride can cause us to fall**  
we see pride will lift us up against each other - I Cor. 4:6-7  
we see that pride goes before destruction - Prov. 16:18  
we see that a hardened heart will cause us to fall - Prov. 28:14

**God gave us examples to give us victory over temptation - 10:13**

**Paul said we will face temptation**  
we see that we are in a battle against spiritual forces - Eph. 6:12-13  
**Paul said these temptations are common to all people**  
we see that those in the past endured testing and temptation - Heb. 11:35-38  
we see that Paul experienced testing and temptation - II Cor. 11:23-28  
**Paul said that God is always faithful**  
we see that God allows testing to strengthen our faith - I Pet. 1:6-7  
we see God is faithful and He is the one who called us- I Thess. 5:24  
we see the Lord is faithful and will establish and guard us - II Thess. 3:3  
we see the Lord can keep us from wavering - Heb. 10:23  
we see that God forgives and cleanses when we do sin - I John 1:9  
**Paul said God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able**  
we are given examples of endurance from the Old Testament - Jam. 5:10-11  
**Paul said that God will make a way of escape**  
we see that we are to pray that God will deliver us from the evil one - Luke 11:4  
**Paul said that God will make it possible to endure temptation**  
we see that the Lord will strengthen us through testing - I Pet. 5:8-10  
we are to commit our souls to God when we suffer - I Pet. 4:19

## 2. the people were to avoid idol's feasts - 10:14-22

### a. we are to avoid idolatry - 10:14-15

#### God calls us to flee from idolatry - 10:14

**Paul said that he was speaking to people he greatly loved**  
Paul called the Corinthians beloved more frequently - II Cor. 7:1  
**Paul warned them to flee from idolatry**  
Paul calls all Christians to separate from idols - II Cor. 6:14-18

#### God calls us to be wise - 10:15

**Paul said he was speaking to wise men**  
Paul says we are to be mature in our understanding - I Cor. 14:20  
**Paul told them to judge what he was saying**  
Paul says we are to test all things - I Thess. 5:21-22

### b. we are to avoid fellowship with demons - 10:16-20

#### God reminds us that the cup reminds us of the blood of Christ - 10:16

**Paul said we have a cup of blessing that we bless**  
the cup is used to refer to our communion - I Cor. 11:23-29  
**Paul said that cup represents the blood of Christ**  
the cup represents the blood of the new covenant - Matt. 26:27-29  
**Paul said that we have bread that we break**  
the bread represents the body of Christ - I Cor. 11:23-24  
**Paul said that bread is the communion of the body of Christ**  
the breaking of bread is a part of our fellowship - Acts 2:42, 46

#### God reminds us that we are all partakers of Christ's body - 10:17

**Paul said that many become one body in communion**  
we have many members but one body - I Cor. 12:12, 27  
we have all become part of that one body - Gal. 3:26-28  
**Paul said that we all share the same bread**  
we see that Christ has made peace so we are one - Eph. 2:15-18  
we see that Christ wants us all to come to unity and maturity - Eph. 4:12-13  
we see that we are all connected to the Head - Col. 2:19

**God reminds us of the example of physical Israel - 10:18**

**Paul said to look at the example of Israel again**

Paul also had a real concern for the physical Israel - Rom. 9:3-8

**Paul said those who ate the sacrifices shared the altar**

Paul said those who served in the temple shared the sacrifices - I Cor. 9:13

**God reminds us that an idol is nothing - 10:19**

**Paul asked if an idol is really anything**

Paul said that an idol is actually nothing - I Cor. 8:4

**Paul asked if the sacrifices to idols were anything**

Paul realized that not all understood this yet - I Cor. 8:5-7

**God reminds us that sacrifices are to demons not just idols - 10:20**

**Paul said that the Gentiles were actually sacrificing to demons**

the people had sacrificed to demons in the wilderness - Deut. 32:16-17

the people had sacrificed their children to demons - Psalm 107:37-39

the people will sacrifice to demons in the future - Rev. 9:20

**Paul said that we are not to have fellowship with demons**

the people have been blinded by the god of this age - II Cor. 4:4

**c. we are not to provoke the Lord to jealousy - 10:21-22**

**God reminds us we cannot serve Christ and demons - 10:21**

**Paul said we cannot drink of both the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons**

Christ said that we cannot serve two masters - Matt. 6:24

the cup that we have is the cup of the Lord - I Cor. 10:16

**Paul said we cannot eat from the Lord's table and the table of demons**

there can be no agreement between the Lord and Satan - II Cor. 6:15-17

to eat in an idol's temple would hurt a weaker Christian - I Cor. 8:9-11

**God reminds us that He is a jealous God - 10:22**

**Paul asked if we are trying to provoke the Lord to jealousy**

the Lord our God is a jealous God - Ex. 20:5

**Paul asked if we think we are stronger than the Lord**

the Lord says we can do nothing without Him - John 15:5

**3. the people were to glorify God in all things - 10:23-11:1**

**a. we are to seek the benefit of others - 10:23-24**

**all things are lawful but not all things built up - 10:23**

**Paul said all things are lawful but not all are helpful**  
the question should be, Are we walking in love? - Rom. 14:14-15  
**Paul said all things are lawful but all do not build up**  
the Lord calls us to build up others - Rom. 14:19, 15:1-2

**all things that we do should be to benefit others - 10:24**

**Paul said we are not to seek our own benefit**  
the problem is that most people seek their own benefit - Phil. 2:21  
**Paul said we are to seek the benefit of others**  
the solution is for each of us to look for the benefit of others - Phil. 2:4-5

**b. we are to eat without asking questions - 10:25-27**

**the Lord tells us not to ask questions about food - 10:25**

**Paul said we are to eat whatever is sold in the market**  
there is no food that is unclean in itself - Rom. 14:14, I Tim. 4:4  
**Paul said we are not to ask questions for conscience sake**  
there is a need not to wound the conscience of another - I Cor. 10:27-29

**the Lord created the earth and everything on it - 10:26**

**Paul said the Lord is the Creator of the earth**  
the Lord created the entire universe - John 1:1-3  
**Paul said the Lord created everything on the earth**  
the earth belongs to the the Lord - Ex. 19:5, Deut. 10:14

**the Lord created all foods for us to eat - 10:27**

**Paul said we can accept invitations to dinner from non-Christians if we desire**  
Christ gave the example by eating at the house of Levi - Luke 5:28-30  
**Paul said that we are to eat whatever is served without asking questions**  
Christ tells us to eat without asking questions - I Cor. 10:25

**c. we are not to eat if it would cause stumbling - 10:28-30**

**God calls us to listen to the weaker brother - 10:28**

**Paul said that we may be given information before we eat**  
this information is often given by person who is struggling - I Cor. 8:10-13  
this gives us an opportunity to help build the person up - Rom. 14:19

**Paul said some may tell us the food was offered to idols**  
this should not cause us to judge his opinions - Rom. 14:1-3  
this should cause us to avoid being a stumbling block - Rom. 14:13

**Paul said we should not eat for the sake of the one who told us**  
this should guide us in knowing how to walk in love - Rom. 14:15

**Paul said we should not eat for the sake of conscience**  
this would defile their weak conscience - I Cor. 8:7

**Paul said we realize everything comes from the Lord**  
we need to seek the Lord and His righteousness - Matt. 6:31-33  
we are to give thanks to the Lord for what He provides - Rom. 14:6

**God calls us to avoid hurting a weaker brother - 10:29**

**Paul said our conscience is not the problem**  
the one who is weak may not even eat meat - Rom. 14:1-3

**Paul said we need to be concerned for the other person's conscience**  
the new Christian may still be sorting out what is right - I Cor. 8:9-13  
the new Christian needs a good example from us - Rom. 14:15-21

**Paul said to avoid having our liberty judged by another man's conscience**  
we are to provide an honorable example for all - II Cor. 8:21  
we are to use our liberty to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13  
we are to abstain from all appearance of evil - I Thess. 5:22

**God calls us to make sacrifices for the sake of others - 10:30**

**Paul said we could eat that food and give thanks for it**  
we are to give thanks to the Lord and live for Him - Rom. 14:6-7  
we can eat any food served if nothing is said - I Cor. 10:27  
we should seek to build up by whatever we do - I Cor. 10:24

**Paul said others might speak evil of us for eating it**  
a weaker brother might feel we are sinning - Rom. 14:2-3  
we are not to sin against the weaker brother - I Cor. 8:12  
we are not to destroy that weaker brother - Rom. 14:15

**d. we are to do all to the glory of God - 10:31-33**

**we are to do all to the glory of God - 10:31**

**Paul said we are to give glory to God by what we eat**

we are to eat what we eat to the glory of God - Deut. 12:7

we are to do whatever we do heartily and to the Lord - Col. 3:23

**Paul said we are to give glory to God by what we drink**

we are to rejoice for all that the Lord has placed in our hands - Deut. 12:18

we are to give glory to God by obeying His Word - Neh. 8:16-18

**Paul said we are to give glory to God by whatever we do**

we are to do all that we do in word or deed to the glory of God - Col. 3:17

we are to speak and serve in the strength God supplies to His glory - I Pet. 4:11

**we are to do nothing to offend others - 10:32**

**Paul said we are not to offence to the Jews**

we are not to give offence in anything - II Cor. 6:3

**Paul said we are not to give offence to the Greeks**

we are to be without offence until the day of Christ - Phil. 1:10-11

**Paul said we are not to give offence to the church of God**

we are not to give offence to others in the church - I Cor. 11:22

we are not to cause a weaker brother to stumble - I Cor. 8:13

**we are to seek the benefit of others - 10:33**

**Paul said he worked to please men in all things**

we are to do all to benefit others - I Cor. 9:19-23

**Paul said he did not seek his own benefit**

we are to follow his example by serving others - Rom. 15:2-3

**Paul said he was seeking the benefit of many so they would be saved**

we are to follow his example by doing all to edify others - II Cor. 12:19

**e. we are to follow the example of godly leaders - 11:1**

**Paul encourages Christians to imitate him**

Paul urged the Corinthians to imitate him - I Cor. 4:16

Paul encouraged the Philippians to follow his example - Phil. 3:17

**Paul said that he seeks to imitate Christ**

Paul was following the example of Christ - Phil. 2:4-5



## **VI. The Corinthians are taught about worship in the church - 11:2-14:40**

### **A. the questions about personal appearance - 11:2-16**

#### **1. God is the head of all - 11:2-3**

**Christ gives us commandments to keep - 11:2**

**Paul praised the Corinthians for remembering him**  
Paul gave thanks for the church at Corinth - I Cor. 1:4-9  
**Paul praised the Corinthians for keeping the ordinances**  
Paul was giving instructions to all of the churches - I Cor. 7:17

**Christ is our head and God is His head - 11:3**

**Paul said that Christ is the head of every man**  
Christ is the head over all in the church - Eph. 1:22-23  
**Paul said that man is the head of woman**  
Christ said that the man is the head of the wife - Eph. 5:22-23  
**Paul said that God is the head of Christ**  
Christ also has placed Himself under the Father - I Cor. 15:27-28

#### **2. God made man in His image 11:4-9**

**Christ said that man is not to pray with his head covered - 11:4**

**a man who prays with his head covered dishonors his head**  
**a man who prophesies with his head cover dishonors his head**  
the passage makes it clear this is talking about the hair - I Cor. 11:14

