

1 Corinthians:

The city of Corinth was at the heart of an important trade route in the ancient world. Like many cities that thrive on trade, Corinth had a reputation for sexual immorality, religious diversity, and corruption. The church that Paul planted there (Acts 18) floundered under all of these influences and began to divide over various issues. First Corinthians addresses many practical questions dividing the church—questions concerning such things as spiritual gifts, marriage, food offered to idols, and the resurrection. Paul urged the Corinthians to be unified and to give themselves fully to “the work of the Lord” (15:58). Chapter 13 includes a well-known passage on the nature and importance of love. Paul wrote this letter to the Corinthians from Ephesus about A.D. 55.

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

1Co 1:2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Act 18:11 And he stayed a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

1Co 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 1:4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,

1Co 1:5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—

1Co 1:6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—

1Co 1:7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1Co 1:8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 1:9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Co 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.

[The theme for this letter – the gifts, perseverance, fellowship, and unity in the church]

1Co 1:11 For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.

1Co 1:12 What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” [The beginning of denominations (means taking a name)]

1Co 1:13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1Co 1:14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,

Act 18:8 Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians hearing Paul believed and were baptized.

Rom 16:23 Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.

1Co 1:15 so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name.

1Co 1:16 (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I ooiibaptized anyone else.)

1Co 16:15 Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints—

1Co 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

1Co 1:18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Joh 3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Joh 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Joh 3:19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

1Co 1:19 For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” [Isa 29:14]

Job 5:11 he sets on high those who are lowly, and those who mourn are lifted to safety.

Job 5:12 He frustrates the devices of the crafty, so that their hands achieve no success.

Job 5:13 He catches the wise in their own craftiness, and the schemes of the wily are brought to a quick end.

Jer 8:9 The wise men shall be put to shame; they shall be dismayed and taken; behold, they have rejected the word of the LORD, so what wisdom is in them?

1Co 1:20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

1Co 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

1Co 1:22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [now it is called science]

1Co 1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

1Co 1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the

wisdom of God.

1Co 1:25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. [There is no comparison, for God is neither foolish nor weak]

1Co 1:26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

[The Queen of England said she was saved by the letter "M" - not (m) any were of noble birth]

1Co 1:27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

1Co 1:28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,

1Co 1:29 so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

1Co 1:30 And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, [\[3 Words\]](#)

1Co 1:31 so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

1Co 2:1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.

1Co 2:2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

1Co 2:3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,

1Co 2:4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

1Co 2:5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

[Paul moves the discussion to the Holy Spirit- the power of the church]

1Co 2:6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

1Co 2:7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

1Co 2:8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1Co 2:9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" — [Isa 64:4]

1Co 2:10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Rom 16:25 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages

Rom 16:26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring

about the obedience of faith—

Col 1:26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.

Col 1:27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of **this mystery, which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

Eph 3:6 This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, **[with the Jews]** and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Eph 3:9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,

Eph 3:10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. **[class and rank of angels]**

[The spiritual beings learn about God's glory through Watching us struggle with life]

Dan 4:13 I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven;

Dan 4:17 This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.

Psa 82:1 God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

1Co 2:11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

1Co 2:12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. **[gifts of the spirit]**

1Co 2:13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

1Co 2:14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.

1Co 2:16 "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" [Isa 40:13] But we have the mind of Christ.

Joh 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

1Co 3:1 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ.

1Co 3:2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready,

Heb 5:11 About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

Heb 5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,

Heb 5:13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

[Spiritual maturity comes by looking for and judging good and evil; No wonder the world decries discernment, they can't stand up to the light of inspection, so abolish the judge]

1Co 3:3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

1Co 3:4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

1Co 3:5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

[A farming metaphor to illustrate working together for a common goal]

1Co 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

1Co 3:7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

1Co 3:8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.

1Co 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

[A construction metaphor to illustrate teamwork to realize a shared accomplishment]

1Co 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

1Co 3:11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

[An aside- The rewards for loyal faithfulness towards that end]

1Co 3:12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—

1Co 3:13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

1Co 3:14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.

