

1Corinthians 1.

Read the chapter. *Sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints... for the grace of God which is given you...you are enriched by Him, in all utterance, and all knowledge;..* Did you know that the Bible belongs to the blood-bought saints? For whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.* God's wisdom cannot be understood by the world so God sends out preachers.

1Corinthians 2.

Read the chapter. Paul tells us how inadequate he feels preaching about God's wisdom (Christ crucified) but because he comes in POWER of the HOLY SPIRIT, signifying that Jesus Christ is ALIVE, he tells us that we cannot know Him unless we receive Him (the Word) in the Spirit (born-again by accepting Jesus into our hearts). Man's soul is dead until he receives His Saviour. You've heard the statement *Dead Men Walking!* Loving Christians all over the world search for the salvation of souls because they do not want any to perish and be eternally in hell. Loving Christians are witnesses to their own resurrected life (well, until we are changed in a twinkling of an eye).

1Corinthians 3.

Read the chapter. The church in Corinth had a lot of problems: spiritual immaturity, human weakness, carnal mind, strife in the church, etc. For us now we need to know that it is God that builds our *house* (us), but He can do it ONLY as we read His WORD; line upon line, precept upon precept.

1Corinthians 4.

Read the chapter. It is so hard for Paul right here because although he is telling us that ministers have to be accountable to each other, he realizes that his suffering in giving the gospel is such that the world is making Paul and the disciples as spectacles; he sees himself as *For I think that God has set forth us the apostles last...* In the next pages you will see that Jesus had to come to him many times to encourage him to preach the gospel with signs and wonders done by the Lord. On the mission field as Paul says *we hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling place; and labour, working with our own hands; being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it: being defamed, we intreat; we are made as the filth of the world and are the offscouring of all things unto this day...as my beloved sons I warn you.*

I know that most that want to be missionaries have no idea what Paul is saying is the truth. But are we not to do something EXTRAVAGANT for Jesus. Are we to sit in denominational pews and let the whole world go to hell in a hand basket?

Paul says that *my ways are in Christ* and he sent Timothy to tell the Corinthians about Paul's ways which are in Christ, to confirm what Paul had already told them that it is in

power that the Kingdom of God is brought to them.

1 Corinthians 5.

Read the chapter. Shacking up. It is so serious in the CHURCH that we are to deliver such to satan for the destruction of the flesh that the spirit may be saved. Today, many are shacked up (fornicating) because of revenue benefits. That LOVE OF MONEY instead of obedience to the Lord is sin. Many thinks she can get away with it, just like Princess Diana thought she could flaunt her immorality. Very suddenly they are no longer here. God will put up with it just so long and then SUDDENLY, an earthquake, a tsunami, a disaster like cancer, hits. God cannot protect anyone unless they repent of their sin and change their wicked ways. Grace says that we are to sin no more and if we do we have an advocate, a lawyer, who stands in front of His Father and My Father and fights the legal battle, that is, that His blood was shed for my sins and that I AM FORGIVEN. We are not to keep company with fornicators, covetous, railers, extortioners, idolaters, drunkards, or to eat with such that say they are Christians but do that...but we are to warn them so that "their blood is not required of us."

1 Corinthians 6.

Read the chapter. I know so many that sue each other instead of taking a loss. When a brother decides to be a *doer* he must be prepared to take great loses, even sometimes *everything*. The Lord says not to sue a brother; it means so much to Him. Also He says *Flee fornication*. The unrighteous go to hell as do idolators, adulterers, the effeminate men, the abusers of themselves with mankind. In Jesus you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. You are bought with a price and O such a price: Jesus beaten, scourged, hung on a cross, died on it, and then going to hell instead of you...; Oh what blood! Precious.

1 Corinthians 7.

Read the chapter. What a wonderful Word! If all the married ones would obey this Word there would be no marriage problems. This is a chapter on divorce also. When you are married to an unbelieving spouse, you sanctify your spouse. Should your spouse, NOT YOU, decide to leave, you are free to remarry, BUT ONLY IN THE LORD. You notice that once circumcision was a sign, now since you have been *born-again* of the Holy Spirit, flesh is of no consequence. It is nothing. The saved soul is everything.

1 Corinthians 8.

Read the chapter. There are no other gods or lords except the one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things and we by Him. Yet, lack of knowledge of this truth could wound a weak conscience and you could offend a brother. Be careful! Jesus said , and I am using every day language, *Go put a rope around a washing machine and attach the same rope to your neck, then go to the nearest tall bridge and throw the machine over with you*

attached. Millstone. Discerning the body (you and I) is why we have Communion. We discern who belongs in the body of Christ (He is the Head, the Captain) and we cannot hurt anyone that is in the body. Sometimes you will notice remarks directed of judgment to a weak brother, this just bounces off and goes right back on the offender; sickness, disease, etc. Attaches itself because they do not discern the body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 9.

