

1 Corinthians Chapter 16

Giving under the Grace of God

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

Pauls starts right off with giving to the local church. Giving under Grace.

Gal.1:2

2 Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

1st day of the week. Acts 20:7 The Disciples meet on the first day of the week. Not the Jewish Sabbath.

The church took up the collection on the first day of the week, because, Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week. The collection was made. Paul did not want to take up a collection when he arrived.

3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by *your* letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem.

Them will I send with letters.

Jerusalem: Anytime you see Jerusalem in the Bible or in the news pay attention.

4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

Conclusion

5 Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia.

Macedonia: Is modern day Greece today.

6 And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.

Paul's already making travel planes, and paul's planes will include spending the winter months in Macedonia.

7 For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit.

All planes, well laid, or poor in planning. All come down to "If the Lord permit".

8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

Ephesus: is in modern day Turkey. (Paul in Ephesus. Acts 18:23-19:41)

Pentecost: A solemn festival of the Jews. (50) Days after the feast of first fruits, which was held on a Sabbath day.

9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and *there are* many adversaries.

Paul's fellow workers

10 Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also *do*.

Timothy: For he does the work of the Lord, as do I.

11 Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.

12 As touching *our* brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.

13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Watch. Stand fast. Be strong.

"Quit" "Act like"

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

16 That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with *us*, and laboureth.

17 I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.

18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

Home churches have been around for thousands of years.

20 All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss.

21 The salutation of *me* Paul with mine own hand.

This is the official ending of this epistle. Paul is also letting us know that this epistle was written by his own hand. Paul's eye sight was known to poor, so many of his letters were dictated and penned by other people. Not this one.

22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

Anathema: Is a Greek word "accursed"

Maranatha: Is an Aramaic word "The Lord has come"

"Withdraw or separate from all who love not the Lord Jesus Christ".

"Accursed _ "At His coming".

Paul is saying; "Accursed at Christ's coming"

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.

Paul's salutation.

24 My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.