**Christ said that woman is to pray with her head covered - 11:5**

**a woman who prays or prophesies uncovered dishonors her head**  
**a woman who did that would be like one shaved**  
the passage makes it clear this is talking about the hair - I Cor. 11:15

**Christ said that it is a shame for women to be shaved - 11:6**

**a woman who is an uncovered woman is like one shorn**  
**a woman is to have a covering**  
God said that men and women are to be different - Deut. 22:5

**Christ said that man is in the image of God - 11:7**

**a man is the image and glory of God**

God created man in His image - Gen. 1:26-27

**a woman is the glory of the man**

God created woman as a help fit for man - Gen. 2:18-24

**Christ said that the woman came from the man - 11:8**

**the man did not originally come from the woman**

**the man was the original source of the woman**

the woman was taken from the rib of man - Gen. 2:21-22

**Christ said that the woman was created for the man - 11:9**

**the man was not created for the woman**

**the woman was created for the man**

the man needed woman to be complete - Gen. 2:18, 20-22

**3. God gave women and men different roles - 11:10-12**

**Christ said a woman is to have authority on her head - 11:10**

**the woman was given a symbol of authority on her head**

**the woman was given this because of the angels**

the early women used a veil as a symbol of this authority - Gen. 24:64-65

**Christ said men and women need each other - 11:11**

**the man is not independent of the woman**

**the woman is not independent of the man**

the husband and wife sanctify one another - I Cor. 7:14

**Christ said that God is the source of all things - 11:12**

**the woman came from the man**

this happened when Eve was created - Gen. 2:16-24

**the man came from the woman**

this happens whenever a child is born - John 16:21

**both have their source in God**

God is the source of all - I Cor. 8:6

#### **4. God desires us to please Him and not be contentious - 11:13-16**

**Christ says it is proper for a woman to pray with her head covered - 11:13**

**we are to judge among ourselves**

we are to judge what is right in every situation - I Cor. 10:15

we are to judge according to righteousness - John 7:24

**we are to decide if it is proper for a woman to pray with her head uncovered**

God has given a woman her hair as a covering - I Cor. 11:15

**Christ says that a man dishonors himself with long hair - 11:14**

**we can recognize some things from nature**

God says this brings dishonor on his head - I Cor. 11:4

man does not cover his head because he is in the image of God - I Cor. 11:7

**we see that it is a shame for men to have long hair**

long hair was worn by Absalom - II Sam. 14:26

long hair eventually got Absalom in trouble - II Sam. 18:9-15

**Christ says that a woman with long hair brings glory to her - 11:15**

**we see that it is a glory for women to have long hair**

woman does cover her head because she is the glory of man - I Cor. 11:7

**we see that her hair has been given for a covering**

God gave woman hair as a covering when she prays - I Cor. 11:5-6

**Christ says that none of us are to be contentious - 11:16**

**God does not want people to be contentious**

some people teach their own ideas to be contentious - I Tim. 6:3-6

some people speak perverse things to gain followers for themselves - Acts 20:30

**God had not led Paul to be contentious**

Paul was willing to submit rather than be contentious - Acts 21:21-26

Paul had chosen to become the servant of all - I Cor. 9:19-23

**God had not led the churches to be contentious**

God wants the churches to walk to please Him - I Cor. 7:17-24

God is the author of peace not of confusion - I Cor. 14:26-33

God wants the churches to imitate good examples - I Thess. 2:13-14

God wants the churches to resolve conflicts - I Cor. 6:5-7

God calls us to serve one another in love - Gal. 5:13

## **B. the questions about the Lord's Supper - 11:17-34**

### **1. the Corinthians were having divisions - 11:17-19**

**Paul said he could not praise the Corinthians at this time - 11:17**

#### **the Corinthians could not be praised by Paul**

the Corinthians were bringing shame on others - I Cor. 11:22

the Corinthians needed a rebuke from a caring friend - Prov. 27:5-6

the Corinthians needed to learn to do good - I Pet. 2:15-16

#### **the Corinthians were not coming together for the better**

the Corinthians needed to learn to wait for one another - I Cor. 11:33-34

the Corinthians needed to come together to share the Word - I Cor. 14:26

the Corinthians needed to get together to stir up love and good works - Heb. 10:24-25

#### **the Corinthians were coming together for the worse**

the Corinthians were not sharing when they came together - I Cor. 11:20

**Paul said that he had heard there were divisions in the church - 11:18**

#### **the church was coming together as the church**

the church was to come together to worship - I Cor. 11:23-26

the church was to come together to be built up - I Cor. 14:23-26

the church was to come together to learn - I Cor. 14:29-31

#### **the church had divisions when they came together**

these divisions were based on favorite teachers - I Cor. 1:10-12

their divisions were based on carnal attitudes - I Cor. 3:1-3

#### **the church heard that Paul believed what he heard about divisions**

Paul had heard about the divisions though the family of Chloe - I Cor. 1:11

**Paul said that there were factions among them - 11:19**

#### **the church had factions in it**

factions were based on a focus on human teachers - I Cor. 1:12

factions do develop because of spiritual immaturity - I Cor. 3:1-3

factions can develop around power hungry leaders - III John 9-11

factions can develop around human rules - Acts 15:5

factions can develop when people are zealous for the law - Acts 21:20

#### **the church was giving approval only to certain ones**

they were only recognizing the ministry of certain people - I Cor. 3:4-9

they were neglecting the slaves who had to come late - I Cor. 11:33

## **2. the Corinthians were misusing the Lord's Supper - 11:20-22**

**Paul said they were coming together to eat the Lord's Supper - 11:20**

### **they were gathering in one place**

the Corinthians were coming together as a church - I Cor. 11:18  
the Corinthians were remembering the death of the Lord - I Cor. 11:23-26

### **they were gathering to eat the Lord's supper**

the original Lord's supper was a part of a meal - Matt. 26:26-29  
the Lord's supper was observed in Bible studies - Acts 2:42  
the Lord's supper was observed by the churches as groups - Acts 20:7

**Paul said some were coming hungry and others drunk - 11:21**

### **some were taking all the food before others could have any**

the slaves often had to come later - I Cor. 11:33

### **some were coming to the Lord's supper who were very hungry**

the people were told to eat first if they were really hungry - I Cor. 11:34

### **some were coming to the Lord's supper who were drunk**

the people were told to examine themselves before the Lord's supper - I Cor. 11:28  
the people were told the results of a sinful attitude - I Cor. 11:29-30

**Paul said they were shaming those who had nothing - 11:22**

### **Paul said that such should eat before they came**

those who could not wait to eat should eat before coming - I Cor. 11:34

### **Paul said they were despising the church of God**

they were to give no offence to the church - I Cor. 10:31-33  
we despise the church of God when we despise the people - Jam. 2:1-9

### **Paul said they were bring shame on those who had nothing**

we are not to have respect of persons - Jam. 2:1-4  
we mock God when we disrespect the poor - Prov. 17:5

### **Paul said he hardly knew what to say**

Paul taught we ought to know how to conduct ourselves - I Tim. 3:15  
Paul said all things should be done decently and in order - I Cor. 14:40  
Paul said they were to learn to do things in love - I Cor. 13:1-7, 16:14

### **Paul said he could not praise them for their actions**

Paul had shown that their actions were based on their immaturity - I Cor. 3:1-3  
(there are major problems in every chapter of I Corinthians)  
Paul gave an example of serving others - I Cor. 9:19-22

### **3. the Corinthians were to remember the Lord's death - 11:23-26**

**the Lord took bread the night He was betrayed - 11:23**

**Paul had received from the Lord what he was telling the Corinthians**

Paul taught what he had received from the Lord - I Cor. 15:3

**Paul shared what happened the night Christ was betrayed**

Paul reminded them of the first Lord's Supper - Matt. 26:19-29,47-56

**Paul shared that Christ took bread that night**

Paul reviewed how Christ had taken the bread - Matt. 26:26

**the Lord broke the bread the night He was betrayed - 11:24**

**Christ had given thanks and broken the bread**

Paul reviewed how Christ had given thanks - Mark 14:22

**Christ told the disciples to eat the bread**

Paul reviewed how Christ had told the disciples to eat the bread - Lk. 22:19-20

**Christ said the bread represented His body that was broken**

Paul said we are to remember His death till He comes - I Cor. 11:26

**Christ said to do this in remembrance of Him**

Paul reminds us that the works of the Lord are to be remembered - Ps. 111:4

**the Lord took the cup the night He was betrayed - 11:25**

**Christ did the same thing with the cup after the supper**

this happened after the supper was over - Lk 22:20

**Christ said the cup is the new covenant in His blood**

this cup represented Christ's blood shed for forgiveness of sins - Matt. 26:27-28

**Christ said they were to drink the cup**

all of the disciples drank from the cup - Mk. 14:23-24

**Christ said they were to do this in remembrance of Him**

this cup represented the blood of the new covenant - Heb. 9:15-20

**the Lord told us to remember His death - 11:26**

**Christ said that we are to eat the bread and drink the cup**

this was done by the Christians regularly - Acts 20:7

**Christ said this proclaims the Lord's death till He comes**

this is also a reminder that the Lord is coming - I Thess. 4:13-18

this is a reminder that Christ's in death bore the sins of many - Heb. 9:28

#### **4. the Corinthians were to examine themselves - 11:27-32**

**we are not to remember Christ's death in an unworthy manner - 11:27**

**Christ gave a warning about eating and drinking in an unworthy manner**

to mix remembrance of Christ with sin is an unworthy manner - I Cor. 10:21

**Christ said that person would be guilty of the body of the Lord**

the one who eats unworthily eat judgment to himself - I Cor. 11:29

**Christ said that person would be guilty of the blood of the Lord**

the one who drinks unworthily drinks judgment to himself - I Cor. 11:29

**we are to examine ourselves before having communion - 11:28**

**Christ said we are to examine ourselves first**

we are to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith - II Cor. 13:5

we are to judge ourselves so we will not be judged - I Cor. 11:31

**Christ said then we should eat the bread and drink the cup**

we are to eat once our heart does not condemn us - I John 3:20-21

**we bring judgment on ourselves when we eat in an unworthy manner - 11:29**

**Christ warned it is possible to eat and drink in an unworthy manner**

the judgment of Christians is discipline not condemnation - I Cor. 11:32-34

**Christ warned that we actually eat and drink judgment to ourselves**

those who resist the ordinance of God bring judgment on themselves - Rom. 13:2

**Christ said we are not separating ourselves from sin**

this is not a true remembrance of the body of Christ - I Cor. 11:24

**we are given various kinds of judgments God uses - 11:30**

**Christ said this is why many are weak**

the word weak speaks of those who are without strength - I Thess. 5:14

the word weak speaks of those who have a weak conscience - I Cor. 8:7

the word weak speak of those who are spiritually weak - I Cor. 8:10

the word weak speaks of those who lack strength and spiritual life - Rom. 5:6

the word weak can even speak of those with emotional and physical needs - Acts

5:16

**Christ said this is why many are sick**

this word speaks of those who have physical problems - Mk. 6:13

**Christ said this is why many sleep**

sleep is used to describe the death of a Christian - I Cor. 15:51

**we are to judge ourselves to avoid judgment - 11:31**

**Christ said we are to examine ourselves**

we are not to be judges with evil thoughts - Jam. 2:4  
true examination will also result in confession - I John 1:9  
we are to remember, repent and repeat the first works - Rev. 2:5

