

FIRST CORINTHIANS

1:1 Paul, a called apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, ²to the church of God being in Corinth, to ones having been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all the ones calling-upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I am giving-thanks to my God always for you for the grace of God having been given to you in Christ Jesus, ⁵because you were enriched in everything in Him— in all speech and all knowledge, ⁶even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift while eagerly-awaiting the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸Who also will confirm you until the end so as to be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, through Whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Brothers, Be of One Mind; Stop Dividing Over Your Leaders

¹⁰Now I exhort you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all be speaking the same thing, and that there not be divisions among you, but that you be made-complete in the same mind and in the same purpose. ¹¹For it was made-clear to me concerning you, my brothers, by the ones of Chloe, that there are quarrels among you. ¹²Now I mean this: that each of you is saying “I am of Paul”, and “I of Apollos”, and “I of Cephas”, and “I of Christ”.

Has Christ Been Divided? Were You Baptized Into Paul? Thankfully, I Did Not Baptize You!

¹³Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I give-thanks to God that I baptized none of you, except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name! ¹⁶Now I baptized also the household of Stephanas. As to the rest, I do not know if I baptized any other.

For I Was Not Sent To Baptize, But To Announce The Gospel Without Wisdom of Speech

¹⁷For Christ did not send me forth to be baptizing, but to be announcing-the-good-news— not in wisdom of speech, in order that the cross of Christ may not be made-empty.

For God Intends The Gospel To Be Both Foolishness And Powerful

¹⁸For the speech of the cross is foolishness to the ones perishing, but is the power of God to us being saved. ¹⁹For it has been written [in Isa 29:14]: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise ones, and I will set-aside the intelligence of the intelligent ones”. ²⁰Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Did not God make-foolish the wisdom of the world?

For God Saves Those Who Believe The “Foolishness” of Christ Crucified

²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through its wisdom did not know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the proclamation to save the ones believing. ²²Because indeed Jews are asking-for signs and Greeks are seeking wisdom, ²³but we are proclaiming Christ crucified— to Jews, an offense; and to Gentiles, foolishness; ²⁴but to the called ones themselves, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵Because the foolish thing of God is wiser than humans, and the weak thing of God is stronger than humans.

God Chose To Save The Foolish And Weak To Shame Human Self-Effort

²⁶For look-at your calling, brothers— that there are not many wise according-to the flesh, not many powerful, not many well-born. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world in order that He might be putting the wise ones to shame. And God chose the weak things of the world in order that He might be putting the strong things to shame. ²⁸And God chose the low-born things of the world, and the things having been treated-with-contempt— the things not being, in order that He might bring-to-nothing the things being, ²⁹so that no flesh may boast in the sight of God. ³⁰But by Him you are in Christ Jesus, Who became wisdom to us from God— both righteousness and holiness, and redemption— ³¹in order that just as it has been written [in Jer 9:24], “Let the one boasting be boasting in the Lord”.

And I Came To You Proclaiming Christ Crucified Without Human Eloquence Or Wisdom

2:1 And I, having come to you, brothers, did not come in accordance with superiority of speech or of wisdom while proclaiming to you the mystery of God. ²For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ— and this One having been crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴And my speech and my proclamation was not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and power, ⁵in order that your faith might not be in the wisdom of humans but in the power of God.

Yet We Are Speaking God's Wisdom To The Mature

⁶Yet we are speaking wisdom among the mature, but *a* wisdom not *of* this age, nor *of* the rulers *of* this age—the *ones* being brought-to-nothing. ⁷Rather we are speaking God's wisdom in *a* mystery; the *wisdom* having been hidden which God predestined before the ages for our glory, ⁸which none *of* the rulers *of* this age has understood. For if they had understood, they would not have crucified the Lord *of* glory. ⁹But *it is* just as it has been written: “*Things* which *an* eye did not see and *an* ear did not hear, and *which* did not come-up on *the* heart *of* *a* human— which God prepared *for* the *ones* loving Him”.

God Revealed This Wisdom To Us Through His Spirit

¹⁰And God revealed *it to us* through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all *things*, even the deep *things of* God. ¹¹For who *among* people knows the *things of* the person except the spirit *of* the person within him? In this manner also, no one has known the *things of* God except the Spirit *of* God. ¹²And **we** did not receive the spirit *of* the world, but the Spirit from God, in order that we might know the *things* having been freely-given *to us* by God— ¹³*things* which we also are speaking not in words taught *by* human wisdom, but in *words* taught *by* the Spirit, combining spiritual *things* with spiritual *words*. ¹⁴But *a* natural person does not accept the *things of* the Spirit *of* God. For they are foolishness *to* him and he is not able to understand, because they are spiritually examined. ¹⁵But the spiritual *person* examines all *things*, yet he himself is examined by no one. ¹⁶For “who knew *the* mind *of* the Lord? Who will instruct Him?” [Isa 40:13], and **we** have *the* mind *of* Christ!

But You Are Still Acting Like Infants By Dividing Over Paul And Apollos

3:1 And **I**, brothers, was not able to speak *to* you as *to* spiritual *ones*, but as *to ones* made-of-flesh, as *to* infants in Christ. ²I gave you milk to drink, not food, for you were not yet able. But not-even still now are you able, ³for you are still fleshly. For where *there is* jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly and walking in accordance with human *thinking*? ⁴For whenever one says “I am *of* Paul”, and another “I am *of* Apollos”, are you not [mere] humans?

So What Are Apollos And Paul? Servants Planting And Watering Seed For God

⁵Therefore, what is Apollos? And what is Paul?—servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *to each one*. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing-growth. ⁷So then neither is the *one* planting anything, nor the *one* watering, but God causing the growth. ⁸And the *one* planting and the *one* watering are one, but each will receive *his* own reward according to *his* own labor.

We Are Workers In God's Building. Be Careful How You Build On The Foundation

⁹For we are God's fellow-workers; you are God's farm, God's building. ¹⁰I laid *a* foundation according-to the grace *of* God having been given *to* me as *a* wise master-builder, and another is building-upon *it*. But let each *one* be watching-out how he builds-upon *it*. ¹¹For no one can lay another **foundation** other than the *one which* is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²And if one builds gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw upon the foundation, ¹³each *one's* work will become evident. For the day will make *it* clear, because it is revealed by fire. And the fire itself will test what-sort each *one's* work is. ¹⁴If one's work which he built-upon *it* shall remain, he will receive *a* reward. ¹⁵If one's work shall be burned-up, he will suffer-loss. But he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. ¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and the Spirit *of* God is dwelling in you? ¹⁷If anyone ruins the temple *of* God, God will ruin this *one*. For the temple *of* God is holy— which **you** are!

