

1 Corinthians

A. 1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of **Jesus Christ** through the will of **God**, and Sosthenes our brother, 2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called** to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of **Jesus Christ our Lord**, both theirs and ours: 3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from **the Lord Jesus Christ**.

B. 4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is **given** you by Jesus Christ; 5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; 6 Even as the testimony of Christ was **confirmed** in you:

B'. 7 So that ye come behind in no **gift**; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 Who shall also **confirm** you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A'. 9 **God** is faithful, **by whom ye were called** unto the fellowship of his Son **Jesus Christ our Lord**.

A. 10 Now I beseech you, **brethren**, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the **same** thing,

B. and that there be no **divisions** among you;

A'. but that ye be perfectly joined together in the **same** mind and in the **same** judgment.

B'. 11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are **contentions** among you.

A. 12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of **Paul**; and I of **Apollos**; and I of Cephas; and I of **Christ**.

B. a. 13 Is **Christ** divided?

b. was Paul crucified for you?

c. **or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?**

A. 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius; 15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. 16 And I baptized also

the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

A 17

- a For Christ did not send me to baptize*
- b but to preach the gospel*
- c not with wise words*
- d lest it be emptied of its power, the cross of Christ*

B

- a 18 For the word of the cross, to those being destroyed, is folly*
- b but to us who are being saved*
- b' it is the power of God*
- a' 19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise men"*
(and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart)

C

- a 20 Where is the wise man*
- b Where is the scribe*
- b' Where is the scholar of this age*
- a' Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world*

D

- a 21 For since in the wisdom of God*
- b The world did not know God through wisdom*

E

- a It pleased God through the folly of the kerygma*
- b To save those who believe*

F

- a 22 Since Jews demand signs*
- b And Greeks seek wisdom*

G

- a 23 **But we preach***
- b Christ crucified***

F'

- a A stumbling block to Jews*
- b And folly to gentiles*

E'

a 24 But to those who are called b. (both Jews and Greeks)

b Christ the power of God and wisdom of God

D'

a 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than men

b And the weakness of God is stronger than men

26 (for consider your call brethren)

C'

a For there are not many wise men according to the flesh

b Not many powerful

b' Not many of noble birth

a' 27 Yet, the foolishness of the world, God chose to shame the wise men

a. 28 (What is weak in the world, God chose to shame the strong)

b. (what is low born and despised in the world, God chose even the things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are)

B'

a 29 So that all flesh might not boast in the presence of God

b 30 From him you are in Christ Jesus

b' Who became wisdom for us from God. f. (which is righteousness, sanctification and redemption)

a' 31 Therefore it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast in the Lord".

A'

a. 2:1 And I came to you (brethren I came)

b Not in lofty words (or wisdom)

c Proclaiming to you the testimony of God

d 2:2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus

Christ and him Crucified.

A. 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with **wisdom** of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. 18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. 19 **For it is written**, I will destroy the **wisdom** of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

B. 20 Where is the **wise**? where is the scribe? where is the disputer **of this world**? hath not **God made foolish the wisdom of this world**?

C. 21 For after that in **the wisdom of God** the world by **wisdom** knew not God, it pleased **God** by the **foolishness** of preaching to save them that believe.

D. 22 For the **Jews** require a sign, and the **Greeks** seek after **wisdom**:

E. 23 But we preach Christ crucified,

D'. unto the **Jews** a stumblingblock, and unto the **Greeks** foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both **Jews** and **Greeks**, Christ the power of God, and the **wisdom** of God.

C'. 25 Because **the foolishness of God** is **wiser** than men; and the weakness **of God** is stronger than men.

B. 26 For ye see your calling, **brethren**, how that not many **wise** men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

27 But **God** hath chosen **the foolish things of the world** to confound **the wise**;

and **God** hath chosen the weak things **of the world** to confound the things which are mighty;

28 And base things **of the world**, and things which are despised, hath **God** chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

A'. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us **wisdom** and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according **as it is written**, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

A. 2:1 **And I, brethren**, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus **Christ**, and him crucified.

B. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of **man's wisdom**, but in demonstration of the **Spirit** and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the **wisdom of men**, but in the power of **God**.

C. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet **not** the wisdom **of this world**, nor of the princes **of this world**, that come to nought:

D. 7 But we speak the wisdom of **God** in a **mystery**, even the hidden wisdom, which **God** ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world **knew**: for had they **known** it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

E. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

D'.10 But **God** hath **revealed** them unto us by his Spirit:for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man **knoweth** the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of **God** **knoweth** no man, but the Spirit of God.

C. 12 Now we have received, **not** the spirit **of the world**, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

B.13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which **man's wisdom** teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

A'. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of **Christ**.

A. a. 3:1 **And I, brethren, could not speak** unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto **carnal**, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

b. 3 For ye are yet **carnal**: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

c. 4 **For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos;** are ye not **carnal**?

5 Who then is **Paul**, and who is **Apollos**, but **ministers** by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

B. *[the metaphor of farming]*

a. i. 6 **I have planted,**
ii. **Apollos watered;**
iii. but **God gave the increase.**

b. i. 7 So then neither is **he that planteth** any thing,
ii. neither **he that watereth;**
iii. but **God that giveth the increase.**

c. i. 8 Now **he that planteth**

ii. 4. and **he that watereth** are one:

iii. and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. 9
For we are labourers together **with God:**

C. ye are God's **husbandry,**

C'. ye are God's **building.**

B'. *[the building metaphor]*

a. i. 10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, **I have laid the foundation,**

ii. and another **buildeth thereon.**

ii'. But let every man take heed how he **buildeth thereupon.**

i'. 11 For **other foundation can no man lay than that is laid,** which is Jesus Christ.

b.i. 12 Now **if any man build upon** this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 **Every man's work** shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it,

ii. because it shall be revealed **by fire;**

ii'. and **the fire** shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

i'. 14 **If any man's work** abide which **he hath built thereupon,** he shall receive a reward. 15 **If any man's work** shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

c. i.16 Know ye not that **ye are** the temple of God,

ii. and that the Spirit **of God** dwelleth in you?

iii. 17 ***If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy;***

ii'. for the temple **of God** is holy,

i'. which *temple ye are*.

A'

a.i. 18 Let no **man** deceive himself. If any **man** among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

ii. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

ii'. 20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

i'.. 21 Therefore let no man glory in **men**.

b. For all things are yours; 22 Whether **Paul, or Apollos**, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; 23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

c. 4:1 Let a man **so account of us**, as of the **ministers** of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

A. 2 Moreover it is required in **stewards**, that a man be found **faithful**. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be **judged** of you, or of man's **judgment**:

B. yea, **I judge not mine own self**.

C. 4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified:

B'. but **he that judgeth me** is the Lord.

A'. 5 Therefore **judge** nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

A. 6 And these things, **brethren**, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to **Apollos** for your sakes; that ye might **learn in us** not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you **be puffed up** for one against another.

B. 7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that **thou didst not receive?**

B'. now **if thou didst receive it**, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst **not received it?**

A'. 8 Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings **without us:** and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. 9 For I think that God hath set forth **us the apostles last**, as it were appointed to death: for **we are made a spectacle** unto the world, and to angels, and to men.

A. 10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honourable, but we are despised.11 **Even unto this present hour** we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwellingplace; 12And labour, working with our own hands:

B. **being** reviled, **we** bless;

C. being persecuted, we suffer it:

B'. 13 **Being** defamed, **we** intreat:

A'. we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things **unto this day.**

A. *The purpose of this letter*

a. 14 I **write not these things** to shame you, but **as my beloved sons** I warn you.

b. 15 For though ye have ten thousand **instructors** in Christ,

c. yet have ye not many **fathers:**

c'. for in Christ Jesus **I have begotten you** through the gospel.

b'. 16 Wherefore I beseech you, **be ye followers of me.**

a'. 17 For this cause have I sent unto you **Timotheus, who is my beloved son**, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

