

WEEK 25: THROUGH the NEW TESTAMENT

Read 1 Corinthians Chapters 1 – 6

Introduction

Corinth was a Roman colony and the capital of the province of Achaia. It was located in a strategic position for travel from Israel to Greece. Ships docked at Corinth to avoid the hazards of other parts of the sea. With many travelers coming to Corinth, it became a business hub and influential, and the money came with immorality. The city had a reputation for idolatry and prostitution. During Paul's second missionary journey, he remained in Corinth for 18 months establishing the church there (Acts 18:1-18) before he returned to Antioch. He later wrote a letter to the Corinthians to address problems reported among the church at Corinth.

1. a) In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, what was the first problem that Paul addressed among the Corinthians in chapter 1?
b) How did Paul learn about those contentions issues above in the Corinthian Church?
c) List down other problems that he addressed.

2. From (1:13-17),
a) Why was Paul glad that he did not baptize many Corinthians?
b) Was Paul diminishing the importance of baptism by stating, "For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel."
3. a) What is your role in God's kingdom as a co-worker in God's service 3:9?
b) What lessons do we learn about God's assignment from Corinthians 3:6-11?
c. Corinthians 4 addresses trustworthiness.
In which areas does God call us to be good stewards?

4. How should we deal with sexual immorality, which is found even in the church today? (chapter 5)

5. How does Paul advise Christians to deal with conflicts and lawsuits (chapter 6)