Don't Be Deceived. The World's Wisdom Is Foolishness To God

¹⁸Let no one be deceiving himself. If anyone among you thinks *that he* is wise in this age, let him become foolish in order that he may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom *of* this world is foolishness with God. For it has been written [in Job 5:13], “*He is the One* catching the wise in their craftiness”; ²⁰and again [in Ps 94:11], “*The* Lord knows the thoughts *of* the wise, that they are futile”.

So Don't Boast In People. All God's Servants Belong To You

²¹So then, let no one be boasting in people. For all *things* are yours— ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or *the* world or life or death or *things* present or *things* coming— all *things are* yours. ²³And you *are* Christ's, and Christ *is* God's.

Consider Us As God's Assistants And Stewards, Don't Judge Anything Before The Time

4:1 Let *a* person be considering us in-this-manner: as attendants *of* Christ and stewards *of* the mysteries *of* God. ²Here, furthermore, it is sought in stewards that one be found faithful. ³Now *to* me, it is *a* very small *thing* that I should be examined by you, or by *a* human day *of* judgment. But I do not even examine myself! ⁴For I am conscious of nothing *against* myself, but I have not been declared-right by this, but the *One* examining me is *the* Lord. ⁵So then do not be judging anything before *the* time, until the Lord comes, Who will both illuminate the hidden *things of* the darkness and reveal the motives *of* the hearts. And at-that-time the praise will come *to each one* from God.

Brothers, Learn From Apollos And Paul Not To Be Puffed Up About God's Ministers

⁶Now brothers, I applied these *things* to myself and Apollos for your sakes, in order that in us you might learn the *saying* “*Do not go beyond the things* which have been written”— in order that you might not be puffed-up, one on behalf of the one against the other.

⁷For who discerns you *to be superior*? And what do you have that you did not receive? But if indeed you received *it*, why do you boast *as-though* not having received *it*?

For God Has Displayed Us Apostles As Last And Lowest In This World

⁸You are already satisfied! You already became-rich! You became-kings without us! And o-that indeed you became-kings, in order that **we** also might reign with you. ⁹For I think God displayed us the apostles *as last*, like *ones* condemned-to-death— because we were-made *a spectacle to* the world, both *to angels* and *to people*. ¹⁰We *are* foolish *ones* for the sake of Christ, but you *are* wise *ones* in Christ. We *are* weak *ones*, but you *are* strong *ones*. You *are* distinguished *ones*, but we *are* dishonored *ones*. ¹¹Until the present hour indeed we hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are beaten, and live-transiently, ¹²and labor— working *with our own hands*. ¹³While being reviled, we bless; while being persecuted, we endure; while being slandered, we conciliate. We were-made like *the sweepings of* the world, *the scum of all things*, up to now.

I Am Writing To Admonish You As My Children. Be Imitators of Me

¹⁴I am writing these *things* not shaming you, but admonishing *you* as my beloved children. ¹⁵For if you should have ten-thousand tutors in Christ, yet *you do not have* many fathers. For **I** fathered you in Christ Jesus through the good-news. ¹⁶Therefore I exhort you— be imitators *of me*. ¹⁷For this reason I sent Timothy *to you*, who is my beloved and faithful child in *the Lord*, who will remind you *as to* my ways in Christ Jesus, just as I am teaching everywhere in every church. ¹⁸Now some were puffed-up *as-if* I *were* not coming to you. ¹⁹But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills. And I shall come-to-know not the talk *of the ones* having been puffed-up, but the power. ²⁰For the kingdom *of God* is not in talk, but in power. ²¹What do you want? Should I come to you with *a rod*, or with love and *a spirit of gentleness*?

Remove Sexually Immoral People From Your Church: A Little Leaven Leavens The Lump

5:1 Sexual-immorality is **actually** being heard-of among you— and such sexual immorality which *is* not even among the Gentiles, that someone has *the wife of his father*. ²And **you** are puffed-up, and did not mourn instead, in order that the *one* having done this deed might be taken out of your midst. ³For indeed **I**, being absent *in* the body but present *in* the spirit, have already judged— *as-though* being present— the *one* having thus committed this *thing*. ⁴In the name *of* our Lord Jesus, you and my spirit having been gathered-together, with the power *of* our Lord Jesus, ⁵*you are* to hand-over such *a one* to Satan for *the* destruction *of his* flesh, in order that *his* spirit may be saved on the day *of* the Lord. ⁶Your boast *is* not good. Do you not know that *a little leaven leavens the whole lump*? ⁷Clean-out the old leaven, in order that you may be *a new lump*, just as you are unleavened. For indeed, our Passover [Lamb] was sacrificed— Christ. ⁸So then let us celebrate-the-feast not with old leaven, nor with *the leaven of* badness and evilness, but with *the unleavened loaves of* purity and truth.

Do Not Even Associate With So-Called Brothers Who Continue To Disobey God

⁹I wrote you in the letter not to associate-with sexually-immoral *ones*— ¹⁰not at-all *meaning with* the sexually-immoral *ones of* this world, or *with* the greedy and swindlers, or *with* idolaters, because then you *would* have to go out of the world! ¹¹But now, I wrote *to you* not to associate-with *them* if anyone being named *a brother* should be *a sexually-immoral one*, or *a greedy one*, or *an idolater*, or *a reviler*, or *a drunkard*, or *a swindler*— not even to eat with such *a one*. ¹²For what do I have to do with judging the *ones* outside? Are **you** not judging the *ones* inside? ¹³But God judges the *ones* outside. Remove the evil *one* from-*among* you yourselves.