**Christ said that then we will not be judged**

judgment is reserved for those who do not repent - Rev. 3:2-3

**we may be disciplined by the Lord but not condemned - 11:32**

**Christ said that judgment for the Christian is actually discipline**

we see that the Lord disciplines those that He loves - Heb. 12:5-6  
we see that the Lord disciplines to develop righteousness - Heb. 12:10-11

**Christ said that judgment for the world is condemnation**

we see that every person stands guilty before God - Rom. 3:19  
we know that those who do not believe are already condemned - John 5:24  
we see that unbelievers face eternal condemnation - Rev. 20:13-15, 21:8

**5. the Corinthians were to be concerned for each other - 11:33-34**

**we are to wait for one another when we eat - 11:33**

**Paul said we are to come together to eat**

Christian fellowship has been a part of the church since it first began - Acts 2:46  
Christian fellowship and breaking bread were often done together - Acts 20:11

**Paul said we are to wait for one another when we eat**

waiting for one another develops patience - Jam. 5:3

**we are to satisfy our hunger at home - 11:34**

**Paul said to eat at home if you are really hungry**

Paul said they should be coming together to eat the Lord's Supper - I Cor. 11:20  
Paul said they were despising the Christians who had less - I Cor. 11:22

**Paul said not to come together for judgment**

Paul said this would not happen if they examined themselves - I Cor. 11:27-31

**Paul said he would answer their other questions when he came**

Paul sent team members to strengthen new Christians - I Thess. 3:1-8  
Paul sent team members to answer questions in some churches - Titus 1:5  
Paul wanted to come personally to strengthen the Corinthians - I Cor. 4:19



## **C. the questions about spiritual gifts - 12:1-14:40**

### **1. teaching regarding the varieties of gifts - 12:1-11**

#### **a. the Holy Spirit points to Christ - 12:1-3**

**Paul did not want Christians to be ignorant regarding spiritual gifts - 12:1**

**Paul wanted to answer their questions about spiritual gifts**

we have been given a variety of spiritual gifts - Rom. 12:6-8  
we have been given these gifts for different purposes - I Cor. 12:4-11  
we are to exercise spiritual gifts in love - I Cor. 13:1-8  
we are to exercise spiritual gifts to build up one another - I Cor. 14:1-3  
we are to exercise spiritual gifts to glorify God - I Pet. 4:10-11

**Paul did not want them to be ignorant**

Paul did not want them to be ignorant about many things - II Cor. 1:8

**Paul knew that the Corinthians had been deceived by dumb idols - 12:2**

**Paul reminded them that they were Gentiles**

the Gentiles had been without God and without hope - Eph. 2:11-12  
the Gentiles had been transformed by Christ - I Cor. 6:9-11

**Paul reminded them that they had served dumb idols**

the Gentiles served idols that could not help - Ps. 115:5-7  
we are not to follow this way any longer - Eph. 4:17-20  
we have turned from idols to God to serve God - I Thess. 1:9

**Paul said that they had been led by the idols**

the Gentiles had trusted in the idols that they had made - Hab. 2:18-19

**Paul wanted the Christians to learn to depend on the Holy Spirit - 12:3**

**Paul wanted them to learn how to speak by the power of the Spirit**

those who speak in the power of the Spirit will glorify Christ - John 16:14  
those who speak by the power of the Spirit will confess Christ - I John 4:2-4

**Paul said that the Spirit of God does not call Christ accursed**

those who preach another Gospel are the accursed - Gal. 1:8-9

**Christ said that people do not call Christ Lord in themselves**

the disciples recognized Christ as Lord by the Father - Matt. 16:16-17

**Christ said that we recognize Christ as Lord by the Holy Spirit**

we have this trust in Christ through the Spirit - II Cor. 3:4-6

**b. the Holy Spirit gives gifts for service - 12:4-7**

**we have different gifts but they come from the Holy Spirit - 12:4**

**the gifts that are given to us are different**  
we have been given different gifts - Rom. 12:4-8  
some have been given gifts to equip - Eph. 4:11-13  
**the gifts come to us from the same Spirit**  
gifts were given to the apostles by the Holy Spirit - Heb. 2:4  
gifts are given to us by the Holy Spirit - I Cor. 12:8-11  
gifts are part of the grace given to us - Rom. 12:6

**we have different ministries but they come from the same Lord - 12:5**

**the ministries that we have been given are different**  
different ministries have been given to each Christian - I Pet. 4:10-11  
gifts have been given for those ministries - Rom. 12:3-8  
prayer and the ministry of the Word are the priority of spiritual leaders - Acts 6:4  
**the ministries that we have come from the same Lord**  
these ministries have all been given by God - I Cor. 12:28-29  
these ministries have been given so that we can shine as lights - Phil. 2:13-16

**we have different activities but they come from the same God - 12:6**

**the activities that we have been given are different**  
God gives us different parts of His work - I Cor. 3:6-9  
god works in us to do the work - Phil. 2:13  
**the activities that we have come from the same God**  
we are to do what God has prepared us to do - Col. 1:28-29  
**these activities are from the God who works all in all**  
God is working in us to accomplish His will - Phil. 2:13

**we are different for the benefit of all - 12:7**

**these gifts are revealed by the Spirit**  
the Spirit gives gifts to every person as He chooses - I Cor. 12:11  
the Spirit gives gifts so we can care for one another - I Cor. 12:24-25  
**these gifts are given to every man to benefit all**  
these gifts are to edify the church - I Cor. 14:12  
these gifts are given for us to minister in the church - I Cor. 14:22-26

**c. the Holy Spirit gives as He chooses - 12:8-11**

**the Holy Spirit give some gifts to help them teach others - 12:8**

**the Spirit gives some the gift of wisdom**  
the ability to understand God's will and apply it obediently - I Cor. 2:13  
**the Spirit gives some the gift of knowledge**  
the ability to understand and explain the text and related passages - I Cor. 2:9-10

**the Holy Spirit gives some gifts to help them serve others - 12:9**

**the Spirit gives some the gift of faith**  
the ability to trust God in difficult and demanding ways - Jam. 5:16-18  
**the Spirit gives some the gifts of healing**  
the ability to be used by God to heal others - Acts 5:12-16

**the Holy Spirit gives some gifts for several other purposes - 12:10**

**the Spirit gives some the gift of working miracles**  
the ability to confirm the message through miracles - Acts 5:12  
**the Spirit gives some the gift of prophecy**  
the ability to prophesy what is written down in the Word - I Cor. 14:3  
(the person with this gift will often quote Scripture without explaining it)  
**the Spirit gives some the gift of discerning spirits**  
the ability to discern what is not in agreement with Scripture - I John 4:1-3  
**the Spirit gives some the gift of various languages**  
the ability to speak languages not previously known - Acts 2:7-11  
**the Spirit gives some the gift of interpreting various kinds of languages**  
the ability to interpret from one language to another - I Cor. 14:27-28

**the Holy Spirit is the source of all gifts - 12:11**

**the Spirit is the source of all these different gifts**  
the Holy Spirit is the source of spiritual gifts - I Cor. 12:4  
**the Spirit gives these gifts as He chooses**  
God gave some of these gifts to the apostles to confirm their message - Heb. 2:3-4  
God says all gifts are to be used in love - I Pet. 4:7-9  
God gives some Christians gifts for speaking - I Pet. 4:10-11  
God give some Christians gifts for serving - I Pet. 4:10-11  
God gives all gifts to bring glory to God - I Pet. 4:11

## 2. teaching regarding the purpose of gifts - unity - 12:12-31

### a. the body was baptized by the Holy Spirit - 12:12-13

#### Christ has made us all one body - 12:12

**the body of Christ has many members**  
the body is made up of many members (parts) with different functions - Rom. 12:4-5  
**the members of that body are all different parts**  
the body contains many different parts which all function together - Eph. 4:16  
**the members of that body are all one body**  
the body is called to function as one body - Col. 3:15

#### Christ had us baptized into His body by the Holy Spirit - 12:13

**the Spirit baptized all of us into that one body**  
the Holy Spirit makes us complete in Christ - Col. 2:10-12  
**the Spirit did that whether we were Jews or Gentiles**  
the Holy Spirit removes the barriers between Jews and Greeks - Eph. 2:11-15  
**the Spirit did that whether we were slaves or free**  
the Holy Spirit removes the barriers between slaves and free- Gal. 3:28  
**the Lord made us all drink into one Spirit**  
the Holy Spirit is given to all who believe in Christ - John 7:37-39

### b. the body has many different parts - 12:14-20

#### Christ made the body with many different parts - 12:14

**the body of Christ is not just one part**  
the body needs every part to function effectively - Eph. 4:15-16  
**the body of Christ is made up of many parts**  
the body has many parts but they are one body - Col. 2:19

#### Christ did not have the parts choose what they would be - 12:15

**a foot does not choose to be a foot**  
every part is placed in the body by God - I Cor. 12:18  
**a foot cannot choose to be another part**  
every part is gifted by God not self - I Cor. 12:27  
**a foot still remains a part of the body**  
every part needs the other parts - I Cor. 12:25-26

**Christ tells us not to seek to be another part - 12:16**

**an ear cannot choose to be an eye**

God has placed the members as He has chosen - I Cor. 12:18

**an ear is still part of the body**

God has made every particular member a part of the body of Christ - I Cor. 12:27

**Christ said the body could not function if we were all the same - 12:17**

**if we were all eyes there would be no hearing**

each part of the body has particular gifts and ministries - I Cor. 12:4-6

**if we were all ears there would be no smelling**

each part of the body must be dependent on other parts - Rom. 12:4-5

**Christ puts each of us in the body as it pleases Him - 12:18**

**God is the one who gives each part in the body**

God has given each of us gifts to minister to the rest of the body - I Pet. 4:10

**God has given each part gifts as He pleased**

God has given one or more gifts to each part of the body - Rom. 12:3

**Christ said that each part is necessary - 12:19**

**there would be a problem if we were all the same part**

there would be parts lacking if we were all the same part - I Cor. 12:28-30

**there would be no body if we were all the same part**

there would not be a body if we were all the same part - Rom. 12:5-8

**Christ has made us many different parts in one body - 12:20**

**God has made us many different parts**

we are to glorify God with what we have been given - I Pet. 4:10-11

we are not to feel we are not part of the body - I Cor. 12:15-18

we all need each other within the body - I Cor. 12:22-25

we are to minister to one another in love - Eph. 4:15-16

**God has made us all parts of the same body**

we are different parts in one body - I Cor. 12:12

we were all baptized by one Spirit - I Cor. 12:13

we are all built on the same foundation - Eph. 2:20-22

we are many different members of that body - I Cor. 12:14

**c. the body has weaker parts - 12:21-26**

**each part of the body needs the other parts - 12:21**

**the eye cannot tell the hand it is not needed  
the head cannot tell the feet they are not needed**

**each part is necessary for the body to function - 12:22**

**there are some parts of the body that are weaker**  
the new Christians need to be cared for as newborns - I Thess. 2:7-8  
**the weak parts of the body are also needed**  
the weak parts need to be supported by others - I Thess. 4:14

**each part is important whether seen or not - 12:23**

**the less honorable part of the body receive greater honor**  
some parts like Barnabas function behind the scenes - Acts 9:26-28  
**the unpresentable parts of the body have greater modesty**  
some parts serve other parts through prayer - II Cor. 1:11

