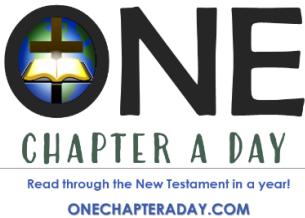


MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK:

1 Corinthians 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.”



MONDAY, APRIL 4

Read 1 Corinthians 12—Spiritual Gifts

1. What is the purpose for the Spiritual gifts? (v7). Is the gift for me to keep or to use to serve others?
 2. How does Paul view prejudice? (13) What is Paul's advice to fellow believers (v12-30)? Does it apply to those outside the body of Christ?
 3. Do you think that all of the spiritual gifts are still given to the church by the Holy Spirit?
 - **Prayer:** *Lord, thank You for blessing me with Your spiritual gifts. Allow me to actively use them to serve others.*

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

Read 1 Corinthians 13—The Way of Love

1. Paul writes that love is the *sine qua non* of spiritual gifts. Without it, we are but “clanging cymbals”. What happens if I move mountains without love?
 2. Verses 4-7 are a great description of the way love behaves. How do you measure up? How would you feel about a best friend or spouse that acted this way towards you? How do the lost feel when Christians act in this manner towards them?
 3. Love. Never. Ends. It is victorious. Think of at least three ways that the knowledge that love never ends helps your attitude as a Christian adult.
 - **Prayer:** *Lord, let me believe in the active power of love and allow You to guide me to be Your loving servant to others.*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

Read 1 Corinthians 14—Prophecy and Tongues

1. V4. When was the last time, if ever, have you heard someone prophesy? What was the message?
 2. Do you speak in tongues? Have you ever heard someone in a worship environment do so? In that case, what is also necessary? (v5, 27)
 3. In verses 34-35 Paul appears very chauvinistic. What do you think? How do these words apply to today's Christian worship?
 - **Prayer:** *Thank You, Lord, for Your many Spiritual gifts. Please use them to build up Your church, not to be the source of divisions.*

MY NOTES

My Insights / My Questions

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Read 1 Corinthians 15—The Resurrection of Christ

1. In verses 3-4 Paul gives his “creed”. Why is a creed important to believers? What are the three creeds we use at Faith Lutheran? How are they similar, how are they different?
 2. Without the truth of resurrection, our faith is _____ and we are still in our _____ and we are to be _____. Why is the resurrection of Christ so key to our salvation? Do you think there were some Jews in the Corinthian congregation who did not believe in resurrection?
 3. We confess the “resurrection of the dead.” Paul describes the process of the perishable becoming imperishable. Knowing we are victorious, our response is to do what (v58)?
 - **Prayer: Jesus, thank You for Your steadfast obedience and Your victory for me over death.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Read 1 Corinthians 16—Closing Instructions

1. Paul gives us two helpful stewardship guidelines. What are they? (v2)
 2. Paul is sending Timothy. Why? Do different pastors have different skills and talents? What are some of Timothy's characteristics (see Paul's letters to Timothy).
 3. Paul encourages us to love (v14). Is all we do done in love? Think of a couple of times this week that you did not think a loving thought, say a loving word or do a loving deed. How can we change?
 - **Prayer:** *Lord, let me live my life powered and directed by Your love.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Read 2 Corinthians 1—Greetings from Paul

1. Paul almost gave up - “despaired of live itself” (v8). What happened? What will happen in the future (v10). Does that apply to you?
 2. It seems that Paul had indicated different plans than those he carried out. Now he is open to criticism. By whom? Is a critical heart one of the fruits of the spirit? Does it show love? How do you deal with your critics?
 3. Paul turns his focus on the Spirit of God (v22). We have His “seal”. What did the old fashioned wax seal and signet ring represent?
 - **Prayer:** *Lord, thank You for placing Your seal on me. Let me ever reflect Your love, peace and patience towards all You bring into my life.*