Take Your Disputes With Brothers To Wise Judges In The Church, Not To The World's Courts

6:1 Does any one *of you*, having *a matter* against the other, **dare** to go-to-court before the unrighteous *ones*, and not before the saints? ²Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy *of the* smallest cases? ³Do you not know that we will judge angels? *Shall I* not-indeed *mention things-pertaining-to-this-life*? ⁴So indeed, if you have cases pertaining-to-*this-life*, are you seating these [as judges]— the *ones* having been of-no-account in the church? ⁵I say *this* to your shame. So is there not among you anyone wise who will be able to discern between his brother *and this brother*?— ⁶but brother is going-to-court against brother, and this before unbelievers?

Better To Be Wronged Than To Wrong Your Brother With a Lawsuit

⁷So indeed, it is **already** actually *a defeat for* you that you have lawsuits with each other. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? ⁸But **you** are wronging and defrauding— and this [your own] brothers!

Wrongdoers Will Not Inherit The Kingdom. But You Were Cleansed of Such Things

⁹Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived. Neither sexually-immoral *ones*, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homo-erotic-partners, nor homosexuals, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor greedy *ones*— not drunkards, not revilers, not swindlers— will inherit *the kingdom of* God. ¹¹And some *of you* were these *things*. But you washed-*them-away*, but you were sanctified, but you were declared-righteous in the name *of* the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit *of* our God.

Do Not Be Sexually Immoral

¹²“All *things* are lawful *to me*”, but not all *things* are beneficial. “All *things* are lawful *to me*”, but **I** will not be mastered by any. ¹³Foods

are for the stomach and the stomach for foods. But God will do-away-with both this and these. But the body is not for sexual-immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. ¹⁴And God both raised the Lord and will raise us up by His power.

Your Bodies Are Body-Parts of Christ: Flee Sexual Immorality

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are body-parts of Christ? Therefore, having taken-away the body-parts of Christ, shall I make them body-parts of a prostitute? May it never be! ¹⁶Or do you not know that the one joining himself to a prostitute is one body with her? For He says [in Gen 2:24] “the two will be one flesh”. ¹⁷But the one joining himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him. ¹⁸Be fleeing sexual immorality.

Your Body Is The Temple of The Holy Spirit. Glorify God In Your Body

Every sin which a person may do is outside the body. But the one committing-sexual-immorality is sinning against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit in you, Whom you have from God? And you are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Answers To Your Questions:

7:1 Now concerning the things which you wrote—

Concerning Marriage And Singleness: Live According To Your Gift From God

It is good for a man not to touch a woman. ²But because of sexual-immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. ³Let the husband give-back to his wife her due, and likewise also the wife to her husband. ⁴The wife does not have-authority over her own body, but the husband does. And likewise also the husband does not have-authority over his own body, but the wife does. ⁵Do not be depriving one another— except perhaps by agreement, for a time, in order that you may devote-yourselves to prayer and [then] be together again— in order that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack-of-self-control. ⁶But I am saying this by way of concession, not by way of command. ⁷And I wish that all people were as indeed myself! But each has his own gift from God— one in this manner and another in this manner. ⁸And I say to the unmarried and the widows— it is good for them if they remain as I also am. ⁹But if they do not have-self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to be burning.

But Do Not Divorce Your Christian Spouse

¹⁰But to the ones having married I command (not I, but the Lord), that a wife not be separated from her husband— ¹¹but if indeed she is separated, let her remain unmarried or let her be reconciled to her husband— and that a husband not leave his wife.

Do Not Divorce an Unbelieving Spouse Who Chooses To Stay

¹²But to the rest I say, not the Lord— if any brother has an unbelieving wife and this one consents to dwell with him, let him not leave her. ¹³And if any woman has an unbelieving husband and this one consents to dwell with her, let her not leave her husband. ¹⁴For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified by his wife. And the unbelieving wife has been sanctified by the brother. Otherwise then your children are unclean, but now they are holy. ¹⁵But if the unbelieving one separates, let such a one separate. The brother or the sister has not been enslaved by such things, but God has called you in peace. ¹⁶For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife? ¹⁷Except that as the Lord apportioned to each one, as God has called each one, in this manner let him be walking. And thus I am directing in all the churches.

In General, Remain With God In The Life Context In Which You Were Saved

¹⁸Was anyone called having been circumcised? Let him not conceal it. Has anyone been called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised. ¹⁹Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. ²⁰Each in the calling in which he was called— in this let him remain. ²¹Were you called as a slave? Do not let it be a concern to you. But if also you are able to become free, rather make-use-of the opportunity. ²²For the one having been called in the Lord as a slave is a freedperson of the Lord. Likewise the one having been called as a free one is a slave of Christ. ²³You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of people. ²⁴Each in what he was called, brothers— in this let him remain with God.

Concerning The Unmarried: In General, It Is Good To Remain As You Are In Life

²⁵Now concerning virgins, I do not have a command from the Lord, but I am giving an opinion as one having been shown-mercy by the Lord to be trustworthy. ²⁶I think then that this is good because of the present necessity, that it is good for a person to be so. ²⁷Have you been bound to a woman? Do not be seeking a release. Have you been released from a woman? Do not be seeking a wife. ²⁸But even if you marry, you did not sin. And if the virgin marries, she did not sin. But such ones will have affliction in the flesh, and I am sparing you.

We All Must Keep Our Earthly Life In Eternal Perspective

²⁹And this I say, brothers— the time is shortened, so that henceforth even the ones having wives should be as-though not having,

³⁰and the *ones* weeping as-though not weeping, and the *ones* rejoicing as-though not rejoicing, and the *ones* buying as-though not holding-on-to, ³¹and the *ones* making-use-of the world as-though not making-full-use-of it. For the form of this world is passing away.

Single People Can Be Solely Devoted To God; The Married Have a Dual Concern

³²Now I want you to be free-from-concern. The unmarried *man* is concerned-about the *things* of the Lord— how he may please the Lord. ³³But the *man* having married is concerned-about the *things* of the world— how he may please his wife, ³⁴and he has been divided. And the unmarried woman, and the virgin, is concerned-about the *things* of the Lord— that she may be holy both in the body and in the spirit. But the *woman* having married is concerned-about the *things* of the world— how she may please her husband.