**each part has been given honor by God - 12:24**

**our presentable parts have no need of honor**  
the parts which seem feeble are more necessary - I Cor. 12:22  
**our parts that lack honor have been honored by God**  
God wants us to honor just as He has honored - I Pet. 2:17

**each part is to care for each of the other parts - 12:25**

**there is to be no division in the body**  
we are to realize that we are laborers together - I Cor. 3:5-9  
**the parts of the body are all to care for one another**  
we see that the strong are to care for the weak - Rom. 15:1-2

**each part suffers and rejoices with the others - 12:26**

**all members are to suffer with the suffering member**  
we are to weep with those who weep - Rom. 12:15-16  
**all members are to rejoice with the rejoicing member**  
we are to rejoice with those who rejoice - Rom. 12:15-16

**d. the body is to function in an excellent way - 12:27-31**

**God has made us all parts of the body of Christ - 12:27**

**we are all part of the body of Christ**  
we are all joined to our head who is Christ - Eph. 4:15-16  
**we are all particular parts of that body**  
we see that the body is made up of many different parts - I Cor. 12:14

**God has given each of us different gifts - 12:28**

**God has appointed those who are apostles first**  
the apostles gave eyewitness testimony of the resurrection - Acts 1:21-22  
**God has appointed those who are prophets second**  
the prophets gave us the written Word of God - II Pet. 1:19-21  
**God has appointed teachers third**  
the teachers help us to understand the Word of God - I Tim. 2:7  
**God has appointed those with other gifts**  
the other gifts are also important - I Pet. 4:10-11

**God has not given anyone all of the gifts - 12:29**

**God did not make all apostles**  
**God did not make all prophets**  
**God did not make all teachers**  
**God did not make all workers of miracles**

**God has said that none of us can do everything - 12:30**

**God did not give all gifts of healings**  
**God did not give all gifts of speaking in various languages**  
**God did not give all gifts of interpretation**

**God wants us to seek what is best - 12:31**

**God tells us to desire the best gifts**  
we are to use our gifts to serve one another - I Pet. 4:10  
we are to use our gifts to glorify God - I Pet. 4:11  
**God says there is something more important than gifts**  
the gifts are to be exercised in love - I Cor. 13:1-8

### **3. teaching about the superiority of love - 13:1-13**

#### **a. love is more important than gifts - 13:1-3**

##### **a Christian can have gifts but not exercise them in love - 13:1**

**speaking without love could be done in many languages**  
speaking without love could be done in any language - I Cor. 12:30-31  
speaking without love can even be done in inexpressible words - II Cor. 12:4  
**speaking without love is like a hitting a piece of bronze**  
speaking without love can be done with great swelling words - II Pet. 2:18  
**speaking without love is like a tinkling cymbal**  
speaking without love can destroy a weaker brother - Rom. 14:1-3, 14:15

##### **a Christian can do nothing if he or she lacks love - 13:2**

**speaking prophecy without love makes us nothing**  
a person can prophesy without love - I Cor. 14:1  
**understanding all mysteries without love makes us nothing**  
a person can have great understanding without love - Col. 1:26  
**understanding all knowledge without love makes us nothing**  
a person can have great knowledge without love - Rom. 11:25  
**having all faith without love makes us nothing**  
a person can have great faith without love - I Cor. 12:9  
**being able to move mountains without love makes us nothing**  
a person can even move mountains and have no love - Matt. 17:20-21

##### **a Christian can even die for Christ and not have love - 13:3**

**giving to the needy without love makes us nothing**  
an attitude of pride makes any gift useless - Gal. 5:26  
an attitude of envy and strife makes any gift useless - Phil. 1:15-18  
an attitude of hypocrisy makes any gift useless - Matt. 6:1-4  
**dying for Christ without love makes us nothing**  
some preach Christ without love - Phil. 1:15-16  
even dying for Christ could be done without love - Phil 1:20-21

**For you, brethren, have been called to liberty;  
only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh,  
but through love serve one another. - Gal. 5:13**



**b. love is defined - 13:4-7**

**love is described by two things - 13:4a**

**Love is patient**

love causes us to put on patience and kindness - Col. 3:12-13  
love causes the servant of the Lord to be patient - II Tim. 2:24-25

**Love is kind**

love will cover a multitude of sins - I Pet. 4:8

**love has certain things that it does not do - 13:4b-6a**

**Love does not envy**

envy was a part of our past life - Titus 3:3

**Love does not boast about self**

boasting comes from a fleshly mind - Col. 2:18  
knowledge puffs up but love builds up - I Cor. 8:1

**Love is not proud**

we are to esteem others better than self - Phil. 2:1-5

**Love does not behave rudely**

we will not walk in a disorderly way - II Thess.3:7

**Love does not seek to satisfy itself**

we will not seek to satisfy ourselves and judge others - Rom. 14:12-15

**Love is not provoked**

we are to be slow to wrath - Jam. 1:19-20

**Love does not think evil**

we are not to think evil in our hearts - Matt. 9:4

**Love does not rejoice in iniquity**

we are to set our minds on godly things not earthly things - Phil. 3:17-19

**love has certain things that it does - 13:6b-7**

**Love bears all things**

we are to bear one another's burdens - Gal. 6:2

**Love believes all things**

we are to believe the whole Word of God - Ps. 119:66

**Love hopes all things**

we are to look forward to our eternal hope - Rom. 8:24-25

**Love endures all things**

we are to endure hardship as a good soldier - II Tim. 2:3-10

**c. love will never fail - 13:8-10**

**love is contrasted with other things - 13:8**

**prophecies will be done away when the perfect is come**

prophecy was given to holy men of God - II Pet. 1:19-21  
we prophesy when we speak the Word of God - I Cor. 14:24-25

**tongues will cease by itself**

tongues were a sign to unbelieving Israel in the past - Is. 28:11-12  
tongues were a sign to Israel in that day - I Cor. 1:22  
tongues still did not cause most Jews to believe - I Cor. 14:21-22

**knowledge shall vanish away when the perfect is come**

one day we will know all things - Heb. 8:10-13  
one day we will have the perfect knowledge of Christ - I John 3:2-3

**love goes beyond our knowledge - 13:9**

**we know things in part**

we now see as if in a dark mirror - I Cor. 13:12  
we have not yet seen all that God has prepared for us - I Cor. 2:9  
we know nothing yet as we ought to know - I Cor. 8:2  
we do not yet know the mind of the Lord - Rom. 11:34  
**we (prophesy) proclaim some things from the Word**  
some things have been hidden in the past - Eph. 3:8-11  
God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge - Col. 2:2-3  
God has revealed many things through His Word - I Pet. 1:10-12  
God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts - Is. 55:8-9

**love will one day be replaced by the perfect - 13:10**

**the perfect will come one day**

the perfect will happen when we see Christ in eternity - Rev. 2:4  
the perfect will happen when we see Christ's face - I John 3:2-3  
the perfect will remove all the darkness - Is. 60:19-20  
**the things we know in part will be done away at that time**  
one day we will walk by sight and not just faith - II Cor. 5:7-8  
one day we will walk in the light that never fades - Rev. 21:22-24  
one day we shall see His face and He will be the light - Rev. 22:4-5

**Love is greatest and will never fail!**

**d. love will always abide - 13:11-13**

**love will cause us to put away childish things - 13:11**

**a child (toddler) speaks as a child**

a spiritual toddler often becomes dull of hearing - Heb. 5:11

a spiritual toddler is limited when explaining the Word - Heb. 5:12

**a child understands as a child**

a spiritual toddler has limited understanding - I Cor. 14:20

**a child thinks as a child**

a spiritual toddler wants his needs met immediately - Eph. 4:14

**a child puts away those things as he matures**

a maturing Christian develops maturity - Eph. 4:13

**love will be complete when Christ is fully revealed - 13:12**

**we now see a dim image in a mirror**

we see Christ revealed through the Word - Heb. 12:1-2

we see the glory of Christ as in a mirror - II Cor. 3:18

we now walk by faith and not by sight - II Cor. 5:7

**we will then see face to face**

we will see Christ face to face - Rev. 22:4

we will one day see His glory revealed - Rom. 8:18

**we now know in part**

we need to continue to know Christ better - Phil. 3:10-14

**we will then know as we are known**

we will be like Christ when we see Him as He is - I John 3:2

**love is the greatest and will always abide - 13:13**

**faith will always abide**

faith is knowing that God will do what He has promised - Heb. 11:1

our faith is what overcomes the world - I John 5:1-5

**hope will always abide**

hope does not disappoint - Rom. 5:4-5

hope is confidence in what we do not see - Rom. 8:24-25

**love will always abide**

this love is what motivates our lives - II Cor. 5:14-15

**love is the greatest of these three**

love is the greatest because God is love - I John 4:7-11

#### 4. teaching regarding the superiority of prophecy - 14:1-25

##### a. tongues are inferior to prophecy - 14:1-4

**Christ says we are to use love to prophesy - 14:1**

**we are to pursue love**  
we are to pursue love and the qualities love develops - I Tim. 6:11  
**we are to desire spiritual gifts**  
we are not to be ignorant of spiritual gifts - I Cor. 12:1  
**we are to especially desire to prophesy**  
we are not to despise the Word of God - I Thess. 5:20  
we are to speak sound doctrine - Titus 2:1-15

**Christ says that tongues do not help people grow - 14:2**

**a person who speaks in a tongue speaks to God**  
anything spoken in a tongue is not understood by men - I Cor. 14:16  
**a person who speaks in a tongue is not understood by men**  
anything spoken in a tongue is to be interpreted - I Cor. 14:27-28  
**a person is speaking mysteries in his spirit**  
anything spoken in a tongue brings no understanding - I Cor. 14:14

**Christ says that when we prophesy we help people grow - 14:3**

**prophesying will edify people**  
we have been given the Scriptures to build up people - Rom. 15:2-4  
**prophesying will encourage people**  
we are to encourage people with the Word - I Tim. 4:13  
**prophesying will comfort people**  
we are to prophesy to teach and comfort - I Cor. 14:31  
we are to comfort and build up one another - I Thess. 5:11

**Christ says we are to use our gifts to build up the church - 14:4**

**a person who is not understood speaks to himself**  
in fact he does not even understand himself - I Cor. 14:14  
**a person who shares the Word builds up the church**  
we are to speak the Word to teach others - I Cor. 14:19  
we are to speak so that others will learn - I Cor. 14:31

**b. tongues must be interpreted - 14:5-20**

**1) a tongue must be interpreted - 14:5**

**it is more important to prophesy than speak in a tongue**  
we prophesy when we share the written Word of God - II Pet. 1:19-21  
**it is important for a tongue to be interpreted if one speaks in a tongue**  
we are to keep silent if there is no interpreter - I Cor. 14:28  
**it is important that a church be edified by what is spoken**  
we are to prophesy so that all will learn - I Cor. 14:31

**2) a tongue gives an uncertain sound - 14:6-9**

**tongues will not profit by themselves - 14:6**

**tongues will not profit compared to revelation**  
we have mysteries revealed to us through the Word - I Cor. 2:9-10  
**tongues will not profit compared to knowledge**  
we share knowledge as we explain the Word to one another - Rom. 15:14  
**tongues will not profit compared to prophesying**  
we prophesy when we read what has been written done - I Tim. 4:13  
**tongues will not profit compared to doctrine**  
we are to continue in the doctrine because it saves - I Tim. 4:16