1Co 3:15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. [The Bema seat judgement of the church after the Rapture] [Crowns]

[The building metaphor expanded- now it's the Temple, the biggest construction project]

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1Co 3:17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and

you are that temple.

[Referring back to wisdom imparted by the Holy Spirit (2:7)]

1Co 3:18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

1Co 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,” [Job 5:13]

1Co 3:20 and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.” [Psa 94:11]

1Co 3:21 So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours,

1Co 3:22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours,

Rom 8:33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

Rom 8:34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Rom 8:36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

Rom 8:37 **No!**, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

Rom 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1Co 3:23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's [The spirit is the brand of ownership Eph 1:13]

Joh 10:27 “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

Joh 10:28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Joh 10:30 I and the Father are one.”

[Continue in steadfast loyalty to the teachings of the Apostles, united in fellowship with Christ]

1Co 4:1 This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

1Co 4:2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

1Co 4:3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

1Co 4:4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the

Lord who judges me.

1Co 4:5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

1Co 4:6 I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.

1Co 4:7 For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

1Co 4:8 Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you!

1Co 4:9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men.

1Co 4:10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute.

1Co 4:11 To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless,

1Co 4:12 and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure;

1Co 4:13 when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

1Co 4:14 I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

1Co 4:15 For though you have countless guides in Christ, [preachers who would head their own denomination] you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. [stay with the gospel as delivered by the Apostles]

1Co 4:16 I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Gal 1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—

Gal 1:7 not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.

Gal 1:12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

1Co 4:17 That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind

you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.

1Co 4:18 Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you.

1Co 4:19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but their power.

1Co 4:20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power.

1Co 4:21 What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

[Trouble in the church]

1Co 5:1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife.

1Co 5:2 And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

1Co 5:3 For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing.

1Co 5:4 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus,

1Co 5:5 you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

[Expulsion is meant to rebuke the flagrant sins in the midst of the church to entice repentance and reconciliation and protect the other members from falling into the same snare. This is what the book of Hosea is about, the Assyrian conquest of the Northern Kingdom of Israel; Also Isaiah and Jeremiah with the Babylonian captivity, and the Diaspora of the Jews after the destruction of Jerusalem. If repentance is shown, welcome the sinner back into the congregation.]

2Co 2:4 For I wrote to you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

2Co 2:5 Now if anyone has caused pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure—not to put it too severely—to all of you.

2Co 2:6 For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough,

2Co 2:7 so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

2Co 2:8 So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him.

2Co 2:9 For this is why I wrote, that I might test you and know whether you are obedient in everything.

2Co 2:10 Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ,

1Co 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

1Co 5:7 Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. [The Feast of Unleavened Bread started the

day after Passover and lasted for a week]

1Co 5:8 Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

[Judging un-righteous within the Church]

1Co 5:9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—

KJV- fornicators:(Pornos_{grk})

1. a man who prostitutes his body to another's lust for hire
2. a male prostitute
3. a man who indulges in unlawful sexual intercourse, a fornicator

From: *pernēmi* (to *sell*; akin to the base of [G4097](#)); a (male) *prostitute* (as *venal*) that is (by analogy) a *debauchee* (*libertine*): - fornicator whoremonger.

1Co 5:10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

1Co 5:11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother [Christian] if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

1Co 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?

1Co 5:13 God judges those outside. “Purge the evil person from among you.”

1Co 6:1 When one of you has a grievance against another, does he dare go to law before the unrighteous instead of the saints?

1Co 6:2 Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is to be judged by you, are you incompetent to try trivial cases?

Dan 7:22 until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given for the saints of the Most High, and the time came when the saints possessed the kingdom.

Mat 19:28 Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Rev 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

1Co 6:3 Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

Heb 1:13 And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Heb 2:5 For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are

speaking.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Rev 3:21 The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. [1 Cor 3:23]

1Co 6:4 So if you have such cases, why do you lay them before those who have no standing in the church? [Public judges-courts set up by local to national authority]

1Co 6:5 I say this to your shame. Can it be that there is no one among you wise enough to settle a dispute between the brothers,

1Co 6:6 but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers?