Do What You Think Is Honorable For Your Virgin Daughter

³⁵Now I am saying this for the benefit of you yourselves— not that I may throw a noose on you, but toward good-order and devotion to the Lord, undistractedly. ³⁶But if one thinks that he is behaving-dishonorably toward his virgin daughter— if she is beyond-the-bloom-of-youth, and it ought to be so— let him do what he wants. He is not sinning. Let them marry. ³⁷But he who stands steadfast in his heart, not having a necessity, and has authority concerning his own will, and has determined this in his own heart, to keep his virgin daughter— he will do well. ³⁸So then, both the *one* giving his virgin daughter in marriage is doing well, and the *one* not giving-in-marriage will do better.

Widows Are Free To Remarry, But May Be Happier Remaining As They Are

³⁹A wife has been bound for as much time as her husband lives. But if her husband falls-asleep, she is free to be married to whom she wishes— only in the Lord. ⁴⁰But she is happier if she remains thus, according to my opinion; and I also think that I have the Spirit of God.

Concerning Food Sacrificed To Idols: Let Love Guide Your Exercise of “Rights”

8:1 Now concerning the foods-sacrificed-to-idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs-up, but love builds-up. ²If anyone thinks that he has come-to-know anything, he did not-yet know as he ought-to know. ³But if one loves God, this *one* has been known by Him. ⁴Therefore concerning the eating of the foods-sacrificed-to-idols— we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no God except one. ⁵For even if-indeed there are *ones* being called gods, whether in heaven or on earth— as-indeed there are many gods and many lords— ⁶yet for us there is One God the Father, from Whom are all things, and we are for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom are all things, and we are through Him. ⁷But this knowledge is not in all people. But some, by the accustomed-habit of the idol until now, eat this food as food-sacrificed-to-an-idol. And their conscience, being weak, is stained. ⁸But food will not bring us near to God— neither if we do not eat are we lacking, nor if we eat are we abounding. ⁹But be watching-out that this right of yours does not somehow become an opportunity-for-stumbling to the weak *ones*. ¹⁰For if someone sees you, the *one* having knowledge, reclining [to eat] in an idol-temple, will not his conscience, being weak, be built-up so as to eat the foods-sacrificed-to-idols? ¹¹For the *one* being weak is being destroyed by your knowledge— the brother for the sake of whom Christ died! ¹²And in this manner sinning against the brothers and striking their conscience while being weak, you are sinning against Christ.

On The One Hand, I Will Not Do Anything That Hinders My Brother's Spiritual Advance

¹³For-this-very-reason, if food causes my brother to fall, I will never eat meats, ever— in-order-that I may not cause my brother to fall.

For Example, I Have The Right To Be Paid As God's Workman

9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? ²If to others I am not an apostle, yet indeed I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord— ³this is my defense to the *ones* examining me! ⁴We do not fail to have the right to eat and drink, do we? ⁵We do not fail to have the right to take along a sister who is a wife, do we?— as also the other apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas. ⁶Or I alone and Barnabas— do not we have the right not to be working?

Workers Always Partake of The Fruit of Their Labors

⁷Who ever serves-as-a-soldier with his own rations? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat the fruit of it? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat of the milk of the flock?

Does Not The Law Say This Very Thing?

⁸I am not speaking these things according to [mere] human thinking, am I? Or does not the Law also say these things? ⁹For in the Law of Moses it has been written [in Deut 25:4], “You shall not muzzle a threshing ox”. God is not concerned about the oxen, is He? ¹⁰Or is He surely speaking for our sake? Indeed it was written for our sake— because the *one* plowing ought to plow on the basis of hope, and the *one* threshing to thresh on the basis of hope that he might partake.

I Do Have This Right Over You

¹¹If we sowed spiritual *things* to you, *is it a great thing* if we shall reap fleshly *things* from you? ¹²If others partake of *this right over you*, *should we not more?*

But I Chose Not To Make Use Of This Right So As Not To Hinder The Gospel

Nevertheless, we did not make-use-of this right. But we are bearing all *things*, in order that we might not give any hindrance to the good-news of Christ.

The Lord Even Commanded That Gospel Workers Live By Their Work

¹³Do you not know that the *ones* working the temple-duties eat the *things* from the temple, *that the ones* serving at the altar divide-a-share with the altar? ¹⁴So also the Lord directed the *ones* proclaiming the good-news to be living from the good-news.

But My Boast Is That I Do Not Make Use of This Right

¹⁵But I have not made-use-of any of these *things*. And I did not write these *things* in order that it might become so in my case, for *it would be better for me* to die rather than— no one shall empty my boast! ¹⁶For if I am announcing-the-good-news, it is not a boast for me, for a necessity is lying-upon me; for woe is to me if I do not announce-the-good-news. ¹⁷For if I am practicing this of-my-own-will, I have a reward; but if not-of-my-own-will, I have been entrusted a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That while announcing-the-good-news, I might place the good-news free-of-charge, so as not to make-full-use-of my right in the good-news.

For I Have Chosen To Enslave Myself To All For The Advance of The Gospel

¹⁹For while being free from all *people*, I enslaved myself to all in order that I might gain the more. ²⁰Indeed I became to the Jews as a Jew, in order that I might gain Jews; to the *ones* under the Law, as under the Law— not being myself under the Law— in order that I might gain the *ones* under the Law; ²¹to the *ones* without-the-Law, as without-the-Law— not being without-the-law of God, but within-the-law of Christ— in order that I might gain the *ones* without-the-Law. ²²I became weak to the weak, in order that I might gain the weak. I have become all *things* to all *people*, in order that I might by all means save some. ²³And I am doing all *things* for the sake of the good-news, in order that I might become a co-partner of it.

On The Other Hand, I Will Do Everything Needed To Win My Race And Keep My Prize

²⁴Do you not know that the *ones* running in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Be running in this manner: that you may take-hold-of the prize. ²⁵And everyone competing exercises-self-control as to all *things*. So those *do it* in order that they might receive a decayable crown, but we an undecayable one. ²⁶So-indeed I run in this manner, as not aimlessly. I box in this manner, as not beating the air. ²⁷But I bruise my body and make it my slave, *that* having proclaimed to others, I myself should not somehow become disapproved.

For Loss of The Prize Is Possible: Remember What Happened To Israel

10:1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all went through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they were drinking from a spiritual rock following them. And the rock was Christ. ⁵But God was not well-pleased with the majority of them, for they were strewn in the wilderness.