**tongues are compared to musical instruments - 14:7**

**musical instruments do make sounds**  
**musical instruments must make a distinction of sounds**  
**musical instruments must make music that can be recognized**  
**tongues are like a trumpet that gives an uncertain sound - 14:8**  
**a trumpet on the battlefield can give an uncertain sound**  
**a trumpet with an uncertain sound will not prepare men for battle**  
**tongues should be replaced by words easy to understand - 14:9**  
**we should speak with the tongue words easy to be understood - I Cor. 14:19**  
**we should speak so people will know what has been said**  
**we should not just speak to the air - I Cor. 9:26**

**3) a tongue has significance when understood - 14:10-11**

**every word spoken has a meaning - 14:10**

**the world has many different kinds of voices and languages**  
God is the source of all of the different languages - Gen. 11:7-9  
**the world understands that each of these have meaning**  
God has given meaning to all languages - Rev. 7:9-10

**every word will benefit only if it is understood - 14:11**

**we can hear another language but we do not understand it**  
Paul and Barnabas faced this problem as they traveled - Acts 14:11-14  
Israel did not understand the tongues of their enemies - Is. 28:11-12  
Israel did not hear God when He spoke through these enemies - I Cor. 14:21  
**we sound like a foreigner to the other person**  
(a word used by the Greeks for anyone who did not understand Greek)  
the other person cannot understand what we are saying - I Cor. 14:18-19  
**we think the other person sounds like a foreigner**  
we cannot understand what the other person is saying - I Cor. 14:2

**4) a tongue must have interpretation - 14:12-17**

**every spiritual gift is to build up the church - 14:12**

**we are to be zealous for spiritual gifts**  
spiritual gifts are to be understood by Christians - I Cor. 12:1  
**we are to use our gifts to build up the church**  
spiritual gifts are given for us to serve one another - I Pet. 4:7-11  
spiritual gifts are given to help every Christian mature - Eph. 4:11-13

**every tongue should be interpreted - 14:13**

**a person may speak in a tongue**  
tongues do not make a person spiritual - I Cor. 13:1  
tongues will not be understood without interpretation - I Cor. 14:2, 27-28  
tongues without understanding are meaningless - I Cor. 14:14-15  
tongues were a sign to the unbelieving Jews - I Cor. 14:22  
**a person needs to have that tongue interpreted**  
tongues are to be interpreted or else the person is to be silent - I Cor. 14:27-28

**every word not understood is unfruitful - 14:14**

**a person could pray in an unknown tongue**  
he would not communicate with others - I Cor. 14:16  
**a person could even be praying in their spirit**  
he would be speaking mysteries in his spirit - I Cor. 14:2  
**a person would not understand his own prayer**  
he would have no understanding of what he was saying - I Cor. 14:15

**every prayer should be both with the spirit and with understanding - 14:15**

**we are to pray in our spirit**  
true worship comes from our spirit - John 4:23-24  
**we are to pray with our understanding also**  
true worship in prayer requires understanding - Rom. 1:9  
**we are to sing with our spirit**  
true worship will give us a song in our hearts - Eph. 5:19  
**we are to sing with our understanding also**  
true worship in song will be understood by others - Col. 3:16

**every prayer should be able to have others agree - 14:16**

**we are to bless with our spirit**  
we are to pray with understanding in our spirit - I Cor. 14:14  
we are to give thanks with our understanding - I Cor. 1:11:24  
**we are to be concerned about the unlearned**  
we are not to cause the unlearned to think we are crazy - I Cor. 14:23  
we do want the unlearned to come to the point of believing - I Cor. 14:24  
**we do not want to leave the unlearned without understanding**  
we do want the unlearned to come to the worship of God - I Cor. 14:25  
we want to become mature in our own understanding - I Cor. 14:20

**every prayer should also edify others present - 14:17**

**we could give thanks in another language**  
God desires thanksgiving in all languages - Rev. 5:9-10  
**we would not edify others who are present**  
we would not be understood as we pray - I Cor. 14:11  
we are to edify others in all that we say - I Cor. 14:26-28  
we will edify others as we speak the Word of God - I Cor. 14:3

**5) a tongue must be understood - 14:18-20**

**Paul spoke with tongues more than any of them - 14:18**

**Paul gave thanks to God**

it was a pattern of Paul to thank God for everything - I Cor. 1:4-6

**Paul spoke in various languages**

Paul was gifted by God to share the Word in various countries - Rom. 16:19

Paul could communicate even when he did not understand - Acts 14:11-15

**Paul said five words with understanding will teach - 14:19**

**Paul wanted to speak even five words that could be understood**

Paul said that prophesying is what is needed for those who believe - I Cor. 14:22

(Prophesying is speaking the written Word of God)

Paul said that prophesying is needed for edification - I Cor. 14:3

**Paul wanted to teach others whenever he spoke to the church**

Paul wanted to edify the church when he spoke - I Cor. 14:4

Paul wanted to bring Christians to maturity when he spoke - Col. 1:28-29

**Paul felt that was more important than 10,000 words not understood**

(10,000 words is the amount in a two hour sermon)

Paul wanted to see the power of God at work - I Cor. 1:23-25

Paul became a servant to others so that they could understand - I Cor. 9:19-22

**Paul said we are to be mature in our understanding - 14:20**

**Paul said not to be toddlers in our understanding**

a toddler is limited in his understanding - I Cor. 13:11

a toddler acts like one who is not even a Christian - I Cor. 3:1-3

a toddler is unstable and easily deceived - Eph. 4:14

a toddler is dull of hearing and needs to be retaught - Heb. 5:11-14

**Paul said in our malice to be like newborn infants**

a newborn Christian has a desire for the milk of the Word - I Pet. 2:2

a newborn has things revealed to him by God - Matt. 11:25

a newborn shows a simple childlike faith - Mark 10:15

**Paul said in our understanding to be mature**

those who are mature desire spiritual wisdom - I Cor. 2:6

those who are mature have a great desire to know Christ - Phil. 3:10-15

those who are mature are equipped for every good work - II Tim. 3:16-17

those who are mature want to help others mature - Eph. 4:11-13



**c. tongues are a sign to unbelieving Jews - 14:21-25**

**1) prophesying serves those who believe - 14:21-22**

**2)**

**God spoke to the Jews in other languages and they did not believe - 14:21**

this was predicted by Isaiah and Jeremiah - Is. 28:11-12, Jer. 5:15

this need for a sign by the Jews was confirmed by Paul - I Cor. 1:22

**God said that other languages are a sign to unbelieving Jews - 14:22**

the Jews experienced confusion when they heard other languages - Acts 2:2-6

the Jews heard the wonderful works of God in their own tongues - Acts 2:7-12

**2) prophesying is superior for others - 14:23**

speaking in tongues will cause people to mock - Acts 2:13  
prophesying will cause people to be convicted - I Cor. 14:24-25

**3) prophesying will convict unbelievers - 14:24-25**

**the Word of God will convict unbelievers - 14:24**

**the Word of God is to be spoken by all**

we are to speak the things which become sound doctrine - Titus 2:1

we are to speak to one another from the Word of God - Col. 3:16

**the Word of God will convict the unlearned or unbeliever**

the Word of Christ brought conviction to the Samaritan woman - John 4:29

the Word of God brings conviction to unbelievers - Acts 2:37

**the Word of God will judge the unlearned or unbeliever**

the Word of God reveals the inner man - Heb. 4:12-13

**the Word of God will cause some unbelievers to begin worshiping God - 14:25**

**the Word of God will reveal the secrets of the heart**

Peter had the secrets of his heart revealed by Christ - Luke 5:8

the Word of God reveals the intents of the heart - Heb. 4:12

**the Word of God will cause people to repent and worship God**

the Word of God brought repentance on the Day of Pentecost - Acts 2:37-41

the Word of God brought repentance to the Gentiles - Acts 10:34-48

the message of repentance and faith was the constant theme of Paul - Acts 25:15-20

**the Word of God will cause people to recognize that God is in us**

Timothy was told to share the Word of God - I Tim. 4:13

Titus was told to share the Word of God - Titus 2:1-8

## **5. teaching regarding the use of gifts in the worship - 14:26-40**

### **a. all worship is to edify - 14:26**

#### **Christians are to be prepared to share when they gather**

we are to gather together to encourage one another - Heb. 10:24-25

#### **some may share a Psalm**

(the early church patterned their services after the synagogue services)

the synagogue services had 7 to 9 men read from the Old Testament - Luke 4:16

#### **some may share a doctrine**

Paul and Barnabas were asked to share in the teaching - Acts 13:14-43

Paul began in the synagogue if a city had a synagogue - Acts 14:1, 17:1-4, 17:10-12