B. Pride is preventing them dealing with the problem of immorality

a. 4:18 Now **some are puffed up**,

b. as though **I would not come to you. 19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will,**

c. 4:19 and will know, not the **speech** of them which are puffed up, but the **power.**

c'. 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in **word**, but in **power.**

b'. 4:21 What will ye? **shall I come unto you** with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?

a'. 5:1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. 2

And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

C. The judgment that should be made by the ecclesia

a. 3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present **in spirit**, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning **him that hath so done this deed**,

b. 4 In the name of **our Lord Jesus Christ**,

c. when ye are gathered together, and my **spirit**,

b'. with the power of **our Lord Jesus Christ**,

a'. 5 To deliver **such an one** unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that **the spirit** may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

B'. *The problem must be dealt with otherwise it will spread*

a. 6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little **leaven** leaveneth the whole lump?

b. 7 Purge out therefore the **old leaven**, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened.

c. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

b'. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with **old leaven**,

a'. neither with the **leaven** of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

A'. *The purpose of this letter*

a. 9 **I wrote unto you** in an epistle **not to company with fornicators:**

b. 10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators **of this world**, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

c. 11 **But now I have written unto you** not to keep company, **if any man that is called a brother** be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

b'. 12 For what have I to do to judge **them also that are without**? do not ye judge them that are within? 13 But **them that are without** God judgeth.

a'. Therefore **put away from among you that wicked person.**

A. 6:1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, **go to law before the unjust**, and **not before the saints**?

B.

i. 2 Do ye not know that the saints **shall judge the world**?

ii. and if **the world shall be judged** by you,

iii. **are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?**

ii'. 3 Know ye not that **we shall judge angels?**

i'. how much more **things that pertain to this life?**

B'.

i. 4 If then ye have **judgments** of things pertaining to this life,

ii. set them to **judge** who are **least esteemed** in the church.

iii. 5 I speak to your shame.

ii'. Is it so, that there is **not a wise man** among you?

i. no, not one that shall be able **to judge** between his brethren?

A'. 6 **But brother goeth to law with brother,** and that **before the unbelievers.** 7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because **ye go to law one with another.** Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? 8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.

A. 9 **Know ye not** that the unrighteous **shall not inherit the kingdom of God?**

B. 9 Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

C. 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

B'. 6:12 *All things are lawful unto me,* but all things are not expedient: *all things are lawful for me,* but I will not be brought under the power of any.

A'. 13. *Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats:* 13 **but God shall destroy both it and them.**

A. Now **the body** is not for **fornication** but for the Lord; and the Lord for **the body.**

14 **And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power.**

B. 15 **Know ye not that your bodies** are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.

C. 16 What? **know ye not** that he which is **joined to** an harlot is **one body**?

D. for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

C'. 17 But he that is **joined unto** the Lord is **one** spirit.

A'. 18 Flee **fornication**. Every sin that a man doeth is without **the body**; but he that committeth **fornication** sinneth against his **own body**.

B'. 19 What? **know ye not that your body** is the temple of the Holy [Spirit] which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: 20 therefore glorify God in **your body**, and in your spirit, which are God's.

7:1 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me:

Concerning marriage

A. **It is good** for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, **let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.**

B. 3 Let the husband **render** unto the wife **due benevolence**: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

C. 4 The **wife** hath not power of her own body, but the **husband**:

C'. and likewise also the **husband** hath not power of his own body, but the **wife**.

B'. 5 **Defraud ye not one the other**, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

A'. 6 But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment. 7 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. 8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, **It is good** for them if they abide even as I. 9 But if they cannot contain, **let them marry**: for it is better **to marry** than to burn.

Concerning marital separation

A.10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the **wife depart from her husband**: 11 But and if she **depart**, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her **husband**: and let not the **husband put away his wife**.

B.12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord:

a. If any brother hath **a wife that believeth not**, and **she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away**.

b.13 And the woman which hath **an husband that believeth not**, and if he **be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him**.

b'.14 For **the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife**,

a'. and **the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband**: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

A'. 15 But if the unbelieving **depart**, let him **depart**. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. 16 For what knowest thou, O **wife**, whether thou shalt save thy **husband?** or how knowest thou, O **man**, whether thou shalt save thy **wife?**

Concerning personal circumstances at baptism

A. 17 But as **God** hath distributed **to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk**. And so ordain I in all churches.