Do Not Follow Their Example

⁶Now these *things* took place as our examples, so that we *might* not be desirers of evil *things*, as those also desired. ⁷And do not be idolaters, as some of them, as-indeed it has been written [in Ex 32:6], “The people sat-down to eat and drink, and stood up to play”. ⁸And let us not be committing-sexual-immorality, as some of them committed sexual immorality, and twenty three thousand fell in one day [Num 25:1-9]. ⁹And let us not be putting Christ to the test, as some of them tested, and were being destroyed by the serpents [Num 21:5-6]. ¹⁰And do not be grumbling, like some of them grumbled, and perished by the destroyer [Num 16:41-49]. ¹¹Now these *things* were happening to those *ones* as-an-example. And it was written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

So Watch Out That You Do Not Fall

¹²So then let the one thinking that he stands be watching-out that he may not fall. ¹³A temptation has not seized you except what is common-to-humanity. And God is faithful, Who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but also with the temptation will make the way-out, that you may be able to endure.

For This Very Reason, Flee From The Eating Connected With Idol Worship

¹⁴For-this-very-reason, my beloved, be fleeing from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to wise *ones*; you judge what I say: ¹⁶the cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a sharing of the body

of Christ? ¹⁷Because *there is* one bread, we the many are one body, for we all partake from the one bread. ¹⁸Look-at Israel according to *the flesh*— are not the *ones* eating the sacrifices sharers of the altar? ¹⁹Therefore what am I saying? That food-sacrificed-to-an-idol is anything, or that *an idol* is anything? ²⁰On the contrary, that *the things* which they are sacrificing, they are sacrificing *to demons*, and not *to God*. And I do not want you to be sharers of the demons. ²¹You cannot drink *the Lord's cup* and *the demons' cup*. You cannot partake of *the Lord's table* and *the demons' table*. ²²Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger *than He, are we?*

So As To The Eating of Meat, Do Whatever Is Beneficial And Edifying To Those Eating

²³All *things* are lawful, but not all *things* are beneficial. All *things* are lawful, but not all *things* build-up. ²⁴Let no one be seeking his *own thing*, but the *thing* of the other. ²⁵Be eating anything being sold in *the meat-market*, examining nothing for the sake of conscience. ²⁶For “The earth and the fullness of *it are* the Lord's” [Ps 24:1]. ²⁷If one of the unbelievers invites you, and you want to go, eat anything being set-before you, examining nothing for the sake of conscience. ²⁸But if one should say *to you* “This is offered-in-sacrifice”, do not eat— for the sake of that *one* having disclosed *it*, and the conscience. ²⁹Now *the* conscience I mean *is* not the *one* of oneself, but the *one* of the other. For why is my freedom being judged by another's conscience? ³⁰If I am partaking *with* thanks, why am I being blasphemed for *that* which I am giving-thanks?

In Summary, Do All For God's Glory. Be Blameless To All And Seek Their Benefit

³¹Therefore, whether you are eating or drinking or doing anything, be doing all for *the glory of God*. ³²Be blameless both *to Jews* and *Greeks*, and *to the church of God*—³³just as I also am pleasing all *people as to all things*, not seeking the benefit of myself, but the *benefit* of the many, in order that they might be saved. **11:1** Be imitators of me, just as I also *am* of Christ.

Concerning The Wearing of Veils In Public: God Has Established Heads of Authority

²Now I praise you because you have remembered me *as to* everything, and you are holding-on-to the traditions, just as I delivered *to* you. ³And I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the husband *is* the head of a wife, and God *is* the head of Christ.

Do Not Shame Your Head By How You Dress

⁴Every man praying or prophesying while having *a covering* down over *his* head is shaming his head. ⁵And every woman praying or prophesying *with* the head unveiled is shaming her head, for she is one and the same *with the one* having been shaved. ⁶For if *a woman* is not veiling-*herself*, let her also have-*herself*-sheared. But if *it is* shameful for *a woman* to have-*herself*-sheared or shaved, let her be veiling-*herself*. ⁷For *a man* ought not to be veiling the head, being *the image and glory of God*— but the woman *is* the glory of man. ⁸For man is not from woman, but woman from man. ⁹For indeed man was not created for the sake of the woman, but woman for the sake of the man. ¹⁰For this reason, the woman ought to be having authority on *her* head because of the angels. ¹¹Nevertheless *there is* neither woman without man, nor man without woman in *the Lord*. ¹²For just as the woman *is* from the man, so also the man *is* through the woman. And all *things are* from God.

Judge Among Yourselves Whether It Is Fitting To Ignore The Customs of The Churches

¹³Judge among you yourselves— is it fitting *that an* unveiled woman *should* pray to God? ¹⁴Does not even nature itself teach you that if *a man* has long hair, it is *a dishonor to him*— ¹⁵but if *a woman* has long hair, it is *a glory to her*? Because the long hair has been given *to her* for *a covering*. ¹⁶But if anyone seems to be contentious, **we** do not have such *a custom*, nor *do* the churches of God.

Concerning The Lord's Supper: Your Supper Is Unworthy of The Name

¹⁷But while commanding this, I do not praise— because you are coming-together not for the better, but for the worse. ¹⁸For first, while you *are* coming-together in church, I am hearing *that there* are divisions among you. And *a certain part of it* I believe— ¹⁹for there indeed have-to be factions among you in order that the approved *ones* may also become known among you. ²⁰So while you *are* coming-together at the same *place*, it is not *that you may* eat the Lord's Supper! ²¹For at the eating, each *one* is taking *his* own dinner before *others*. And one is hungry, and another is drunk. ²²You do not indeed fail to have houses for eating and drinking, *do you?* Or are you treating the church of God with contempt, and humiliating the *ones* not having? What should I say *to you?* Shall I praise you? In this I do not praise.

The Lord's Supper Is a Remembrance of What He Did For Us

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed-over *to you*— that the Lord Jesus, in the night *on* which He was being handed-over, took bread. ²⁴And having given-thanks, He broke *it* and said “This is My body, the *one being given* for you. Be doing this for My remembrance”. ²⁵Similarly also the cup after the dining, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Be doing this, as-often-as you drink *it*, for My remembrance”. ²⁶For as-often-as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord, until which *time* He comes.