#### **some may share in another language**

this could be done with certain limitations - I Cor. 14:27-28

#### **some may share a revelation**

Paul had learned the teaching from Christ by revelation - Gal. 1:12

Paul received the Pauline Epistles by revelation - Eph. 3:3

these things are now included in the New Testament - II Pet. 1:19-21

#### **some may share an interpretation**

some have the ability to interpret another language - I Cor. 12:10, 14:27-28

#### **all things are to be done to edify**

we are to focus on the things that edify - Rom. 14:19

we are to seek to edify the church - I Cor. 14:12

### **b. all tongues must be interpreted - 14:27-28**

**a person who speaks in a tongue must have it interpreted - 14:27**

#### **conditions for speaking in another language:**

**each service is to have a maximum of three speak in another language**

too many would tire rather than edify - I Cor. 14:26

**each person is to have his message interpreted**

some have been gifted to interpret - I Cor. 14:26

**a person without an interpreter is to keep silent in the church - 14:28**

#### **When there is no interpreter:**

**a person who speaks another language is to keep quiet**

the others will not be able to understand - I Cor. 14:14-16

**a person is to speak only to himself and to God**

the others would not be edified - I Cor. 14:17

**c. all prophesy is to be done in order - 14:29-33**

**prophesying may be shared by two or three - 14:29**

**two of three people may explain the Word**

these people are to who instruct from the Word of God - I Cor. 14:3

these people are to speak one at a time - I Cor. 14:31

**the rest are to examine what they say**

the Jewish Christians questioned what Peter said - Acts 11:2

the Jewish Christians accepted the answer of Peter - Acts 11:12-18

this gives us an example of what it means to examine what is said - Rom. 15:4

**prophesying is effective when we learn from each other - 14:30**

**those who are listening may have a better understanding**

the Holy Spirit may reveal different things to different people - I Cor. 2:9-12

**the one who is speaking should become quiet and let another speak**

the Holy Spirit gives different gifts for speaking - I Cor. 12:8

**prophesying is to be does to help all learn - 14:31**

**all Christians may speak the Word of God**

we have been given our spiritual gifts to profit the body - I Cor. 12:4-7

we are to use our gifts to minister to one another - I Pet. 4:10-11

**all Christians are to learn from the Word of God**

we speak the Word of God to minister to one another - I Cor. 14:3

we are not to quench the Spirit by despising prophesying - I Thess. 5:19-20

**all Christians are to be comforted by the Word of God**

we are to encourage one another through our mutual faith - Rom. 1:12

we are to comfort one another from the Word - I Thess. 4:18

**prophesying should be under the control of our spirit - 14:32**

**the person who speaks, speaks from his spirit**

the Holy Spirit reveals things to our human spirit - I Cor. 2:9-10

the Holy Spirit helps us to compare spiritual thoughts - I Cor. 2:13

**the person who speaks should have his spirit in subjection**

the Holy Spirit produces self-control in our lives - Gal. 5:23

the Holy Spirit help us exercise self-control - II Tim. 1:7

the Holy Spirit gives us the mind of Christ - I Cor. 2:14-16

**prophesying should bring peace and not confusion - 14:33**

**God is not the author of confusion**

the wisdom from above produces peace - Jam. 4:15-18

**God is the author of peace**

the fruit of the Spirit is peace - Gal. 5:22-23

the Lord of peace gives us peace - II Thess. 3:16

**God is the source for true teaching in all the churches**

the Lord works in all the churches through true teaching - I Cor. 7:17-19

the Lord uses godly examples to help us apply true teaching - I Cor. 4:15-17

**d. all is to be done in submission - 14:34-35**

**women are to let the men prophesy in meetings of the whole church - 14:34**

**the women are to keep silence in the public services**

the women bring glory to God by recognizing His headship - I Cor. 10:31-11:3

the women are to learn in silence - I Tim. 2:11-15

**the women are not permitted to speak in the public services**

this is part of recognizing God's headship - I Cor. 11:3

**the women are to be submissive**

the women are to be a model of submission - Eph. 5:22-24

the women are to model this submission in public services - I Tim. 2:11

the women model respect when they are submissive - Eph. 5:33

the women model trust in God when they are submissive - I Pet. 3:5-6

**the women are actually called to recognize the law**

the man is held accountable for sin by God - Rom. 5:12

the man was given accountability in the garden - Gen. 3:16

**women are to ask their husbands their questions - 14:35**

**the women are to have a desire to learn**

the wives are to become faithful in all things as they mature - I Tim. 3:11

the women are to become able to teach other women - Titus 2:2-5

**the women are to ask their husbands questions at home**

this helps the husband learn also as they are heirs together - I Pet. 3:7

this helps the husbands learn to love their wives - Eph. 5:25-26

**the women are to recognize it is shameful to speak in the services**

the women are to learn in silence with all subjection - I Tim. 2:11-12

the women are to do what they do to please the Lord - Col. 3:17, 23

**e. all of us are to recognize the commandments of the Lord - 14:36-38**

**the Lord is the source of the Word of God - 14:36**

**did the Word of God come from man originally?**  
the Word of God comes from God who spoke through men - II Pet. 1:19-21  
**did the Word of God come only to a certain group?**  
we see that the Word of God is for every group - Matt. 28:19-20

**the Lord is the One who has given us commandments - 14:37**

**we show our spiritual maturity when we recognize the Word of God**  
this maturity is the result of choosing to be obedient - I Thess. 4:1-8  
**we show our spiritual maturity when we realize Paul wrote God's commands**  
this maturity will cause us to recognize Christ gave Paul authority - II Cor. 10:7-11

**the Lord will allow the ignorant to remain ignorant - 14:38**

**some people choose to be ignorant**  
some do not accept sound doctrine - I Tim. 6:3-6  
**such people will continue to be ignorant**  
some will choose teachers according to their desires - II Tim. 4:3-4

**f. all is to be done decently and in order - 14:39-40**

**we are to seek to prophesy - 14:39**

**we should have a great desire to speak the Word of God**  
we are to focus on love and sharing the Word of God - I Cor. 14:1  
we are to seek to edify the church through the Word - I Cor. 14:3  
**we should not forbid someone who speaks in another language**  
we should let them speak within Biblical guidelines - I Cor. 14:27-28

**we are to do all things decently and in order - 14:40**

**we are to do all things decently**  
we are to walk properly both in word and action - Rom. 13:13  
**we are to do all things in an orderly manner**  
we are to do all things in an orderly way - Col. 2:5  
we are to set in order the things that are lacking - Titus 1:5

## **VII. The Corinthians are taught about the resurrection - 15:1-58**

### **A. the teaching about the importance of the resurrection - 15:1-11**

#### **1. the resurrection is the basis for the Gospel - 15:1-2**

**Paul preached the Gospel in which we all stand - 15:1**

**Paul is going to give us a summary of the Gospel he preached**

this Gospel will be summarized in verses 3 through 11

**Paul said that this is the Gospel the people had received**

this was the Gospel received from the first day on - Acts 2:41

**Paul said that that this is the Gospel in which we stand**

we are able to stand because of God's grace - Rom. 5:1-2

**Paul said we are to hold fast what we have received - 15:2**

**this is the Gospel that saved us**

the Lord continues to add to the church those who are being saved - Acts 2:47

**this is the Gospel that was preached**

the Lord wants this Gospel preached to every creature - Col. 1:23

**this is the Gospel we believe if we do not believe in vain**

the Lord wants us to truly receive this message - II Cor. 6:1-2

#### **2. the resurrection fulfills the Scriptures - 15:3-4**

**Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures - 15:3**

**Paul delivered what he had himself received**

Paul had received the Gospel by direct revelation - Gal. 1:11-12

**Paul said the Gospel is that Christ died according to the Scriptures**

Christ became sin for us - II Cor. 5:21

Christ suffered as the just for the unjust - I Pet. 3:18

**Christ rose again the third day according to the Scriptures - 15:4**

**Paul said that the Gospel includes the evidence that Christ was buried**

Christ was laid in the tomb and was there three days - Acts 13:29-30

**Paul said the Gospel is that Christ rose according to the Scriptures**

Christ was raised from the dead by the Father - Heb. 13:20

### **3. the resurrection had more than 500 witnesses - 15:5-7**

#### **the Lord was seen by the twelve - 15:5**

##### **Peter was a witness of the resurrection**

the Lord appeared to Peter before the others - Luke 24:34

the Lord personally restored Peter - John 21:15-17

##### **the twelve were witnesses of the resurrection**

the Lord appeared to the twelve the first evening after his resurrection -  
John 20:19-23

the Lord appeared to the twelve again one week later - John 20:24-29

the Lord appeared to seven by the Sea of Galilee - John 21:1-25

the Lord appeared to the twelve on the mountain in Galilee - Matt. 28:16-20

the Lord appeared to the twelve when He returned to heaven - Acts 1:4-11

the Lord chose the twelve to be witnesses of the resurrection - Acts 1:21-26

#### **the Lord was seen by more than 500 people - 15:6**

##### **more than 500 people were witnesses of the resurrection**

Christ appeared to many in Galilee - Matt. 28:10, Mark 16:7

##### **most of these 500 people were still alive when Corinthians was written**

many of the 120 were still alive and sharing the Gospel - Acts 1:15

the disciples were continually sharing the news in Jerusalem - Luke 24:52-53

##### **some of the 500 had already died by the time Corinthians was written**

some of the Christians had already died - I Cor. 15:18

#### **the Lord was seen of certain other apostles - 15:7**

##### **the Lord was seen by James**

this would be James, the brother of Christ, who became the leader  
of the church at Jerusalem - Acts 15:13-21

this is the James who wrote the book of James - James 1:1

(James, the brother of John, had already died - Acts 12:2)

##### **the Lord was seen by all of the apostles**

the apostles saw Christ over a period of forty days - Acts 1:2-3

the apostles were to be witnesses of the resurrection - Acts 1:21-22

the apostles said they were witnesses of the resurrection - Acts 2:32

the apostles made that the basis of their ministry - Acts 4:10-13

the apostles said they could not keep quiet - Acts 4:20

the apostles prayed and spoke with boldness - Acts 4:29-31

the apostles said they would continue give witness - Acts 5:29-32

#### **4. the resurrection was witnessed by Paul - 15:8-11**

##### **Paul also saw Christ after the resurrection - 15:8**

###### **Paul told how the Lord had appeared to him**

the Lord appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus - Acts 9:3-6

this appearance was confirmed by Ananias - Acts 9:17

the Lord taught Paul in the desert - Gal. 1:11-12

the Lord appeared to Paul in Jerusalem - Acts 22:17-21

the Lord was seen by Paul when he was stoned - II Cor. 12:2-6

the Lord appeared to Paul in a vision in Corinth - Acts 18:9

###### **Paul said he was born out of due time**

Paul had seen Christ differently than the other apostles - I Tim. 1:12-13

##### **Paul viewed himself as the least of the apostles - 15:9**

###### **Paul felt he was the least of the apostles**

Paul said that he was the least of all the apostles - Eph. 3:7-8

###### **Paul felt he was not fit to be an apostle**

Paul had even killed Christians - Acts 22:4-5, 26:9-11

###### **Paul said that he had persecuted the church**

Paul led the persecution of the church - Acts 8:1-3

##### **Paul was saved by the grace of God - 15:10**

###### **Paul said he had been saved by the grace of God**

Paul says we are all saved by grace - Rom. 11:5-6

###### **Paul said that this grace was not in vain**

Paul had obtained mercy in spite of his past - I Tim. 1:15-16

###### **Paul said that he labored even more**

Paul had labored and suffered in many ways - II Cor. 11:23-30

###### **Paul said that this was through the grace of God**

Paul depended on the Lord working in Him - Col. 1:28-29

##### **Paul and the others preached the resurrection - 15:11**

###### **Paul and the others preached the death and resurrection**

Paul said that was his only message - I Cor. 2:2

###### **Paul said that the people had believed this preaching**

Paul said this was the message they had received - I Cor. 15:1-4



**B. the teaching of the danger of denying the resurrection - 15:12-19**

**1. if there is no resurrection, Christ was not raised - 15:12-13**

**some were saying that there is no resurrection - 15:12**

**the message of the resurrection was what Paul preached**  
Paul said his message was the resurrection - I Cor. 15:4  
**the message of the resurrection was denied by some**  
Paul said that some felt the resurrection was not credible - Acts 26:8

**some were actually teaching that Christ was not raised - 15:13**

**some taught that there was no resurrection**  
this actually denies that Christ is the resurrection and the life - John 11:25-26  
this teaching actually came from the Sadducees - Acts 23:8  
**such teaching would mean Christ was not raised**  
this would actually mean the Spirit is not working in us - Rom. 8:11

**2. if there is no resurrection, our faith is vain - 15:14-18**

**without the resurrection we have an empty faith - 15:14**

**without the resurrection, preaching is worthless**  
Paul said that this is the message that he preached - I Cor. 15:2-4  
**without the resurrection, faith is worthless**  
Paul said this is the message in which we stand - I Cor. 15:1

**without the resurrection we are false witnesses - 15:15**

**Paul and others would be false witnesses if there was no resurrection**  
this was the message of David - Acts 2:25-28, 32  
this was the message of the apostles - Acts 4:10, 33  
this was the message of Peter to the Gentiles - Acts 10:39-43  
this was the message of Barnabas and Paul - Acts 13:30-37  
**Paul and the others would be making false claims without the resurrection**  
without the resurrection Christ would still be dead - I Cor. 15:13  
**Paul said that God would not be true if the dead were not raised**  
God has given victory over death through Christ - I Cor. 15:55-57  
God promises us resurrection through Christ - I Thess. 4:13-18

**without the resurrection Christ would not be raised - 15:16**

**the result for Christ if there is no resurrection**

Christ would still be dead as the religious leaders tried to claim - Matt. 28:11-15  
these religious leaders realized they could not deny the resurrection - Acts 4:10-17

**Christ would not have been raised from the dead**

without resurrection Christ would not be raised - I Cor. 15:13

**without the resurrection we are still in our sins - 15:17**

**the results for us if there is no resurrection**

we would be the most miserable people - I Cor. 15:19

**our faith would be vain**

without resurrection our faith would be vain - I Cor. 15:14

**we would still be in our sins**

we would die in our sins - John 8:21-24

we would not have forgiveness of sins - Acts 5:31

we would have no way to be justified - Acts 13:38-39

we would have no way to be reconciled to God - Rom. 5:10

we would be separated from the love of Christ - Rom. 8:33-39

**without the resurrection those who have died have perished - 15:18**

**the result for those who have already died**

they would still be dead in trespasses and sin - Eph. 2:1

**they would have perished and would have no future**

there would be no hope - I Thess. 4:13

there would be no return of Christ for the dead - I Thess. 4:14-18

**3. if there is no resurrection, we are miserable - 15:19**

**the result would be hope only for this life**

this is why people live only for today - I Cor. 15:32

this is why people do not prepare for the future - Luke 12:16-21

we would lack any down payment on eternal life - Eph. 1:13-14

there would be no basis for our election by God - I Thess. 1:3-4

**the result, we would be the most miserable of all**

we would serve the Lord for no purpose - II Tim. 2:3-4

we would suffer tribulation for no reason - John 16:33

we would be killed for no reason - John 16:2

**C. the teaching about the hope because of the resurrection - 15:20-34**

**1. Christ was the first to rise from the dead - 15:20-22**

**Christ is the first to rise from the dead - 15:20**

**Christ has risen from the dead**  
Christ had many witnesses of His resurrection - I Cor 15:5-8  
**Christ became the firstfruits of those who slept**  
Christ was the first to rise from the dead - Acts 26:23

**Christ is the man who brought resurrection to man - 15:21**

**Adam brought death to mankind**  
death was passed to all men - Rom. 5:12  
**Christ brought life to mankind**  
Christ came that we might have life - John 10:11

**Christ brought life where Adam brought death - 15:22**

**In Adam we are all dead**  
the first Adam only gave physical life - I Cor. 15:45-49, Rom. 5:12-21  
**In Christ we are all made alive**  
the second Adam gives us spiritual life - Rom. 5:12-21

**2. Christ will defeat the enemy of death - 15:23-26**

**Christ will defeat death for us at His coming - 15:23**

**Christ was the first to defeat death**  
Christ defeated death and now gives us life - I Cor. 15:55-57  
**Christ will defeat death for us when He comes**  
Christ has promised to return for us - I Thess. 4:15-17

**Christ will deliver the kingdom of God to the Father - 15:24**

**Christ will deliver up all things to the Father**  
Christ will even subject Himself to the Father - I Cor. 15:28  
**Christ will defeat all of the forces of evil**  
the day will come when every knee will bow - Phil. 2:9-11

### **Christ will rule over all enemies - 15:25**

#### **Christ is the one who must rule**

the Father promised Christ the nations as His inheritance - Ps. 2:6-10

#### **Christ will put all enemies under His feet**

the Father has placed all things under the feet of Christ - Eph. 1:22

the Father will make all enemies the footstool of Christ - Heb. 1:13

the Father has Christ at His right hand waiting for this footstool - Heb. 10:12-13

### **Christ will rule over the final enemy of death - 15:26**

#### **Christ will deal with every enemy**

Christ has defeated the one who has the power of death - Heb. 2:14-15

#### **Christ will defeat the last enemy of death**

Christ has abolished death through the Gospel - II Tim. 1:10

Christ will cast death and Hades into the lake of fire - Rev. 20:14

### **3. Christ will put all things under His feet - 15:27-28**

#### **Christ will subject all things under His rule - 15:27**

#### **Christ has placed all things under His feet**

the Father gave all things into the hands of Christ - John 13:3

the Father will cause every knee to bow to Christ - Phil. 2:9-11

the Father has placed all things in subjection under Christ's feet - Heb. 2:8

the Father has placed all angels and powers under Christ - I Pet. 3:22

#### **Christ will not place Himself under His feet**

Christ is the One who is the First and the Last - Rev. 1:17-18

### **Christ will then subject Himself to the Father - 15:28**

#### **Christ will subdue all things under Him**

Christ has the power to subdue all things to Himself - Phil. 3:21

Christ is **KINGS OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS** - Rev. 19:11-21

#### **Christ will then place Himself in subjection to the Father**

Christ submits to the Father as the head - I Cor. 11:3

Christ chooses to recognize the Father as greater - John 14:28

#### **Christ will cause the Father to be all in all**

God is the One who works all in all - I Cor. 12:6

God is the One who fills all in all - Eph. 1:23

#### 4. Christ gives us a purpose to live and to die - 15:29-33

**Christ leads other to Himself to replace those who die - 15:29**

**we ourselves chose to replace those who have died**  
we realize that they are alive in Christ - I Cor. 15:16-22  
**we recognize that the dead will be raised**  
we know that Christ will raise the dead in Christ - I Thess. 4:13-18  
**we have been baptized to replace those who have died**  
we have chosen to be baptized into Christ's death - Rom. 6:3-6

**Christ gives us courage to face any danger - 15:30**

we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God - Rom. 8:35-39

**Christ gave Paul an attitude of willingness to die daily - 15:31**

Paul was willing to die that others might have life - II Cor. 2:14-17, Phil. 1:21

**Christ gave Paul strength to fight with beasts in Ephesus - 15:32**

**Paul had to fight with beasts in Ephesus**  
false teachers are called beasts - II Pet. 2:12, Jude 1:10  
**Paul said that was worthless if there is no resurrection**  
Paul knew that he could look to the Lord for life - II Cor. 1:8-11

**Christ recognizes evil company destroys good habits - 15:33**

we can be deceived by those we fellowship with - Eph. 5:6, II Thess. 2:10

#### 5. Christ give us a purpose to share the Gospel - 15:34

**we are to awake to righteousness**  
it is time for us to awake out of sleep - Rom. 13:11  
it is time to awake so Christ can give us light - Eph. 5:14  
**we are not to sin**  
Christ calls us to go and sin no more - John 8:11  
**we are to realize that some do not have the knowledge of God**  
some have no knowledge of God - I Thess. 4:5  
**we are to realize that this is actually to our shame**  
this is a result of our own lack of growth - Heb. 5:11-14

**D. the teaching about the resurrection of the body - 15:35-50**

**1. every body must die to live - 15:35-38**

**people question what kind of a body we will have in the resurrection - 15:35**

**some can only understand physical life**  
Nicodemus could not separate between physical and spiritual - John 3:4-8  
**some are looking only for another physical body**  
we are looking for an incorruptible body - I Cor. 15:51-54

**people forget that seed must die before it can give life - 15:36**

a grain of wheat must die in order to produce a harvest - John 12:24  
Christ had to die before He could enter into His glory - Luke 24:25-26

**people do not plant what will be the harvest - 15:37**

the seed must change and grow before there is a harvest - Mark 4:26-29

**people need to realize that God is the one who gives the body - 15:38**

God caused each thing to produce after its kind - Gen. 1:11-12  
God is the One who causes all things to develop - I Cor. 3:7

**2. every body must have a different kind of glory - 15:39-41**

**people and animals each have a different kind of life - 15:39**

God caused all forms of life to produce after their own kind - Gen. 1:20-26

**heavenly and earthly bodies are different - 15:40**

the heavenly bodies declare the glory of God - Psalm 19:1  
the bodies of people are created in the image of God - Gen. 1:26

**even each heavenly body is different - 15:41**

God created each of the heavenly bodies by His hand - Psalm 8:3  
God created each heavenly body to give a different kind of praise - Psalm 148:3-5

**3. every body will be raised as a new body - 15:42-45**

**the new body will no longer be subject to corruption - 15:42**

**the resurrection has totally changed the form of new life**  
we become new creations in Christ - II Cor. 5:17  
**the body that we have is a body that began with corruption**  
the human body is subject to decay - John 11:39  
**the new body will be raised in incorruption**  
this corruptible body will put on incorruption - I Cor. 15:53

**the new body will no longer be subject to weakness - 15:43**

**the body we have is a body that began with dishonor**  
this body carries on the results of sin - Rom. 5:12  
**the body that we will have will be raised in glory**  
the new body will be raised a glorious body - Phil. 3:20-21  
**the body that we have is a body begun with weakness**  
this body has had its days cut short - Psalm 102:23  
**the body that we will have will be raised in power**  
the new body will live by the power of God - II Cor. 13:4

**the new body will be a spiritual body - 15:44**

**the body that we now have was sown a natural body**  
this body has experienced all the consequences of sin - Gen. 3:16-19  
**the body that we will have will be raised a spiritual body**  
the new body will be like the body of Christ - John 20:19, 26

**the new man will be in the image of the last Adam - 15:45**

**the first Adam could just pass on physical life**  
the first Adam gave us a body of this earth - I Cor. 15:47-49  
the first Adam gave us a body controlled by sin and death - Rom. 5:12-14  
**the second Adam gave us spiritual life**  
the second Adam is the resurrection and the life - John 11:25-26  
the second Adam made us righteous - Rom. 5:17-21  
the second Adam gave us life through His Spirit - Rom. 8:10-11  
the second Adam will cause us to appear with Him in glory - Col. 3:4

**4. every new body will be raised incorruptible - 15:46-50**

**the new body will be a spiritual body - 15:46**

**the first body was not the spiritual body**  
our old man had to be crucified with Christ - Rom. 6:6  
**the first body was the natural body**  
we formerly walked in the deeds of the old man - Col. 3:5-8  
**the spiritual body came afterward**  
we have put off the old man and his deeds - Col. 3:9-10

**the new life will be from heaven - 15:47**

**the first man was from the earth and was dust**  
man comes from the earth and is earthy - John 3:31  
**the second man is the Lord from heaven**  
the second man was revealed to the world from heaven - I Tim. 3:16

**the new life will reflect the heavenly life - 15:48**

**those who only have earthly life are dust**  
in Adam all men will die - I Cor. 15:21-22, John 3:6  
**those who have heavenly life are heavenly**  
Christ has transformed our lowly body in His glorious body - Phil. 3:20-21

**the new body will bear the image of the heavenly - 15:49**

**we have all had the image of the earthly man**  
Adam had children after his own image - Gen. 5:3  
**we shall bear the image of the heavenly**  
we are being transformed into the image of Christ - II Cor. 3:18  
we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is - I John 3:1-3

**the new body will not inherit the consequences of sin - 15:50**

**flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**  
our human body will be destroyed - I Cor. 6:13  
our earthly body will be destroyed - II Cor. 5:1  
**corruption cannot inherit incorruption**  
a person must have spiritual birth to have spiritual life - John 3:3-6