B. 18 **Is any man called** being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. **Is any called** in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God.

C. 20 Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.

B'. 21 **Art thou called** being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. 22 For **he that is called** in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also **he that is called**, being free, is Christ's servant. 23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

A'. 24 **Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.**

Concerning virgins

A. 25 Now concerning **virgins** I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. 26 I suppose therefore that **this is good for the present distress**, I say, that **it is good for a man so to be**. 27 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. 28 But and if thou **marry**, thou hast not sinned; and if a **virgin marry**, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.

B. 29 **But this I say**, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; 30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; 31 And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

C. 32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is **unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord**, how he may please **the Lord**: 33 But he **that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please** his wife.

C'. 34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The **unmarried** woman **careth for the things of the Lord**, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she **that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please** her husband.

B'. 35 **And this I speak** for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

A'. 36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his **virgin**, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them **marry**. 37 Nevertheless he that standeth

stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, **doeth well**. 38 So then he that giveth her in **marriage** doeth well; but he that giveth her not in **marriage** doeth **better**.

Concerning wives.

A. 39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth;

B. but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will;

C. **only in the Lord**.

B'. 40 But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment:

A'. and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

Concerning meats offered to idols

8:1 Now as touching things **offered unto idols**,

A. *knowledge*

a. we know that we all have **knowledge**.

b. **Knowledge** puffeth up,

c, but **charity** edifieth.

a'. 2 And if any man think that he **knoweth** any thing,

b'. he **knoweth** nothing yet as he ought to know.

c'. 3 But if any man **love** God, the same is known of him.

B. 4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto **idols**, **we know that an idol is nothing in the world**,

C. and that there is none other **God but one**. B.5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

C'. 6 But to us there is **but 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.

B. 7 Howbeit there is not in every man **that knowledge**: for some with conscience of **the idol** unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an **idol**; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

A'. *knowledge*

a. 8 But **meat** commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

b. 9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours **become a stumblingblock** to them that are **weak**.

c. 10 For if any man see **thee which hast knowledge** sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of **him which is weak** be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

c'. 11 And through **thy knowledge** shall **the weak brother** perish, for whom Christ died?

b'. 12 But when **ye sin so against the brethren**, and wound their **weak** conscience, ye sin against Christ.

a'.13 Wherefore, if **meat** make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

Concerning Paul's apostleship

A. *Paul is a true apostle*

9:1 Am I not an apostle? **am I not free**? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? 2 If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord.

B. *He has a right to expect material support*

3 Mine answer to them that do examine me is this,

a.4 **Have we not power** to eat and to drink?

b. 5 **Have we not power** to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?

c. 6 Or I only and Barnabas, **have not we power** to forbear working?

a. 7 **Who** goeth a warfare any time at his own charges?

b. **who** planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof?

c. or **who** feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?

a. 8 **Say** I these things as a man? or **saith** not the law the same also?

b. 9 For it is **written** in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn.

a'. Doth God take care for oxen? 10 Or **saith** he it altogether for our sakes?

b'. For our sakes, no doubt, this is **written**: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth **in** hope should be partaker of his hope.

B'. *But Paul has declined that prerogative to avoid misunderstandings*

a. 11 If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? 12 If others be partakers of **this power** over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used **this power**; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the **gospel** of Christ.

b. 13 Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? 14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which **preach the gospel** should live of the gospel.

b'. 15 But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void.

a'. 16 For though **I preach the gospel**, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if **I preach** not the **gospel**! 17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the **gospel** is committed unto me. 18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when **I preach the gospel**, I may make the **gospel** of Christ without charge, that I abuse not **my power** in **the gospel**.

A'. *Paul's strategy as an apostle - to save others and to be self disciplined*

i. 19 For though **I be free** from all men,
ii. yet have I made myself servant unto all,
iii. **that I might gain** the more.

i. 20 And unto the **Jews**
ii. I became as a **Jew**,
iii. **that I might gain** the **Jews**;

- i. 21 to them that are **under the law**,
- ii. as **under the law**,
- iii. **that I might gain** them that are **under the law**;

- i. 21 To them that are **without law**,
- ii. as **without law**, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,)
- iii. **that I might gain** them that are **without law**.