So Don't Partake of It In a Manner Unworthy of What He Did: Examine Yourselves

²⁷So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸But let a person examine himself, and in this manner let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For the *one* eating and drinking while not rightly-judging the body is eating and drinking judgment *on* himself. ³⁰For this reason many among you *are* weak and sick, and many sleep. ³¹But if we were rightly-judging ourselves, we would not be being judged. ³²But while being judged, we are being disciplined by the Lord in-order-that we might not be condemned with the world.

Partake of It Together With Proper Respect For One Another

³³So then, my brothers, while coming-together so as to eat, be waiting-for one another. ³⁴If one is hungry, let him eat at home, in-order-that you might not come-together for judgment. And I will set-in-order the remaining *things* whenever I come.

Concerning Spiritual Gifts: God Distributes a Variety of Gifts For Our Mutual Benefit

12:1 Now concerning the spiritual *gifts*, brothers, I do not want you to be unaware. ²You know that when you were Gentiles, *you were* being led-away to the speechless idols, however you were being led. ³Therefore I make-known *to* you that no one speaking by *the* Spirit of God is saying “Jesus *is* accursed”. And no one is able to say “Jesus *is* Lord” except by *the* Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are differences of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵And there are differences of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶And there are differences of *things*-worked, but the same God working all *things* in all *persons*. ⁷And the manifestation of the Spirit is given *to* each *one* for *our* benefit. ⁸For *to* one a word of wisdom is given through the Spirit; and *to* another, a word of knowledge according-to the same Spirit; ⁹*to* a different *one*, faith by the same Spirit; and *to* another, gifts of healings by the one Spirit; ¹⁰and *to* another, *things*-worked by miracles; and *to* another, prophecy; and *to* another, discernments of spirits; *to* a different *one*, kinds of tongues; and *to* another, interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But the one and the same Spirit works all these *things*, distributing *to* each *one* individually, just as He wills.

For The Body of Christ Is Like The Human Body

¹²For just as the [human] body is one [body]; and it has many body-parts; and all the body-parts of the [human] body, being many, are one body; so also *is* Christ.

It Is One Body With One Spirit

¹³For indeed with one Spirit, **we** all were baptized into one body— whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free. And we all were given one Spirit to drink.

It Has Many Body Parts Placed By God

¹⁴For indeed the body is not one body-part, but many. ¹⁵If the foot should say “Because I am not a hand, I am not a *part* of the body”, it is not for this *reason* not a *part* of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say “Because I am not an eye, I am not a *part* of the body”, it is not for this *reason* not a *part* of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would* the hearing *be*? If *the* whole *were* an ear, where *would* the smelling *be*? ¹⁸But now, God placed the body-parts— each one of them— in the body, just as He wanted. ¹⁹And if all were one body-part, where *would* the body *be*?

All Body Parts Are Needed For The Healthy Functioning of The One Body

²⁰But now, *there are* many body-parts— but one body! ²¹And the eye cannot say *to* the hand, “I do not have need of *you*”. Or again the head *to* the feet, “I do not have need of *you*”. ²²On the contrary, much rather the body-parts of the body seeming to be weaker are necessary. ²³And *the things* of the body which we are thinking to be more-without-honor, *on* these we are putting-on more honor. Indeed our private *parts* have more presentability, ²⁴but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God blended-together the body, having given more honor *to* the *body-part* lacking, ²⁵in order that there should not be division in the body, but *that* the body-parts should be having the same concern for one another. ²⁶And if one body-part is suffering, all the body-parts are suffering-with *it*. If one body-part is being glorified, all the body-parts are rejoicing-with *it*.

You Are The Parts of Christ's Body, Placed Where You Are By God

²⁷And **you** are *the* body of Christ, and body-parts in part. ²⁸And God placed some in the church *as* first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then miracles; then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, kinds of tongues. ²⁹All *are* not apostles, *are they*? All *are* not prophets, *are they*? All *are* not teachers, *are they*? All *do* not *do* miracles, *do they*? ³⁰All *do* not have gifts of healings, *do they*? All *do* not speak *in* tongues, *do they*? All *do* not interpret, *do they*? ³¹But be zealous-for the greater gifts.

The Value of Your God-Given Gift Is Measured By Your Love

And I show you a way still beyond measure: **13:1** If I speak *in* the tongues of humans and of angels, but I do not have love, I have become a sounding brass [gong] or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but I do not have love, I am nothing. ³And if I dole-out all my possessions, and if I hand-over my body so that I may boast, but I do not have love, I am profited nothing.

The Way Love Behaves

⁴Love is patient. Love shows-kindness. Love does not envy, does not brag, is not puffed-up, ⁵does not behave-dishonorably,

does not seek its *own things*, is not provoked, does not count the bad, ⁶does not rejoice over unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth, ⁷bears all *things*, believes all *things*, hopes all *things*, endures all *things*.

Love Is Permanent; Gifts Are Temporary. Be Pursuing Love

⁸Love never fails. But if *there are* prophecies, they will be set-aside. If *there are* tongues, they will cease. If *there is* knowledge, it will be set-aside. ⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part— ¹⁰but when the complete *thing* comes, the *thing* in part will be set-aside. ¹¹When I was *a* child, I was speaking like *a* child, thinking like *a* child, counting like *a* child— when I have become *a* man, I have set-aside the *things* of the child. ¹²For now we are seeing through *a* mirror, in *an* enigma— but then face to face. Now I know in part— but then I will know-fully, just as I also was fully-known. ¹³But now these three are remaining— faith, hope, love. But love *is the* greater of these. **14:1** Be pursuing love.

Be Zealous For Spiritual Gifts, But Especially To Prophecy And Edify The Church

Now be zealous-for the spiritual *gifts*, but even-more that you might be prophesying. ²For the *one* speaking in *a* tongue is not speaking *to* people, but *to* God— for no one hears, but he speaks mysteries *with his* spirit. ³But the *one* prophesying is speaking edification and exhortation and consolation *to* people. ⁴The *one* speaking in *a* tongue is edifying himself, but the *one* prophesying is edifying *the* church. ⁵And I wish *that* you all *were* speaking in tongues, but even-more that you might be prophesying. But the *one* prophesying *is* greater than *one* speaking in tongues— unless he interprets in order that the church may receive edification.

