

1 CORINTHIANS: CALLED OUT TOGETHER



Outline of 1 Corinthians

Chpt 1-4: Divisions over Leadership

Chpt 5: Sexual Immorality

Chpt 6: Conflict Resolution

Chpt 7: Singleness, Marriage,

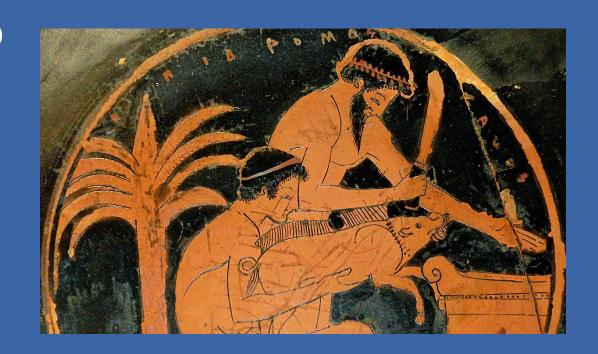
Divorce, & Remarriage

Chpt 8-10: Food Offered to Idols

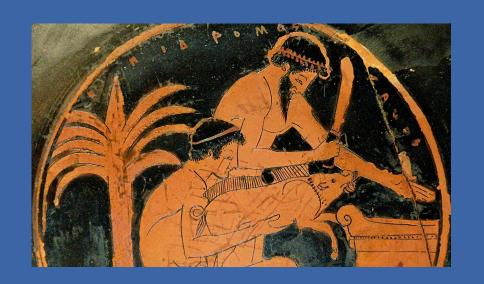
Chpt 11: Orderly Worship

Chpt 12-14: Loving Use of Spiritual Gifts

Chpt 15: Resurrection Hope







Food Offered to Idols (Chpt 8-10)

Group 1	Group 2
Strong Consciences	Weak (Uninformed) Consciences
Knew believers had freedom to eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols	Thought no believer should ever eat meat that had been sacrificed to idols



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1 Corinthians 9:19-27 (ESV)



...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. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9:19-27 (ESV)



What is Paul Motivated By?

The Gospel

I do it all for the sake of the gospel...

1 Corinthians 9:23a

Gospel = Good news of who Jesus is and what he has done for us

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24



Makes Him a Servant/Slave

For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant (slave) to all, that I might win more of them.

1 Corinthians 9:19

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve (be enslaved to) one another. Galatians 5:13





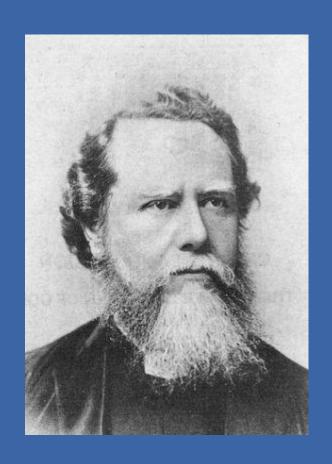
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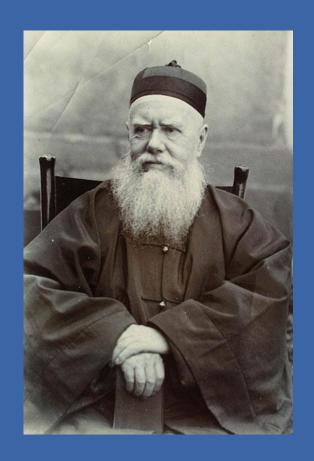
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Embrace people who are different from us locally







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1 Corinthians 19:24-27

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1 Corinthians 19:25b



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1 Corinthians 9:22b-23

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Motivated by the Main Thing 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

What is Paul motivated by?
The Gospel

How does the Gospel change Paul?

It frees him to be a servant/slave to all

It makes him like an athlete in training