- i. 22 To the **weak**
- ii. became I as **weak**,
- iii. **that I might gain** the **weak**:

- i. I am made **all** things
- ii. to **all** men,
- iii. **that I might** by **all** means save some.

23 And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.

- a. 24 Know ye not that they which **run** in a race **run** all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
- b. 25 And every man that **striveth** for the mastery is temperate in all things.
- c. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

- a'. 26 I therefore so **run**, not as uncertainly;
- b'. so **fight** I, not as one that beateth the air:
- c'.27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Corinthians need to learn the lessons of Israel

A.10:1 Moreover, **brethren**, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

B. 5 But with many of them **God** was not well pleased: for **they were overthrown** in the wilderness.

C. 6 **Now these things were our examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

D. i. 7 **Neither** be ye idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

ii. 8 **Neither** let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

iii. 9 **Neither** let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

iv. 10 **Neither** murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

C'.11 **Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples**: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

B'. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed **lest he fall**.

A'. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but **God** *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Concerning feasting in the pagan temples

A. 14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

B. 15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. 16 **The cup of blessing** which we bless, is it not the **communion** of the blood of Christ? **The bread which we break**, is it not the **communion** of the body of Christ? 17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all **partakers** of that one bread. 18 Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices **partakers** of the altar?

C. 19 What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?

B. 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should **have fellowship** with

devils. 21 Ye cannot drink **the cup of the Lord**, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be **partakers of the Lord's table**, and of the table of devils.

A'. 22 Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

Concerning eating meats outside the temples

A. 23 *All things are lawful for me*, but all things are not expedient: *all things are lawful for me*, but all things edify not. 24 **Let no man seek his own**, but every man another's wealth.

B. 25 Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, that eat, asking no question for **conscience** sake: 26 **For the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof**. 27 If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question **for conscience sake**.

D'. 28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and **for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof**: 29 **Conscience**, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's **conscience?**

A'. 30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? (31) Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. (32) Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God: (33) Even as I please all men in all things, **not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many**, that they may be saved. 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Concerning ecclesial meetings

11:2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and **keep the ordinances**, as I delivered them to you.

head coverings

A. 3 But **I would have you know**, that the head of every **man** is Christ; and the head of the **woman** is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

B. 4 Every **man** praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

5 But every **woman** that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

C. 6 For if the **woman** be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a **woman** to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

D. 7 For a **man** indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the **woman** is the glory of the **man**.

E. 8 For the **man** is not of the **woman**; but the **woman** of the **man**.

F. 9 Neither was the **man** created for the **woman**; but the **woman** for the **man**.

*G. 10 For this cause ought the **woman** to have power (authority) on her head because of the angels.*

F'. 11 Nevertheless neither is the **man** without the **woman**, neither the **woman** without the **man**, in the Lord.

E'.12 For as the **woman** is of the **man**, even so is **man** also by the **woman**;

D'. but all things of **God**.

C'. 13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a **woman** pray unto God uncovered?

B'. 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a **man** have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a **woman** have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

A'. 15 But if any man seem to be **contentious**, we have no such custom (synetheia), neither the churches of God.

Concerning the ecclesial breaking of bread

A.17 Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that **ye come together** not for the better, but for the worse.18 For first of all, **when ye come together** in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.19 For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. 20 **When ye come together** therefore into one place, this is not **to eat** the Lord's supper. 21 For in eating **every one** taketh before other his own supper: and **one** is **hungry**, and **another** is drunken. 22 What? **have ye not houses to eat and to drink in?** or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not?

B. **What shall I say to you?** shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

C. 23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took **bread**: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, **eat**: this is **my body**, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took **the cup**, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in **my blood**: this do ye, as oft as ye **drink** it, in remembrance of me.

D. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

C'. 27 Wherefore whosoever shall **eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord**, unworthily, shall be guilty of **the body and blood of the Lord**. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him **eat of that bread, and drink of that cup**. For he that **eateth and drinketh** unworthily, **eateth and drinketh** damnation to himself, not discerning **the Lord's body**.

B'. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For **if we would judge ourselves**, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

A'. 33 Wherefore, my **brethren**, **when ye come together to eat**, tarry **one for another**. 34 And if any man **hunger, let him eat at home**; that **ye come not together** unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Concerning Spirit gifts

12:1 Now concerning **spiritual gifts**, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 2 Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. 3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit.

B. One Spirit, many aspects

4 Now there are diversities of **gifts**, but the same **Spirit**. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. 7 But the manifestation of **the Spirit** is given **to every man** to profit withal.

- i. 8 For to one is given **by the Spirit** the word of wisdom;
- ii. to another the word of knowledge **by the same Spirit**;
- iii. 9 To another faith **by the same Spirit**;
- iv. to another the gifts of healing **by the same Spirit**;
- v. 10 To another the working of miracles;
- vi. to another prophecy;
- vii. to another discerning of spirits;
- viii. to another divers kinds of tongues;
- ix. to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame **Spirit**, dividing **to every man** severally as he will.

C. one body, many members

a. 12 For as **the body is one**, and hath **many members**, and all the **members** of that **one body**, being many, are **one body: so also is Christ**.

b. 13 For by **one Spirit** are we **all** baptized into one body,

c. whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free;

b'. and have been **all** made to drink into **one Spirit**.

a'. 14 For the **body** is not **one member**, but **many**.

D. *the metaphor of the human body*

15 If the **foot** shall say, Because I am not the **hand**, I am not of the **body**; is it therefore not of the **body**? 16 And if the **ear** shall say, Because I am not the **eye**, I am not of the **body**; is it therefore not of the **body**? 17 If the whole **body** were an **eye**, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

E. *the spiritual application*

a. 18 But now hath God set **the members every one of them in the body**, as it hath pleased him.

b. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body?

a'. 20 But now are they **many members, yet but one body**.

D'. *the metaphor of the human body*

21 And the **eye** cannot say unto the **hand**, I have no need of thee: nor again the **head** to the **feet**, I have no need of you.

C'. *many members, one body*

22 Nay, much more those **members** of the **body**, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

23 And those **members** of the **body**, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered **the body** together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

25 That there should be no schism in **the body**; but that the **members** should have the same care one for another.

26 And whether one **member** suffer, all the **members** suffer with it; or one **member** be honoured, all the **members** rejoice with it.

27 Now ye are the **body of Christ**, and **members** in particular.

B'. *Spirit gifted roles*

28 And God hath set some in the church,

- i. first **apostles**,
- ii. secondarily **prophets**,
- iii. thirdly **teachers**,
- iv. after that **miracles**,
- v. then **gifts of healings**,
- vi. *helps*,
- vii. *governments*,
- viii. diversities of **tongues**.

- i'. 29 Are all **apostles**?
- ii'. are all **prophets**?
- iii'. are all **teachers**?
- iv'. are all workers of **miracles**?
- v'. 30 Have all **the gifts of healing**?
- vi'. do all speak with **tongues**?
- vii' *do all interpret?*

A'. 31 But covet earnestly the best **gifts**:

The better way of love

A. and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

- i. 13:1 **Though** I speak with the **tongues** of men and of angels, **and have not charity**, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
- ii. 2 And **though** I have the gift of **prophecy**, and understand all mysteries, and all **knowledge**;
- iii. and though I have all **faith**, so that I could remove mountains, **and have not charity**, I am nothing.
- iv. 3 And **though** I **bestow all my goods** to feed the poor,
- v. and **though** I give my body to be burned, **and have not charity**, it profiteth me nothing.

- B. i. 4 **Charity** suffereth long, and is kind;
- ii. **charity** envieth not;
- iii. **charity** vaunteth not itself,

- C. i. is **not** puffed up,
- ii. 5 Doth **not** behave itself unseemly,
- iii. seeketh **not** her own,
- iv. is **not** easily provoked,
- v. thinketh **no** evil;

vi. 6 Rejoiceth **not** in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

B'. i. 7 Beareth **all things**,
ii. believeth **all things**,
iii. hopeth **all things**,
iv. endureth **all things**.