Speaking In Tongues Is Just Speaking Into The Air Unless It Is Understood

⁶But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you unless I speak *to* you either by *a* revelation or by knowledge or by *a* prophecy or by *a* teaching? ⁷Likewise the lifeless *things* giving *a* sound— whether *a* flute or harp— if it does not give *a* distinction in the tones, how will the *thing* being fluted or the *thing* being harped be known? ⁸For indeed, if *a* trumpet gives *an* uncertain sound, who will prepare *himself* for battle? ⁹So also you with the tongue— if you do not give *a* clear word, how will the *thing* being spoken be known? For you will be speaking into *the* air! ¹⁰There are perhaps so-many kinds of *spoken* sounds in *the* world, and none *is* meaningless. ¹¹If then I do not know the force of the *spoken* sound, I will be *a* barbarian *to* the *one* speaking, and the *one* speaking *a* barbarian with me. ¹²So also you— since you are zealots *for* spiritual *gifts*, be seeking that you may abound for the edification of the church.

So In Church, Tongues Must Be Interpreted If The Hearers Are To Be Edified

¹³Therefore let the *one* speaking in *a* tongue pray in order that he might interpret. ¹⁴For if I am praying in *a* tongue, my spirit is praying, but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What then is *to be done*? I will pray *with* the spirit, and I will also pray *with* the mind. I will sing-praise *with* the spirit, and I will also sing-praise *with* the mind. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you are blessing with *your* spirit [only], how will the *one* filling the place of the uninstructed say the “Amen” at your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you are giving-thanks well— but the other *person* is not being edified. ¹⁸I give-thanks *to* God I speak in tongues more *than* all of you. ¹⁹But in church, I want to speak five words *with* my mind in order that I might also instruct others, *rather* than ten-thousand words in *a* tongue.

Tongues Are a Sign For Unbelievers; Prophecy Is For Believers

²⁰Brothers, do not be children in *your* understanding. But be childlike in evilness, and be mature in *your* understanding. ²¹It has been written in the Law [in Isa 28:11-12] that “I will speak *to* this people by *people* of other-tongues, and by *the* lips of others. And not even in this manner will they listen-to Me, says *the* Lord”. ²²So then the tongues are for *a* sign— not *for* the *ones* believing, but *for* the unbelievers. But the prophecy *is* not *for* the unbelievers, but *for* the *ones* believing.

So In Church, Tongues Not Understood Breed Confusion. Prophecy Edifies

²³Therefore, if the whole church comes-together at the same *place*, and they all speak in tongues, and uninstructed *ones* or unbelievers come-in, will they not say that you are mad? ²⁴But if they all prophesy, and some unbeliever or *an* uninstructed *one* comes in, he is convicted by all. He is examined by all. ²⁵The hidden *things* of his heart become evident. And thus, having fallen on *his* face, he will give-worship *to* God, declaring that God is really among you.

Brothers, Organize Your Church Service For Edification

²⁶What then is *to be done*, brothers? Whenever you come-together, each *one* has *a* psalm, has *a* teaching, has *a* revelation, has *a* tongue, has *an* interpretation. Let all *things* be done for edification. ²⁷If anyone speaks in *a* tongue, *let it be done* by two or *at* the most three, and in turn, and let one *person* interpret. ²⁸But if there is no interpreter, let him be silent in church. And let him speak **to himself** and *to* God. ²⁹And let two or three prophets speak, and let the others discern. ³⁰But if *a* prophecy is revealed *to* another being seated, let the first be silent. ³¹For you can all prophesy individually, in order that all may learn, and all may be exhorted. ³²And *the* spirits of prophets are subject *to* prophets. ³³For God is not *the* God of disorder, but of peace.

This Also Includes Women Being Quiet During The Church Service

As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴let the women be silent in the churches. For it is not permitted for them to speak. But let them be subject, just as the Law also says. ³⁵And if they want to learn anything, let them question *their* own husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

These Instructions Are The Lord's Commandments

³⁶Or did the word of God go-forth from you? Or did it reach to you only? ³⁷If anyone thinks that he is a prophet or a spiritual person, let him acknowledge the things which I am writing to you— that they are a commandment of the Lord. ³⁸But if anyone does not-know this, he is not-known.

Summary

³⁹So then, my brothers, be zealous-for the prophesying. And do not be forbidding the speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰But let all things be done properly, and in accordance with order.

Concerning The Resurrection: Christ Was Raised From The Dead And Seen By Many

15:1 Now I make-known to you, brothers, the good-news which I announced-as-good-news to you, which you also received, in which you also stand, ²through which you also are being saved— if you are holding-on in that message I announced-as-good-news to you, unless you believed in-vain. ³For I delivered to you among the first things what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴and that He was buried, and that He has been raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶After that He appeared to over five-hundred brothers at-one-time, of whom the majority are remaining until now. But some fell-asleep. ⁷After that He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸And last of all, as-if-indeed to the untimely-born one, He appeared to me also. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles— who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am. And His grace toward me did not become empty. But I labored even more than them all— yet not I, but the grace of God with me. ¹¹So whether it was I or those, thus we are proclaiming, and thus you believed.

So If Christ Was Raised, Why Do Some of You Say There Is No Resurrection?

¹²But if Christ is being proclaimed that He has been raised from the dead, how is it some are saying among you that there is no resurrection of dead ones?

If The Dead Are Not Raised, Christ Was Not Raised, And Your Faith Is Futile

¹³Now if there is no resurrection of dead ones, neither has Christ been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is also empty; your faith is also empty; ¹⁵and we are even found to be false-witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He did raise Christ— Whom He did not raise if-indeed then dead ones are not raised. ¹⁶For if dead ones are not raised, neither has Christ been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile. You are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then also the ones having fallen-asleep in Christ perished. ¹⁹If we are ones having hoped in Christ in this life only, we are more pitiable than all people.

But Christ Has Been Raised As The Firstfruit of Those Yet To Be Raised

²⁰But now, Christ has been raised from the dead— the firstfruit of the ones having fallen-asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of dead ones also came through a man. ²²For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be given-life, ²³but each in his own order: Christ the firstfruit; after-that the ones of Christ at His coming. ²⁴Then comes the end— when He hands-over the kingdom to His God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign until which time He has put all the enemies under His feet. ²⁶Death, the last enemy, is abolished— ²⁷for “He subjected all things under His feet” [Ps 8:6]. But when He says that “All things have been subjected”, it is clear that this is except the One having subjected all things to Him. ²⁸But when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One having subjected all things to Him, in order that God may be all things in all.