1Co 6:7 To have lawsuits at all with one another is already a defeat for you. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?

1Co 6:8 But you yourselves wrong and defraud—even your own brothers!

1Co 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, [Arsenokoites grk = 1. one who lies with a male as with a female, sodomite, homosexual]

1Co 6:10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,

Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,

Gal 5:21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Gal 5:24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1Co 6:12 “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything.

1Co 6:13 “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

Rom 14:20 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats.

Rom 14:21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.

1Co 8:9 But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

Rom 14:22 The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves.

Rom 14:23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

1Co 6:14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

1Co 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!

1Co 6:16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." [Gen 2:24]

1Co 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

1Co 6:18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

1Co 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

1Co 6:20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

[Admonitions about marriage and divorce]

1Co 7:1 Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." [a pagan discipline that was promoted in the church]

1Co 7:2 But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.

1Co 7:3 The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. [This is Mosaic Law]

Exo 21:10 If he takes another wife to himself, he shall not diminish her [1st wife] food, [love] her clothing, [honor] or her marital rights. [cherish]

[This is about a man who takes a slave girl to wife. If a slave has these rights, then also does the freewoman]

[Divorce and remarriage] [Roman Law – Playmable]

1Co 7:4 For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

1Co 7:5 Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

1Co 7:6 Now as a concession, not a command, I say this.

1Co 7:7 I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.

1Co 7:8 To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain single, as I am.

1Co 7:9 But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

1Co 7:10 To the married I give this charge (not I, but the Lord): the wife should not separate from her husband

1Co 7:11 (but if she does, she should remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband), and the husband should not divorce his wife.

1Co 7:12 To the rest I say (I, not the Lord) that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he should not divorce her.

1Co 7:13 If any woman has a husband who is an unbeliever, and he consents to live with her, she should not divorce him.

1Co 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is made holy because of his wife, and the unbelieving wife is made holy because of her husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy.

1Co 7:15 But if the unbelieving partner separates, let it be so. In such cases the brother or sister is not enslaved. God has called you to peace.

1Co 7:16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

1Co 7:17 Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.

1Co 7:18 Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision.

1Co 7:19 For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God.

1Co 7:20 Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called.

1Co 7:21 Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.)

1Co 7:22 For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ.

1Co 7:23 You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.

1Co 7:24 So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

1Co 7:25 Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.

1Co 7:26 I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is.

1Co 7:27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

1Co 7:28 But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that.

1Co 7:29 This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ["seek ye first the kingdom of God"]

1Co 7:30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods,

1Co 7:31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

1Co 7:32 I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord.

1Co 7:33 But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife,

1Co 7:34 and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband.

1Co 7:35 I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord. [Rev 2:4]

1Co 7:36 If anyone thinks that he is not behaving properly toward his betrothed, if his passions are strong, and it has to be, let him do as he wishes: let them marry—it is no sin.

1Co 7:37 But whoever is firmly established in his heart, being under no necessity but having his desire under control, and has determined this in his heart, to keep her as his betrothed, he will do well.

1Co 7:38 So then he who marries his betrothed does well, and he who refrains from marriage will do even better.

1Co 7:39 A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.

1Co 7:40 Yet in my judgment she is happier if she remains as she is. And I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

[Concerning food offered to idols— guild meetings were often held in a temple with a feast]

1Co 8:1 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up.

1Co 8:2 If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.

1Co 8:3 But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

1Co 8:4 Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.”

1Co 8:5 For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—

1Co 8:6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

1Co 8:7 However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

1Co 8:8 Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.

1Co 8:9 But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.

1Co 8:10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols?

1Co 8:11 And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died.

1Co 8:12 Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.

1Co 8:13 Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

[Eating food offered to idols is also used as a metaphor for allowing pagan customs to water-down the Christian doctrine just as sexual immorality can be used as a metaphor for worshipping other gods.] [see the letter to Thyatira in [\[7 letter to 7 churches\]](#), and the book of [\[Hosea\]](#)

[The Apostles as examples of self-denial to avert even the appearance of un-righteousness]

1Co 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord?