Read the chapter. Paul, an apostle, yes, an apostle, chosen of God, by Jesus, suffering so that he does not offend, *for it were better for me to die...* yet, he wanted the Corinthians to give him material support just like tithing of Abraham to the Prince of Salem. He told them that preachers give them spiritual food, they ought to give the preachers financial support. How blessed that is. *Do not muzzle the ox...Ezekiel in Chapter One knew who the servants of the Lord were: the ox-face, the servant.* In my personal mission work, we find that many say *Why don't you come back to such and such place? We really need you here.* Unfortunately, such and such a place will not open their support for the preacher and for some reason so-called Christians think that preachers need no money to live. We know that there are literally thousands if not millions of preachers, apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, and pastors that are starving to death because the people that they were sent to will not support them financially. So, why don't we come back. We cannot afford it. You who say, *we need you* need to do some paying, some digging into your savings, without books, or tapes, or gimmicks to pacify you. Millions are going to hell because God's people are still building their own kingdom on this earth; no thought for the millions that are sliding into hell.

From the beginning of God dealing with his creation, grain, wine and oil were offerings, always together for blessing and Communion. Grain is bread, wine represents the blood of Jesus, and oil is the Holy Spirit. You, poor? GIVE. Just give; it releases the wind of the Holy Spirit! Ask God who you are to be in partnership with; He will direct you and you NEVER have to be without bread, wine or oil.

1 Corinthians 10.

Read the chapter. Whether in the Old Testament or the New Testament *You cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: you cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.* God hates idols (devilry), even worshipping Mary, Peter, Christopher, Joseph, or whatever name you for departed saints; it is an abomination; ask God to forgive you. He will.

1 Corinthians 11. Read the chapter. Paul exhorts the Corinthians that Jesus is the Head of the man. Man is the head of the woman. Why? Because man was created by God and he is the image and glory of God but the woman is the glory of man (out of his Prime Rib). If you could just get this revelation, your position in God would be

perfectly clear. There would be no fight as to what the role of the man or woman should be in a household.

Paul wants us to honor Jesus at Communion time so he differentiates between socializing and eating AND taking Communion. When someone says, *Come for dinner* that's exactly what it means. But when we say *Come for communion*; eat at home.

1 Corinthians 12.

Read the chapter. The diversities of gifts, the differences of administrations and the diversities of operations are all from our Lord. These are given to the body of Christ, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free (even those in jail that have become Christians). God has set first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues within His Church TODAY. These are to operate in fellowship of the body of Christ. I know that churches today have no place for these things because of fear but we absolutely must give room to these gifts in order for the End Time ministry to survive.

1 Corinthians 13. Read the chapter. Jesus is PERFECT LOVE! He said to love God and to love your neighbour as yourself. Jesus is indeed Perfect Love! In Him you are able to receive the Holy Spirit to help you love God and your neighbour as yourself. You see, this chapter describes Jesus and Jesus wants you to be like Him! When Jesus comes to rule as King, and we see Him, no more glass darkly!

1 Corinthians 14. Read the chapter. All gifts like prophesying, tongues, etc., are GIFTS. When I spoke to a man once about being baptized in the Holy Ghost, he gave me this scripture *that we are mad*. I said to him *Did you notice that the whole church spoke in tongues and the UNBELIEVER THINKS that we are mad*. Paul said he spoke in tongues more than anyone. Tongues is TO God; tongues and interpretation, speaking or singing, is TO believers and unbelievers.

1 Corinthians 15. Read the chapter. I told you God is consistent. Man has made himself many religions but God has only ONE plan--Jesus. In Him you are saved, healed, delivered and resurrected as Jesus was, to be with God FOREVER. Resurrection is from God, yet many do not believe that there is a resurrection from the dead! When Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Lord and King was resurrected, He also went into Paradise and took with Himself to heaven, those from Adam and Eve to the time of His Cross; they were resurrected to be with Him forever in Heaven. We that are living now shall also be resurrected to meet those that are dead IN CHRIST and their graves shall be open: *Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when*

this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory...The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

THANK YOU JESUS, you gave us the victory; the law went on the cross and written on our hearts and soon, so soon, dead will be over and done with!

1 Corinthians 16. Read the chapter. Two things I especially want you to see are: the love and care of each other (verse 15...**that they be addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints**) which Paul instructs, and the second is that giving of tithes and offerings of the Corinthian church be done on a Sunday, the first day of the week.