

The background of the slide is a photograph of the ancient ruins of Corinth, Greece. In the foreground, there are large, rectangular stone blocks, some of which appear to be part of a wall or a platform. In the middle ground, several tall, fluted columns stand, some with their capitals still attached. The background shows a hilly landscape under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on this image in a bright yellow color with a black drop shadow.

OVERVIEW

of Paul's 1st Letter

to the Christians in

Corinth

New Testament

Gospels & Acts - 5

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

7 Churches

Pastoral

Paul's Epistles - 13

Romans

1, 2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

1, 2 Thessalonians

1, 2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

"Prison Epistles"

Hebrew Epistles - 8

Hebrews

James

1, 2 Peter

1, 2, 3 John

Jude

Prophetic - 1

Revelation

Spiritual Order

Romans	Doctrine	Soteriology (Salvation)
1, 2 Corinthians	Reproof	
Galatians	Correction	
Ephesians	Doctrine	Ecclesiology (Church)
Philippians	Reproof	
Colossians	Correction	
1, 2 Thessalonians	Doctrine	Eschatology ("Last Things")



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

- ★ Capital city
- Major city
- ⦿ Major port

Paul & The Church at Corinth

4 Letters & 3 Visits

Visit when the church was founded

1) The "Previous Letter"

(Cloe's Household visit Paul with a letter *from* Corinth)

2) "1st Corinthians" ("2nd")

The "Painful" visit

3) The "Severe Letter" (Lost...)

(Titus' report: received well.)

4) "2nd Corinthians" ("4th" + fragments?)

3rd visit



Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey

18:23 – 21:6



3rd Missionary Journey

After spending some time in Antioch, Paul revisited the churches in Galatia and Phrygia in order.

Acts 18:23

Paul makes Ephesus his base for the next 3 years.

Acts 19:1-7

Disciples of Apollos receive the Holy Spirit; a church is founded.

Acts 19:8-20



The Corinthian Problems

Paul plans to go to Macedonia; he sends Timothy and Erastus ahead
They may visit Corinth; Paul is worried about immorality in the church there.

Acts 19:21-22

Three members of the Corinthian church bring a letter to Paul

1 Cor 16:17-18

It is full of questions; the problems are greater than Paul had thought
Paul writes and sends 1 Corinthians, tackling the problems.



The Corinthian Problems

Paul hurries to Corinth.

2 Cor 12:14

The visit is extremely painful for everyone; Paul has to be severe.

Paul returns to Ephesus and writes a "severe letter" to them.

2 Cor 2:4

Titus takes the letter to Corinth. Paul arranges to meet Titus again at Troas urgently to get news of the situation.



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- Resurrection 15
- Collection for Jerusalem 16



1st Corinthians

Chapter 1

True Unity

¹⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

1 Corinthians 1:10

The Wisdom of Foolishness

- 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
- 19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

1 Corinthians 1:18-29

The Wisdom of Foolishness

- 20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
- 21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

1 Corinthians 1:18-29

The Wisdom of Foolishness

- 22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:
- 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
- 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18-29

The Wisdom of Foolishness

- 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
- 26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

1 Corinthians 1:18-29

The Wisdom of Foolishness

- 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;
- 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:
- 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

1 Corinthians 1:18-29



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Chapter 2

The Simplicity of the Gospel

¹ And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

Things Hidden?

⁹ But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

¹⁰ But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10

- Isaiah 64: 4-5



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Chapter 3

The BAFTA's

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- 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
- 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;
- 13 Every man's **work** shall be made manifest: for **the day** shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's **work** of what sort it is.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

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Two types of material

- Wood, Hay, Stubble
 - All burnt up by fire
 - 'Sowing to the flesh' 'treasure on earth'
- Gold, Silver, Precious Stones
 - All purified through fire
 - 'Sowing to the Spirit' 'treasure in heaven'

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14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

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- We have a choice how we live
- Law of Sowing & Reaping
- We will be rewarded accordingly
- It is not an issue of Salvation

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- Lit. by the skin of your teeth?
 - ‘just about saved’? “So great a Salvation! Heb 2:3
- The ‘measurement’ is on that which accompanies salvation

An Abundant Entrance

⁷ For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

⁸ But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

⁹ But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

¹⁰ For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Heb 6:7-10

An Abundant Entrance

¹¹ For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:11

An Abundant Entrance

8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

2 John 8

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- We are called to good works (expected)
- We will be rewarded according to our works
- This has nothing to do with salvation which is *entirely* by grace

*Our good works are an outward demonstration of the faith we have, and are evidence that we are saved

(James / Matt 7:20 – by their fruits...)

