



# Logos Class – Letters to the Corinthians

online class for Oct 11, 2020

# Agenda for today's class

- Open chat room from 8:50am to 9:05am
- 9:05-9:15 Prayer time and updates
  - Welcome our guests today
- 9:15 – 10:10 ish – 1&2 Corinthians
- Close with any Q
- Prayer
- Get ready for Church service

# Calendar moving forward

- ✓ Sep 6 – On Campus **Carroll Springer** *THANK YOU CARROLL*
- ✓ Sep 13– ZOOM **Carroll Springer**
- ✓ Sep 20– On Campus **Carroll Springer**
- ✓ Sep 27– Zoom **Carroll Springer**
- ✓ Oct 4 On campus - Obadiah
- ✓ Oct 11 Zoom -1 Corinthians Intro and Ch 1
- Oct 18 On campus – 1 Cor 2
- Oct 25 Zoom – 1 Cor 3
- Nov 1 On campus – 1 Cor 4
- Nov 3 – VOTE !!



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# Perspective on location of Corinth



- Near Athens, across Isthmus.
- Major trade route
- Avoid dangerous travel around cape below.
- Extremely prosperous city with history and diverse populations

# Corinth Canal & brief timeline



- 196 B.C. Rome declared it a free city.
- 146 B.C. It rebelled and was destroyed by Mummius, the consul.
- 46 B.C. Julius Caesar rebuilt the city in great elegance, restoring it to its former prominence.

However, even its ruins were lost to history for many years, and a fishing village was built over them. In 1928, an earthquake uncovered them, and now much of the city has been excavated.



# Part of the Aphrodite Temple



- Major attraction to area
- 1000 Priestesses for sex roamed city at night
- One of the cultural and reasons Corinth became a pejorative description of those that were totally depraved. (Corinthianized)

# Doric Temple in Corinth today



- Doric Temple Ruins in Corinth
- Part of large uncovered ruin area for tourists to see and understand the area.
- We had lunch overlooking the marketplace area of Corinth in 2017 on a “Footsteps of Paul” trip
- Worthwhile, but very hard physical trip.



# Letters to the Corinthians

- Some key things to know about these letters
- There were several letters written to them by Paul which are apparently lost
- A sequence line of communication helps explain some curious things about these letters.
- Remember that Chapters and verses were not part of original writings and they were written in a loose-leaf style.
- Collected for copying long after Paul's death
- Perhaps some sequence issues
- Common issues with Letters versus books (one side)



# Sequence of Communications

- Previous Letter to Corinthians, referenced in 1 Cor 5:9 is lost. Some believe it is in 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
- People from The Church arrive with a letter to Paul (Chloe's people, Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus) from the church
- 1 Corinthians was written in reply to this letter and situation ...and taken by Timothy to them.
- The situation worsens, the letter does not help. Timothy shares what is happening, and Paul makes a personal visit to Corinth. This personal visit was a complete failure and almost breaks Paul's heart.
- The consequence of this failure is the **Severe Letter**, which is most likely 2 Cor Ch 10-13 and taken there by Titus.
- Paul was so anxious for an answer from Titus' visit, he could not wait and meets him in Macedonia. He learns all is well and writes, probably from Philippi, 2 Cor Ch 1-9 which is called the **Letter of Reconciliation**.

# We will study the letters in this way...

In studying this letter, we will try and take them in this order of sequence

- 1 Corinthians, with discussion on the chapters representing the lost letter
- 2 Corinthians 10-13, The severe letter
- 2 Corinthians 1-9, the letter of Reconciliation

This way you get a better understanding of the context and message of these wonderful letters.

# 1 Corinthians Ch 1:1-3

***1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,***

***2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:***

***3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.***



# 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 Thanksgiving

<sup>4</sup> I always thank **my God** for you because of **his grace given you in Christ Jesus**.

<sup>5</sup> For **in him** you have been enriched in every way—*with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—*

<sup>6</sup> God thus **confirming our testimony about Christ among you**.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore **you do not lack any spiritual gift** as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.

<sup>8</sup> ***He will also keep you firm to the end***, so that you will be **blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you **into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord**.

# 1 Corinthians 1: 10-12 ...A church divided

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, **in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that all of you agree with one another in **what you say and that there be no divisions among you**, but that you be **perfectly united in mind and thought**.

<sup>11</sup> My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.

<sup>12</sup> **What I mean is this:** One of you says, "*I follow Paul*"; another, "*I follow Apollos*"; another, "*I follow Cephas*"; still another, "*I follow Christ*."

# 1 Corinthians 1:13-17...Paul's response

***13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul?***

***14 I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius,***

***15 so no one can say that you were baptized in my name.***

***16 (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)***

***17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.***

# 1 Corinthians 1:18-19...wisdom

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

*<sup>19</sup> For it is written:*

*“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate. (Isaiah 29:14)*

# 1 Corinthians 1: 20-25

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? **Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?**

<sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God, the **world through its wisdom did not know him**, God was pleased **through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.**

<sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,

<sup>23</sup> but ***we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,***

<sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ (is) the ***power of God and the wisdom of God.***

<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

# 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

<sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

<sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are,

<sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him.

<sup>30</sup> It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

<sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: *“Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”* (Jer. 9:24)

# Next week

- *We will continue to Chapter 2 of 1 Corinthians.*
- *Pray for each other and the needs we shared earlier*
- *Pray for our President, country, leaders, and Georgia*
- *Pray for Pastor Jeff and leadership of FRC*
- *Send new prayer requests to Don Driggers*
- *As always, contact me if I can help in any way to clarify any things you want to discuss or understand.*
- *God bless each of you and your families*
- *Early voting starts **tomorrow** Oct 12*