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First Corinthians

Problems In Corinth



QUOTE

“The church of the apostolic days embraced all nations and kindred's, and peoples, and tongues. There is no evidence in the New Testament for the diversification of distinct denominations, and anything tending to such diversification was condemned. The emphasis falls upon the oneness of faith and the oneness of the fellowship of the saints.”

John Murray

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Adriatic

Black Sea

Rome
Three Taverns
Appius

Italy
Puteoli

Macedonia
Thessalonica
Berea

Philippi
Neapolis

Thrace

Mysia

Galatia

Troas
Assos

Phrygia

Aegean

Pergamum

Rhodium

Sicily

Syracuse

Mitylene

Kios

Athens

Corinth

Samos

Ephesus

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Malta

Miletus

Attalia

Perga

Amphilia

Patara

Myra

Rhodes

Fair Havens

Crete

Sala

Cyprus

Paphos

Mediterranean Sea



The City Of Corinth

- **Strong in Defense**
- **Ideally Situated For Commerce**
 - All Trade Had To Pass Through Corinth
- **Temple of Aphrodite**
- **“To Live Like A Corinthian”**
 - A Life of Drunken and Immoral Debauchery
 - Romans 1:28-32



Paul's Contact With Corinth

- **#1 - Paul Founds Church in Corinth (Acts 18)**
- **#2 - Paul Writes a Lost Letter (1 Cor 5:9)**
- **#3 - Paul Receives a Letter From Brethren in Corinth and He Writes 1st Corinthians**
- **#4 - Paul Makes a Painful Visit (2 Cor 12:14)**
- **#5 - Paul Writes a Sever Letter (2 Cor 2:4; 7:8)**
- **#6 - Paul Writes 2nd Corinthians**
- **#7 - Paul Visits For The Last Time (Acts 20:)**



Problems In Corinth

- Allegiance To Men
- Incest
- Brethren Going To Law
- Confused About Marriage
- Meats Sacrificed To Idols
- Abusing the Lord's Supper
- Women Acting Out Of Place
- Spiritual Gifts Were Abused
- Denying The Resurrection
- Undermining Paul's Apostleship



The Church At Corinth

- **A Divided Church**
 - People were taking sides and forming factions
- **A Defiled Church**
 - Some Were Guilty of Sexual Immorality
- **A Disgraced Church**
 - Instead of Glorifying God - It was Hindering the progress of the gospel

Why Paul Wrote The Letter

- **Reports from the household of Chloe**
 - I Cor. 1:11
- **Reports from Apollos**
 - I Cor. 3:5-6, 16:12
- **Reports from Corinthians**
 - I Cor. 16:17-18
- **Great concern over immorality**
 - I Cor. 5:9
- **Their letters to Paul**
 - I Cor. 7:1



The Corinthians Were Called

- **CALLED To Be An Apostle (1)**
 - Sent
- **CALLED Out - Church (2)**
 - Sanctified
- **CALLED To Be Holy (2)**
 - Pure
- **CALL On The Name Of the Lord (2)**
 - Appeal To God For Salvation and Worship
- **CALLED Into Fellowship Of Christ (9)**
 - A Relationship With Jesus

Called To Be Holy (1:1-9)

- **Set Apart By God (1:1-3)**
 - Christians are a “called out” people
 - Christians are a “set apart” people
- **Enriched By God’s Grace (1:4-6)**
 - “Enriched” - a Very Wealthy Person
 - Utterance and Knowledge
- **Expecting Jesus To Return (1:7)**
 - James 2:12 - So speak and act as though about to be judged.
- **Depending On God’s Faithfulness (1:8-9)**
 - Confirmed By God - Established, Blameless



Problem of Factions

- **The church had an inordinate estimation of evangelists**
- **They Misunderstood The Position of evangelists**
- **They Misunderstood their own position**



Paul's Appeal For Unity (10-12)

- **Speak The Same Thing**
 - Agree With One Another
 - To be at peace, to make up differences
- **Eliminate Divisions**
 - A Tear in a piece of cloth
- **Be Perfectly United in Mind & Judgment**
 - Mind - Christian Way of Thinking
 - Judgment - The Manner Of Deciding



Called Into Fellowship (1:12ff)

- **Is Christ Divided? (1:13)**

- Paul, Peter, and Apollos did not preach different Christ's
- There is only one Savior of the body (Gal 1:6-9)
 - *The Gospel is not just another wisdom*
 - *Men are not to be followed.*
- Only Jesus Should Have Preeminence (Col 1:18)

- **Were You Baptized Into Paul? (13-17)**

- **Was Paul Crucified for You (13 & 17)**