Otherwise, Why Be Concerned About The Dead Or Risk Our Lives?

²⁹Otherwise, what will the ones being baptized for the dead do? If dead ones are not raised at-all, why indeed are they baptized for them? ³⁰Why indeed are we in danger every hour? ³¹I die daily— by your boasting, brothers, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord. ³²If in accordance with human thinking I fought-wild-animals at Ephesus, what is the profit to me? If dead ones are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die” [Isa 22:13].

Don't Be Deceived. Sober Up

³³Do not be deceived: bad companionships corrupt good habits. ³⁴Sober-up righteously and do not be sinning, for some have an ignorance of God. I speak to your shame.

How Are The Dead Raised, And With What Kind of Body?

³⁵But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And *with* what kind of body do they come?”

What You Sow Must Die, And Then God Gives It New Life In a Different Body

³⁶Foolish *one*! What **you** sow is not given-life unless it dies. ³⁷And *as to* what you sow— you do not sow the body *which* will come, but *a* bare seed, perhaps *of* wheat or *of* some *of* the rest. ³⁸And God gives it *a* body just as He willed— indeed, *to* each *of* the seeds *its* own body. ³⁹Not all flesh *is* the same flesh. But *there is* one *of* humans, and another flesh *of* livestock, and another flesh *of* birds, and another *of* fish. ⁴⁰And *there are* heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. But the glory *of* the heavenly *is* one *kind*, and the glory *of* the earthly *is* different. ⁴¹*There is* one glory *of* the sun, and another glory *of* the moon, and another glory *of* the stars. For star differs *from* star in glory.

So Also Is The Resurrection of The Dead. We Are Raised In a Heavenly Body

⁴²So also *is* the resurrection *of* the dead. It is sown in decay; it is raised in undecayability. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown *a* natural body; it is raised *a* spiritual body. If there is *a* natural body, there is also *a* spiritual *body*. ⁴⁵So also it has been written [in Gen 2:7], “The first man, Adam, became *a* living soul”. The Last Adam *became* *a* life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But the spiritual *body is* not first— but the natural *body*, then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man *was* from earth, made-of-dust. The second Man *is* from heaven. ⁴⁸Such as *was* the *one* made-of-dust— such *ones* also *are* the *ones* made-of-dust. And such as *is* the heavenly *One*— such *ones* also *are* the heavenly *ones*. ⁴⁹And just as we bore the image *of* the *one* made of dust, we shall also bear the image *of* the heavenly *One*.

Behold, I Tell You a Mystery: We Will Not All Die, But We Will All Conquer Death

⁵⁰Now I say this, brothers: that flesh and blood are not able to inherit *the* kingdom *of* God, nor does decay inherit undecayability. ⁵¹Behold, I tell you *a* mystery: we will not **all** fall-asleep. But we will **all** be changed— ⁵²in *a* moment, in *the* blink *of* an eye, at the last trumpet. For it will trumpet, and the dead will be raised undecayable, and **we** will be changed. ⁵³For this decayable *body* must put-on undecayability, and this mortal *body* must put on immortality. ⁵⁴And when this decayable *body* puts-on undecayability, and this mortal *body* puts on immortality, then the saying having been written will come-about: “Death was swallowed-up in victory” [Isa 25:8]. ⁵⁵“Death, where *is* **your** victory? Death, where *is* **your** stinger?” [Hos 13:14]. ⁵⁶Now the stinger *of* death *is* sin, and the power *of* sin *is* the Law. ⁵⁷But thanks *be to* God, the *One* giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

So Abound In The Work of The Lord; Your Labor Is Not In Vain

⁵⁸So then my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work *of* the Lord, knowing that your labor is not empty in *the* Lord.

Concerning The Collection For Jerusalem: Store Up Your Gift And Be Ready When I Come

16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, just as I directed *in* the churches *of* Galatia, so **you** do also. ²Every first *day of* the week, let each *of* you put-*aside* beside himself, storing-up whatever thing he may be prospered, in-order-that when I come, collections might not be taking place at-that-time. ³And when I arrive, whomever you approve, I will send these *ones* with letters to carry-forth your grace-*gift* to Jerusalem. ⁴And if it is fitting *that* I also go, they will go with me.

I Will Stay In Ephesus For Now, And Come To You Before Winter

⁵Now I will come to you whenever I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia. ⁶And perhaps I will continue with you, or even spend-the-winter, in order that **you** may send me forward wherever I may go. ⁷For I do not want to see you now in passing, for I am hoping to stay with you *for* some time, if the Lord permits. ⁸But I will stay-on in Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹for *a* great and effective door has opened *to* me, and *there are* many opposing.

Timothy May Come Before Me: Take Care of Him

¹⁰But if Timothy comes, see that he may come-to-be with you fearlessly. For he is working the work *of* the Lord as I also. ¹¹Therefore let no one treat him with contempt. And send him forward in peace in order that he may come to me, for I am waiting-for him with the brothers.

Concerning Apollos: He Will Come When He Can

¹²Now concerning Apollos *our* brother, I strongly urged him that he come to you with the brothers. And it was not at all *his* will that he come now, but he will come whenever he finds-an-opportunity.

Closing Exhortations And Greetings

¹³Keep-watching, be standing-*firm* in the faith, be acting-like-men, be growing-strong, ¹⁴let all your *things* be done in love.

¹⁵And I exhort you, brothers— you know the household *of* Stephanas, that it is *the* firstfruit *of* Achaia, and they appointed themselves for ministry *to* the saints— ¹⁶that **you** also be subject *to* such *ones*, and *to* everyone helping and laboring. ¹⁷Now I am rejoicing over the coming *of* Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because these *ones* filled-up your lack. ¹⁸For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore be acknowledging such *ones*.

¹⁹The churches *of* Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you earnestly in *the* Lord, along with the church at their house. ²⁰All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with *a* holy kiss. ²¹The greeting *of* Paul *by* my *own* hand— ²²if anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed. Marana tha. ²³The grace *of* the Lord Jesus *be* with you. ²⁴My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus.