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Lamplighters Women's Bible Study

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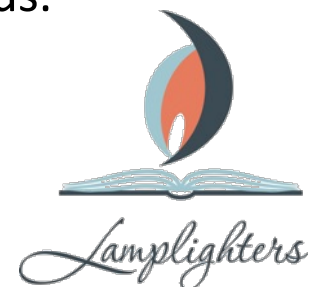


Paul's 2nd missionary journey



Timeline of Events

1. Paul founded church on his 2nd missionary journey, ~50 A.D.
2. Went to Ephesus
3. Wrote a letter—lost to us. “Corinthians A”; sexual immorality +?
4. Letter arrived from Corinth with questions re marriage, divorce, participation in pagan religions, resurrection +
5. Received oral report from Chloe’s people
- ★ Paul wrote letter back to correct theological confusion—1st Corinthians
7. Sent Timothy to the church in Corinth
8. Made a “hasty visit” to Corinth; church in open rebellion
9. Returned to Ephesus and sent Titus back with a “tearful and severe” letter of warning—lost to us. “Corinthians B”
10. Paul went to Macedonia where he received good news from Titus.
11. Paul wrote 2 Corinthians in response.
12. Visited Corinth on way to Jerusalem with offering.



The Greeting—1 Cor. 1:1-9

1. The Salutation—vs. 1-3
 - a. From
 - b. To
 - c. Salutation proper
2. The Thanksgiving—vs. 4-9
 - a. God's grace
 - b. Christ's return
 - c. God's faithfulness



Our Identity in Christ, or Characteristics of True Disciples

- **Called** by Christ, by the will of God
- **Set apart**, sanctified to be holy, like Christ
- **Part** of a greater whole, the body of Christ
- **Grace** and **peace** from Christ and the Father
- **Grateful** for God's grace in Christ
- **Enriched** by God's grace
- **Gifted** by Christ and for Christ
- **Eagerly expecting** Christ to return
- **Dependent** on God's faithfulness



1 Corinthians

1. Introduction and greeting—1 Cor. 1:1-9
2. Response to reports of sin in the church—1 Cor. 1:10-6:20

Reproof

- a. Divisions in the church
 - b. Discipline in the church
 - c. Disputes in the courts
 - d. Defilement in the world
3. Reply to their questions—1 Cor. 7:1-16:12

Instruction

- a. Marriage
 - b. Food offered to idols
 - c. Church ordinances
 - d. Spiritual gifts
 - e. The resurrection
 - f. The offering
4. Conclusion—1 Cor. 16:13-24



The Philosopher Pogo



The Problem

1. House churches, geography
2. Greek philosophical worldview, wisdom
3. Personality “cults”

The Solution

1. Is Christ divided?
2. Was Paul crucified for you?
3. Were you baptized in the name of Paul?



Am I following the leader or The Lord?