1Co 9:2 If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

1Co 9:3 This is my defense to those who would examine me.

1Co 9:4 Do we not have the right to eat and drink?

1Co 9:5 Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas?

1Co 9:6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living?

1Co 9:7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?

1Co 9:8 Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same?

1Co 9:9 For it is written in the Law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain." [Deu 25:4] Is it for oxen that God is concerned?

1Co 9:10 Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop.

1Co 9:11 If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?

1Co 9:12 If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

1Co 9:13 Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?

1Co 9:14 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.

1Co 9:15 But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting.

1Co 9:16 For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

1Co 9:17 For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

1Co 9:18 What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

1Co 9:19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

1Co 9:20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law.

Act 16:3 Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Gal 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

1Co 9:21 To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law.

1Co 9:22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

1Co 9:23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

1Co 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.

1Co 9:25 Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

1Co 9:26 So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air.

1Co 9:27 But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

[We are all in this together- unity in Christ-but some will do better than others]

1Co 10:1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

1Co 10:2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

1Co 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food,

1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

1Co 10:5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. [Num 14:11-12, Num 14:28-35, Num 26:64-65; Deu 1:34-35, Deu 2:15-16; Psa 78:32-34; Psa 90:1 , Psa 90:7-8, Psa 95:11, Psa 106:26; Heb 3:17; Jud 1:5]

1Co 10:6 Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.

1Co 10:7 Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." [Exo 32.6]

1Co 10:8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. [Num_25:1-9; Psa_106:29; Rev_2:14]

1Co 10:9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, [Num 21:6]

1Co 10:10 nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. [Exo16:7>:8, Num 11:1>:4, Num 14:27, Num17:5 Jude 1:>]

1Co 10:11 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

1Co 10:12 Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1Co 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. [idolatry is equated with immorality 10:9]

1Co 10:15 I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say.

1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

1Co 10:17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

1Co 10:18 Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?

1Co 10:19 What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

1Co 10:20 No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons.

1Co 10:21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

1Co 10:22 Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?

[Exo 20:5, Exo 34:14; Deu 4:24, Deu 6:15, Deu 32:16, Deu 32:21; Jos 24:19; Psa 78:58; Zep 1:18]

1Co 10:23 “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up.

1Co 10:24 Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor.

1Co 10:25 Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience.

1Co 10:26 For “the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.” [Psa 24:1]

1Co 10:27 If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you without raising any question on the ground of conscience.

1Co 10:28 But if someone says to you, “This has been offered in sacrifice,” then do not eat it, for the sake of the one who informed you, and for the sake of conscience—

1Co 10:29 I do not mean your conscience, but his. For why should my liberty be determined by someone else's conscience?

1Co 10:30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I denounced because of that for which I give thanks?

1Co 10:31 So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1Co 10:32 Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,

[The 3 categories of people on the Earth]

1Co 10:33 just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

1Co 11:1 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

1Co 11:2 Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you.

1Co 11:3 But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

1Co 11:4 Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head,

1Co 11:5 but every wife who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since it is the same as if her head were shaven.

1Co 11:6 For if a wife will not cover her head, then she should cut her hair short. But since it is disgraceful for a wife to cut off her hair or shave her head, let her cover her head.

1Co 11:7 For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God, but woman is the glory of man.

1Co 11:8 For man was not made from woman, but woman from man.

1Co 11:9 Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

1Co 11:10 That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of [her husband's] authority on her head, because of the angels. [Gen6:1>:5]

[womens head covering showed they were married and not to be sought after]

1Co 11:11 Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman;

1Co 11:12 for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.

1Co 11:13 Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a wife to pray to God with her head uncovered?

1Co 11:14 Does not nature itself teach you that if a man wears long hair it is a disgrace for him,

1Co 11:15 but if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her for a covering.

1Co 11:16 If anyone is inclined to be contentious, we have no such practice, nor do the churches of God.