## **E. the teaching about victory because of Christ's resurrection - 15:51-58**

### **1. our bodies will be changed - 15:51-52**

**the Lord used Paul to reveal a mystery to us**

**this mystery has been revealed for us**

God reveals as mysteries things previously hidden - Eph. 1:9

**this mystery is that we will not all sleep**

God has revealed that we will be raised from the dead - I Thess. 4:14-17

**this mystery is that we will all be changed**

God will transform our lowly body - Phil. 3:21

**the Lord will return and change us**

**that return will happen in a moment**

the Lord will come as a thief in the night - I Thess. 5:2

**that moment will be at the last trump**

the Lord will come with the sound of the trumpet- I Thess. 4:16

**that moment our bodies will be raised**

the Lord will raise the dead back to life - John 5:25

**that moment we will be changed**

the Lord will raise us in incorruption - I Cor. 15:42

### **2. our new bodies will be incorruptible - 15:53-54**

**the Lord describes the change that will happen**

**this corruptible body will become incorruptible**

this body will become like the body of Christ - I John 3:2

**this mortal body will become immortal**

this mortal shall be swallowed up by life - II Cor. 5:2-4

**the Lord explains how death will be conquered**

**the body will be changed into a new body**

we have already had life given to our mortal bodies - Rom. 8:11

we look forward to the day when we will have immortal bodies - Rom. 2:7

**the promise that death will be defeated will be fulfilled**

this will fulfill the promise of Isaiah 25:8

the former things will be gone - Rev. 21:4

### **3. our new bodies will have victory over death - 15:55-57**

**death and the grave will be defeated - 15:55**

**the sting of sin will be gone**

we have been redeemed from death - Hosea 13:14

**the victory of the grave will no longer exist**

we will not longer experience death - Psalm 49:8-15

**death and the sting of sin will be no more - 15:56**

**the sting of death is the result of sin**

throughout history men have died in their sins - John 8:21-24

throughout history men have died because of sin - Rom. 5:15-17

**the sting resulting from sin is caused by the law**

the law says every man will stand guilty before God - Rom. 3:19-20

the law brought a curse on every man - Gal. 3:10-13

**death will be replaced by victory - 15:57**

**our response to God will be thanks**

God is the One to whom all thanks is due - II Cor. 9:15

God always leads us to victory in Christ - II Cor. 2:14

**our response will be the result of victory through Christ**

Christ has overcome the world - John 16:33

Christ promises that nothing will separate us from His love - Rom. 8:35-39

### **4. our bodies and their labor will not be in vain - 15:58**

**as beloved brethren, we are to be steadfast**

we are to stand fast in the life that Christ has given us - II Pet. 1:4-9

**as beloved brethren, we are to be unmovable**

we need to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness - II Cor. 7:1

we are to be without spot and blameless - II Pet. 3:14

**as beloved brethren, we are to always abound in the work of the Lord**

we need to be rooted in Christ for this to happen - Col. 2:7

we are to abound in our love for one another - I Thess. 3:12-13

**as beloved brethren, we know our work is not in vain**

we are to be zealous of good works - Titus 2:14

we realize that our work is pleasing to Christ - Heb. 13:20-21

## VIII. The Corinthians are given final instructions and greetings - 16:1-24

### A. Paul gave instructions regarding offerings - 16:1-4

**we are given instructions about giving - 16:1**

**these instructions are about giving to the saints**

Paul often shared gifts from the saints with others - Acts 11:28-30, Acts 24:17

**these instructions were given to all of the churches**

Paul shared about the giving from the churches of Macedonia - II Cor. 8:1-8

Paul gave detailed instructions to the Corinthians - II Cor. 8:1-9:15

**we are to give as God has prospered us - 16:2**

**we are to give to the Lord on a regular basis**

Christians are to give as we meet for worship on Sunday - Acts 20:7

**we are to set aside what we will give to the Lord**

Christians are to purpose in our hearts what to give - II Cor. 9:7-8

**we are to give as the Lord has prospered us**

Christians are to share with those in need - II Cor. 8:12-15

**we are to give as we receive and not hold back**

Christians are to give so that our gifts are available when needed - II Cor. 9:3-5

**we are to have faithful people handle our gifts - 16:3**

**we are to choose people to handle what we give**

the church needs to choose faithful men to handle what is given - Acts 6:1-3

**we are to choose people to distribute what we give**

the church needs to choose trusted representatives - II Cor. 8:18-24

the church sent trusted representatives with Titus - II Cor. 8:16-19

**we are to give so that we can share with others - 16:4**

**we see Paul might go with those who were going to distribute**

Paul did go with them to bring gifts to Jerusalem - Acts 24:17

Paul carried gifts from Macedonia and Achaia - Rom. 15:25-26

**we see that those who took the gifts would travel with Paul**

Paul had a group of men travel with him to Jerusalem - Acts 21:8

Paul took with him those who had been chosen by the churches - II Cor. 8:19

Paul lists some of those who traveled with him - Acts 20:4-6, 13

**B. Paul gave instructions regarding a planned visit - 16:5-9**

**Paul was planning to visit the Corinthians - 16:5**

**this visit was already being planned**

Paul was planning another visit to Corinth - Acts 19:21-22

**this visit would happen after he visited Macedonia**

Paul stopped in Macedonia on his way to Corinth - Acts 20:1

**this visit would also provide a visit to Macedonia**

**Paul was hoping to spend the winter with them - 16:6**

**Paul wanted to spend time with them**

Paul had a great concern for the Corinthians - I Cor. 4:14-17

**Paul hoped to spend the winter with them**

Paul desired to have a couple of visits with them - II Cor. 1:16

**Paul knew that they would send him on his way**

Paul thanked the Corinthians for helping him in the past - II Cor. 1:8-11

**Paul wanted to come when he could stay for a longer period - 16:7**

**Paul did not want to have just a quick visit**

Paul always had a desire to visit the Corinthians - Acts 18:21

**Paul wanted to stay with them for a while**

Paul did not know when others might try to kill him - Acts 20:3

**Paul was planning to stay at Ephesus until Pentecost - 16:8**

**Paul was planning to spend more time in Ephesus**

Paul felt the need to spend more time in Ephesus - Acts 19:21-22

**Paul hoped to stay in Ephesus until Pentecost**

Paul had his schedule determined by the uproar - Acts 20:1-2

**Paul was experiencing an open door for the Gospel - 16:9**

**Paul had a great and effective door opened to him in Ephesus**

Paul was seeing the Lord work mightily in Ephesus - Acts 19:8-10, 18-20

**Paul was also experiencing many adversaries in Ephesus**

Paul experienced much opposition from the old religion - Acts 19:23-41

Paul warned that there are many enemies of Christ - Phil. 3:18-19

**C. Paul gave instructions regarding standing firm in love - 16:10-14**

**Paul shared about the work of Timothy - 16:10**

**Timothy might come and they were not to make him fear**  
Timothy was one who needed encouragement not to fear - II Tim. 1:7  
**Timothy was doing the work of the Lord**  
Timothy was a faithful fellow-worker with Paul - Phil. 2:19-22

**Paul told them to help Timothy - 16:11**

**Timothy was not to be despised**  
Timothy was not to be despised for his youth - I Tim. 4:12  
**Timothy was to be helped on his journey**  
we are to help fellow Christians in their ministry - III John 1:6

**Paul shared with them about Apollos - 16:12**

**Paul had urged Apollos to come and visit them**  
Apollos previously had a great ministry in Corinth - Acts 18:24-28  
**Paul said Apollos was unwilling to come at that time**  
Apollos probably did not want to stir up wrong attitudes - I Cor. 1:12, 3:5-6  
**Paul said Apollos would come later**  
Apollos ministered in many different places - Acts 18:24-28, Titus 3:13

**Paul encouraged them to stand firm - 16:13**

**Paul encouraged them to watch**  
we need to also be vigilant in our prayer - Col. 4:2  
**Paul encouraged them to stand fast in the faith**  
we also stand by faith - II Cor. 1:24  
**Paul encouraged them to be brave**  
we also need to be brave as we speak for Christ - I Tim. 6:12  
**Paul encouraged them to be strong**  
we also need to be strong and of good courage - Josh. 1:6-9

**Paul encouraged them to do all things in love - 16:14**

we are commanded to love one another - John 13:34-35  
we are to follow the example of Christ in loving others - I John 4:7-11  
we see that the people in Corinth needed to learn to love - I Cor. 13:1-13

## **D. Paul gave instructions regarding submission - 16:15-18**

### **Paul shared with them about the ministry of Stephanas - 16:15**

**Paul urged them to consider the ministry of the family of Stephanas**  
we see that they ministered on behalf of the church at Corinth - I Cor. 16:17  
we see that they had personally ministered to Paul - I Cor. 16:18  
we see that Epaphroditus had a similar ministry - Phil 2:25-30  
**Paul said his family were among the first to trust Christ in Achaia**  
we see this by the fact that Paul baptized them - I Cor. 1:16  
**Paul said this family had devoted themselves to ministry to the saints**  
we need to follow the examples of those who have helped others - Rom. 16:1-2

### **Paul encouraged them to submit to Stephanas - 16:16**

**we need to submit ourselves to those who are serving the saints**  
we need to submit to those who serve us in prayer - Col. 4:12-13  
**we need to submit to all those helping in the work of the Lord**  
we are to submit to those serving the Lord by leading - Heb. 13:17  
we are to submit to provide spiritual oversight - I Pet. 5:1-5  
we are to submit to those who teach us - I Cor. 4:16-17  
**we need to submit to all those who are laboring for Christ**  
we are all to be submissive to one another - I Pet. 5:5

### **Paul shared how Stephanas had ministered on their behalf - 16:17**

**Stephanas and others had come to visit Paul**  
Paul needed encouragement just like we do - II Cor. 7:6  
**Stephanas and the others had served Paul on behalf of the church**  
Paul had needs that needed ministry just like we do - Phil. 2:25

### **Paul told how he had been refreshed by Stephanas - 16:18**

**Stephanas and the others had refreshed Paul's spirit**  
Paul knew that we all need to be refreshed - II Cor. 7:6-7  
Paul appreciated the ministry of others to him - Phil. 4:18  
**Stephanas and the others had refreshed the spirit of the church**  
Paul sent many people to encourage the churches - Col. 4:7-8  
**Stephanas and the others should be recognized for their efforts**  
Paul often encouraged churches to recognize others - Phil 2:29

## **E. Paul gave final greetings - 16:19-24**

### **Paul sends greetings from the churches of Asia - 16:19**

**Greetings were sent from the churches in Asia**  
the ministry in Asia began through the ministry of Aquila and Priscilla -  
Acts 18:18-28

**Greetings were sent from Aquila and Priscilla**  
the church in Corinth also started in their home - Acts 18:2

**Greetings were sent from the church in their house**  
later they also established a church in their house in Rome - Rom. 16:3-5

### **Paul sends greetings from the brethren - 16:20**

**Greetings were sent from all the brethren**  
Paul often included greetings from other churches - Rom. 16:16  
**Greetings can include a holy kiss**  
Paul mentioned this as a common form of greeting - II Cor. 13:12

### **Paul sent personal greetings - 16:21**

### **Paul talked about those who do not love the Lord - 16:22**

**Paul warns about those who do not love the Lord**  
people do not love the Lord when they love themselves - II Tim. 3:1-3  
people do not love the Lord when they love pleasures - II Tim. 3:4-8  
people do not love the Lord when they love money - I Tim. 6:10  
people do not love the Lord when they love the world - I John 2:15-17  
**Paul said that those who do not love the Lord are accursed**  
those who preach another Gospel are accursed - Gal. 1:8-9  
those who are accursed face everlasting judgment - II Thess. 1:5-10  
those will be judged for their ungodly deeds - Jude 1:14-15

### **Paul expressed his desire that they would experience grace - 16:23**

Paul always desired that Christians would experience grace - Rom 16:20, 24

### **Paul expressed his personal love for them - 16:24**

Paul wanted his love to be with them - II Cor. 12:15  
Paul expressed his love for them - I Cor. 4:14-15