Heavenly Award Ceremony

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2 Corinthians 5:10-15

- We will be judged according to our works
- Our Sin was 'paid in full' at Calvary

Judgments

Various judgments in scripture

- Judgment seat of Christ (Beamer Seat)
- Great White Throne Judgement (Judgment Day)
- Judgment of the Nations (Sheep & Goats)
- Judgment of the 'Great Whore' (False Religion)
- *“Judgement to begin with the house of God”*

1 Peter 4:17

Judgment Seat of Christ

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Our Rewards?

Crowns:

- The Crown of Incorruption – 1 Cor 9:25
- The Crown of Life – James 1:12
- The Crown of Rejoicing – 1 Thes 2:19-20
- The Crown of Glory – 1 Peter 5:1-4
- The Crown of Righteousness – 2 Tim 4:8

Before the throne...

⁴ And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Revelation 4:4

Elders:

- From every kindred, tongue, peoples & nation
- ‘Redeemed by the blood’
- ‘24’ representative of the whole –
1 Chron 24:1-18 / Rev 21:12-14 / 24 hours

Before the throne...

⁹ And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

¹⁰ The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

¹¹ Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

Revelation 4:9-11

Our Response

- The Crown of Incorruption
 - A disciplined Christian life, no compromise
- The Crown of Life
 - Overcoming temptation
- The Crown of Rejoicing
 - Winning souls for Christ
- The Crown of Glory
 - Faithful in ministry
- The Crown of Righteousness
 - Looking for His coming (Sanctified)



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Chapter 4

Don't Judge

8 Therefore **judge nothing** before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

1 Corinthians 4:5



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Chapter 5

Judge!

³ For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,

⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁵ To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 5:3-6

Judge!

6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

1 Corinthians 5:3-6

- The leper must be removed from the camp of the whole camp will become infected

Judge!

⁹ I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

¹⁰ Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

¹¹ But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

Judge!

¹² For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?

¹³ But them that are without God judgeth.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

- Summary:
- *Don't* judge that which is 'internal' (Intent)
 - For only God can see the heart
- *Do* judge that which is 'external' (Actions)
 - For the health of the body
 - And because we all called to be ambassadors!



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Chapter 6-8

Licence & liberty



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Chapter 9

Don't Muzzle The Ox!



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Chapter 10

Lessons From History

Lessons To Learn

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

1 Cor 10:1-4

Lessons From History

- Incredible beginning
- Amazing deliverance from bondage
- Passed through water to new life
- Sustained by the Bread of Life
- Watered by the Water of Life – Christ
- *How could anything possibly go wrong?*

Lessons From History

- 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.
- 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

1 Cor 10:5-6

Q. What did they lust after?

A. That which was acceptable to the human palate

Lessons From History

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

1 Cor 10:6

Q. What is idolatry?

2nd Commandment

- Issue of misrepresentation
- God is jealous of His name, character & attributes
- Anything that touches these is idolatry
- Idolatry –
 - making a God in your own image,
 - from your own imagination,
 - to suit your own desires
- Even if you call your god ‘LORD’! (cf Ex 33)

Lessons From History

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

1 Cor 10:8

Q. What is fornication?

A. An intimate relationship with someone other than the one you are espoused to

- Throughout Israel's history they committed spiritual fornication by going after, embracing false god's

Lessons From History

- 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
- 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

1 Cor 10:8-10

Lessons From History

- 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
- 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

1 Cor 10:11-12

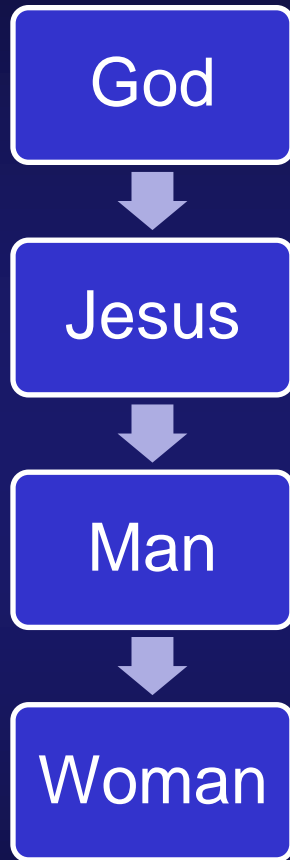


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Chapter 11

Lessons On Authority

God's Order



- Is Jesus less than God?
- NO!
- Is Woman less than Man?
- NO!
- BUT.....
- For the sake of the order Jesus submitted himself to the Father
- God reveals in His word His order



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Chapter 12-14

Spiritual Gifts

Underlying Rule!

40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

1 Corinthians 14:40



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Chapter 15

The Foundation of our Faith

The Gospel

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The Great Mystery

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:51-55

The Great Victory!

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?


1 Corinthians 15:51-55



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Chapter 16

Serving Through Giving & Greetings



Calvary Chapel Portsmouth



Simply teaching the Bible, simply