[this was the cultural norm, not a church dictate, Paul is saying don't let this come between you as brothers in Christ]

1Co 11:17 But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse.

1Co 11:18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part,

1Co 11:19 for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.

Rev 2:2 "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.

[Rebuke about the "love feast", a meal in conjunction with the gathering (before communion)]

1Co 11:20 When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat.

1Co 11:21 For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.

1Co 11:22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

1Co 11:23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread,

1Co 11:24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

1Co 11:25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

1Co 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death

until he comes. [This is why we say grace at meals – something innocent (animal or vegetable) had to die that we might live- started in Gen 3:21]

1Co 11:27 Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

1Co 11:28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

1Co 11:29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1Co 11:30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

Isa 53:5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

1Co 11:31 But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

1Co 11:32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

1Co 11:33 So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another—

1Co 11:34 if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

1Co 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

1Co 12:2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.

1Co 12:3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

1Co 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

1Co 12:5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

1Co 12:6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

1Co 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit [to be used] for the common good.

[Everybody gets the same spirit-these are ways it can be recognized in the church]

[manifestations = recognizable evidence of invisible operation]

1Co 12:8 For to one [use for the common good] is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another [use] the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

1Co 12:9 to another [use] faith by the same Spirit, to another [use] gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

1Co 12:10 to another [use] the working of miracles, to another [use] prophecy, to another [use] the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another [use] various kinds of tongues, to another [use] the interpretation of tongues.

1Co 12:11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one

individually as he [God/Holy Spirit]wills. [If you need (and want) the power-it is available]

1Co 12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. [still talking about manifestations]

Eph 1:13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, [you] were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

Eph 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

[There is one giving of the spirit and it has 9 manifestations. Everyone gets the same so that no one may boast. How you make use of it is up to the individual and your believing. Only tongues is for the building up of the user,(14:4) every other manifestation is to be used in service of Christ]

1Co 12:13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1Co 12:14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

1Co 12:15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

1Co 12:16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

1Co 12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

1Co 12:18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

1Co 12:19 If all were a single member, where would the body be?

1Co 12:20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

1Co 12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

1Co 12:22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,

1Co 12:23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,

1Co 12:24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,

1Co 12:25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

1Co 12:26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

[Now he talks about the individual believer]

1Co 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1Co 12:28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

[Various jobs that need to be done within the church; which is your calling?]

1Co 12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

1Co 12:30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

1Co 12:31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

[The more excellent way- operate from love- sacrifice ego at the foot of the cross]

1Co 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1Co 13:2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1Co 13:3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1Co 13:4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

1Co 13:5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

1Co 13:6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1Co 13:7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1Co 13:8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

1Co 13:10 but when the perfect comes, [the Return of the king] the partial will pass away.

1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, [came to Christ] I gave up childish ways. [selfishness]

1Co 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

1Co 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1Co 14:1 Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. [foretelling, but more often- forthtelling. Delivering the Word of God]

1Co 14:2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

1Co 14:3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their up building and encouragement and consolation.

1Co 14:4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.

1Co 14:5 Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

1Co 14:6 Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I

bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching?

1Co 14:7 If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played?

1Co 14:8 And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle?

1Co 14:9 So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air.

1Co 14:10 There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning,

1Co 14:11 but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me.

1Co 14:12 So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

1Co 14:13 Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret.

1Co 14:14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.

1Co 14:15 What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

1Co 14:16 Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying?

1Co 14:17 For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up.

1Co 14:18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

1Co 14:19 Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

1Co 14:20 Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

1Co 14:21 In the Law it is written, "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord." [Isa 28:11]

1Co 14:22 Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers.

1Co 14:23 If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds?

1Co 14:24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all,

1Co 14:25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

1Co 14:26 What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

1Co 14:27 If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret.

1Co 14:28 But if there is no one to interpret, let each of them keep silent in church and speak to himself and to God.

1Co 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said.

1Co 14:30 If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent.