A'. a. 8 **Charity never faileth**:

i. but whether there be **prophecies**, they shall **fail**;
ii. whether there be **tongues**, they shall **cease**;
iii. whether there be **knowledge**, it shall **vanish away**.

b. 9 For we **know in part**, and we prophesy **in part**. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is **in part** shall be done away.

c.11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

b'.12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I **know in part**; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

a'.13 And now **abideth** faith, hope, **charity**, these three; but the greatest of these is **charity**.

Spirit gifts in operation in the ecclesia

A. *prophecy greater than tongues*

a. 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but **rather that ye may prophesy**.

b i. 2 **For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue** speaketh **not unto men**, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

ii. 3 **But he that prophesieth** speaketh **unto men** to **edification**, and exhortation, and comfort.

b'. i. 4 He that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself;

ii. **but he that prophesieth edifieth** the ecclesia.

a'. 5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, **but rather that ye prophesied**: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

B. *because understanding the revelation is key*

a. 6 Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with **tongues**, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by **revelation**, or by **knowledge**, or by **prophesying**, or by **doctrine**?

b. 7 And even things without life giving **sound**, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the **sounds**, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? 8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain **sound**, who shall prepare himself to the battle?

c. 9 So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

b'.10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of **voices** in the world, and none of them is without signification. 11 Therefore if I know not the meaning of the **voice**, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.

a'.12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of **spiritual gifts**, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the ecclesia.

B'. *therefore an interpreter is necessary for edification*

a. 13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an *unknown tongue* pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in an *unknown tongue*, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of **the unlearned** say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? 17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not **edified**.

b. 18 I thank my God, I speak with **tongues** more than ye all: 19 Yet in the ecclesia I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an **unknown tongue**.

c. 20 **Brethren**, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. **21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.**

b'. 22 Wherefore **tongues** are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

a'.23 If therefore the whole ecclesia be come together into one place, and all speak with **tongues**, and there come in those that are **unlearned**, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one **unlearned**, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all: 25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

A'. *how to use the gift of prophecy*

a. 26 How is it then, **brethren**? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. **Let all things be done** unto edifying.

b. 27 If any man **speak in an unknown tongue**, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by three*, and *that* by course; and let one interpret.

c. 28 But if there be no interpreter, **let him keep silence in the church** and let him **speak** to himself, and to God. 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. 30 If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. 31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

d. 32 **And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.**

c'. 34 Let your women **keep silence in the churches**: for it is not permitted unto them to **speak**; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the ecclesia.

b'. 36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? 37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge

that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. 39 Wherefore, **brethren**, covet to prophesy, **and forbid not to speak with tongues.**

a'. 40 **Let all things be done** decently and in order.

Concerning the doctrine of bodily resurrection

A. 15:1 Moreover, **brethren**, I declare unto you the gospel which I **preached** unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 **By which also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory **what I preached unto you**, unless **ye have believed** in vain.

B. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all **that which I also received**, how that Christ died **for our sins** according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

C. i 5 And that **he was seen** of Cephas, then of the twelve:

ii. 6 After that, **he was seen** of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

iii. 7 After that, **he was seen** of James; then of all the apostles.

iv. 8 And last of all **he was seen** of me also, as of one born out of due time.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

A'. 10 But **by the grace of God I am what I am**: and **his grace** which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but **the grace of God** which was with me. 11 Therefore whether it were I or they, **so we preach, and so ye believed.**

A. 12 Now if **Christ** be preached that he **rose from the dead**, how say some among you that there is no **resurrection of the dead**? 13 But if there be no **resurrection of the dead**, then is **Christ** not **risen**:

B. 14 **And if Christ be not risen**, then is our preaching vain, **and your faith is also vain.**

C. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that **he raised up Christ**:

D. whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not.

C'. 16 For if the dead rise not, **then is not Christ raised:**

B'. **And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain;** ye are yet in your sins.
18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

A'. 20 But now is **Christ risen from the dead,**

A. and become the **firstfruits** of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

B. 21 For since **by man came death,**

C. by **man** came also **the resurrection of the dead.**

B'. 22 For as **in Adam all die,**

C'. even so in **Christ** shall all be **made alive.**

A'. 23 But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits;** afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

A. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to **God**, even the Father;

B. when **he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.**

C. 25 For he must reign, till **he hath put all enemies under his feet.**

D. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

C'. 27 For **he hath put all things under his feet.** But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

B'. 28 And when **all things shall be subdued unto him,**

A'. then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that **God** may be all in all.