[Don't hog the floor]

1Co 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged,

1Co 14:32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. [you choose, or not, to manifest]

1Co 14:33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

1Co 14:34 the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says.

1Co 14:35 If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

1Co 14:36 Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached?

1Co 14:37 If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord.

1Co 14:38 If anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

1Co 14:39 So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

1Co 14:40 But all things should be done decently and in order.

1Co 15:1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,

1Co 15:2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

1Co 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died** for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

1Co 15:4 that **he was buried**, that **he was raised on the third day** in accordance with the Scriptures,

1Co 15:5 **and that he appeared** [resurrected] to Cephas, then to the twelve.

1Co 15:6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, [witness's to the truth of Paul's teaching] though some have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

1Co 15:8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. [Acts 9:>]

1Co 15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is

with me.

1Co 15:11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

[No resurrection of the dead? A heresy that was creeping into the church]

1Co 15:12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1Co 15:13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

1Co 15:14 And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.

1Co 15:15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

1Co 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.

1Co 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

1Co 15:18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.

1Co 15:19 If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1Co 15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [the Rapture- 1 Ths 4:14>:18]

1Co 15:24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [Rev 19:>]

1Co 15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [Psa 110:1]

1Co 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

[Isa_25:8; Hos_13:14; Luk_20:36; 2Ti_1:10; Heb_2:14; Rev_20:14, Rev_21:4]

1Co 15:27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." [Psa 8:6] But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him.

1Co 15:28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

1Co 15:29 Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf? [another pagan ritual]

1Co 15:30 Why are we in danger every hour?

2Co 11:24 Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one.

2Co 11:25 Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea;

2Co 11:26 on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers;

2Co 11:27 in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

2Co 11:28 And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches.

1Co 15:31 I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!

1Co 15:32 What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." [This was the motto of the Epicureans.]

1Co 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

[This line of poetry (iambic) occurs in Menander. It may be a current proverb.]

1Co 15:34 Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

1Co 15:35 But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

1Co 15:36 You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

1Co 15:37 And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

1Co 15:38 But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

1Co 15:39 For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

1Co 15:40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.

1Co 15:41 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.

1Co 15:42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

1Co 15:43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.

1Co 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

1Co 15:45 Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; [Gen 2:7] the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

1Co 15:46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.

1Co 15:47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

1Co 15:48 As was the man of dust, [Adam] so also are those who are of the dust, [Earth dwellers] and as is the man of heaven, [Jesus] so also are those who are of heaven. [Church]

1Co 15:49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Php 3:20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus

Christ,

Php 3:21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

1Co 15:50 I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

1Co 15:51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. [the Rapture]

1Co 15:53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." [Isa 25:8]

1Co 15:55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" [Hos 13:14]

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

1Co 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

1Co 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do.

1Co 16:2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

1Co 16:3 And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem.

Act 4:32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.

[Socialism didn't work out so well for the church at Jerusalem. They were shunned and persecuted by the Jews and wound up without means of self-support.]

1Co 16:4 If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me.

1Co 16:5 I will visit you after passing through Macedonia, for I intend to pass through Macedonia,

1Co 16:6 and perhaps I will stay with you or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my journey, wherever I go.

1Co 16:7 For I do not want to see you now just in passing. I hope to spend some time with you, if the Lord permits.

1Co 16:8 But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost,

1Co 16:9 for a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

1Co 16:10 When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am.

1Co 16:11 So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers.

1Co 16:12 Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to visit you with the other brothers, but it was not at all his will to come now. He will come when he has opportunity.

1Co 16:13 Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

Mat 24:42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Php 1:27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

Col 1:11 being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;

Col 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

1Co 16:14 Let all that you do be done in love.

1Co 16:15 Now I urge you, brothers—you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints—

1Co 16:16 be subject to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer.

1Co 16:17 I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have made up for your absence,

1Co 16:18 for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people.

1Co 16:19 The churches of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord.

1Co 16:20 All the brothers send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

1Co 16:21 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.

1Co 16:22 If anyone has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!

1Co 16:23 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

1Co 16:24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.