A. 29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, **if the dead rise not** at all? why are they then baptized for the dead?

B. 30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour? 31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

B'. 32 If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me,

A'. **if the dead rise not?** let us eat and drink; for to morrow we die.

A. 33 **Be not deceived:**

B. evil communications corrupt good manners.

B'. 34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not;

A'. for **some have not the knowledge of God:** I speak this to your shame.

A. 35 But some man will say, How are **the dead raised up?** and with what **body** do they come?

B. 36 Thou fool, that which thou **sowest** is not quickened, except it die:

B'. 37 And that which thou **sowest**, thou **sowest** not that **body** that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

A'. 38 But God giveth it a **body** as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own **body**.

A. 39 All flesh is **not the same** flesh:

B. but **there is one** kind of flesh of men, **another** flesh of beasts, **another** of fishes, and **another** of birds.

C. 40 There are also **celestial** bodies, and bodies **terrestrial**:

C'. but the glory of the **celestial** is one, and the glory of the **terrestrial** is another.

B'. 41 **There is one** glory of the sun, and **another** glory of the moon,

and another glory of the stars:

A'. for one star **differeth** from another star in glory.

A. 42 So also is the resurrection of **the dead**.

It is **sown** in corruption; **it is raised** in incorruption:

It is **sown** in dishonour; **it is raised** in glory:

43 it is **sown** in weakness; **it is raised** in power:

44 It is **sown** a **natural body**; **it is raised** a **spiritual body**.

B. There is a **natural body**, and there is a **spiritual body**.

C. And so it is written,

The first man Adam was made a living soul;

the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

B'. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is **spiritual**, but that which is **natural**; and afterward that which is **spiritual**.

A'. a. 47 **The first man** is of the earth, **earthy**:

b. **the second man** is the Lord from **heaven**.

a. 48 As is the **earthy**, such are they also that are **earthy**:

b. and as is the **heavenly**, such are they also that are **heavenly**.

a. 49 And as we have borne the image of the **earthy**,

b. we shall also bear the image of the **heavenly**.

A. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood** cannot inherit the kingdom of God; **neither doth corruption inherit incorruption**.

B. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery;

We shall not all sleep,

but **we shall all be changed**,

C. 52 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,

B'. and we shall be changed.

A'. **53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption,**

and this mortal must put on immortality.

A. 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**.

B. O **death**, where is thy **sting**?
O **grave**, where is thy **victory**?

B'. 56 The **sting of death** is sin;
and the strength of sin is the law.

A'. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the **victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

A. 16:1 Now concerning the **collection** for the saints,

B. **as I have given order** to the churches of Galatia, **even so do ye**.

B'. 2 **Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him,**

A'. that there be no **gatherings** when I come.

A. 3 **And when I come**, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. 4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

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

C. 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.

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

A'. 8 But **I will tarry** at Ephesus until Pentecost. 9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

A. 10 Now if Timotheus **come**,

B. see that he may be with you without fear:

C. for he worketh the work of the Lord,

D. as I also do.

C'. 11 Let no man therefore despise him:

B'. but conduct him forth in peace,

A'. 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.

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

A. 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.

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

B'. 18 **For they have refreshed my spirit** and yours:

A'. therefore acknowledge ye them **that are such.**

i. 19 The churches of Asia **salute** you.

ii. Aquila and Priscilla **salute** you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

iii. 20 All the brethren **greet** you.

iv. **Greet** ye one another with an holy kiss.

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

8 22 If any man **love** not **the Lord Jesus Christ**, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

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

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