

## Sunday School Notes

### **June 21, 2020** Paul Writes to the Believers in Corinth Yet Again

Read: 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:11

What does Paul send to the Corinthians through God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in the opening verses?

What does that mean to you in your walk with Christ? How is it a reality to you? How do you re-establish this in your life if found lacking?

What is Paul trying to convey to us about hardship and suffering in 2 Corinthians 1:3-7? Compare with 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.

2 Corinthians 1:8-11 We don't know specifically what Paul suffered in the Providence of Asia in which he despaired his life and felt the sentence of death. But look at 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 and 2 Timothy 4:14-18. What helped Paul through all these trials? 2 Corinthians 1:10-11.

2 Corinthians 1:12-14 Paul talks about how he has conducted his life among the Corinthians. See also 1 Corinthians 9:11-19

2 Corinthians 1:15-2:4 Paul postpones or cancels a visit he had planned to Corinth. Why?

2 Corinthians 2:5-11 What is Paul trying to convey here? Compare 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 9-13 also Consider 2 Corinthians 7:8-13.

### **June 14, 2020** Apollos, Aquila and Pricilla and Paul Signing Off

Read: 1 Corinthians 16:12-24

Aquila and Priscilla greet you warmly (1 Corinthians 16:19-20) Acts 18:1-11, 18-21; Romans 16:3-5a

Apollos (1 Corinthians 16:12) Acts 18:24-19:1; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, 21-23

A great exhortation (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Paul signs off the letter, in his own handwriting. (1 Corinthians 16:21-24) 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Galatians 4:13-16; 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:17; Acts 22:30-23:5

### **June 7, 2020**

Read: 1 Corinthians 16:1-24 Giving, Hospitality, and news about Paul's friends

About giving and hospitality (1 Corinthians 16:1-9) Acts 11:27-29; Romans 12:13 and 15:23-29; 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; 9:6-8, 12-15; Galatians 6:10; Philemon 1-2, 20-22; Hebrews 13:1-2; 1 Peter 4:8-9

News about:

Timothy (1 Corinthians 16:10-11) Acts 16:1-3; 1 Timothy 1:3-8; 1 Corinthians 4:15-17; Philippians 2:19-24

The household of Stephanas (1 Corinthians 16:15-18) Most scholars assume these three men Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus carried the Corinthian's letter with questions to Paul and then returned to Corinth with 1 Corinthians from Paul.

### **May 31, 2020 Living in the Natural Life with our Eyes on our Glorious Future**

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 → Compare to 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 5:1-10; Romans 8:18-27; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 6:10-18

### **May 24, 2020**

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:12-34 Compare 1 Corinthians 15:18-19 with 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.  
Why do you think Paul wrote 1 Corinthians 15:33-34 in this section?

Other New Testament passages about disputes about the resurrection: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 2:15-19.

### **1 Corinthians 15:2-7 The Gospel of Jesus Christ is Based on Truth, Facts and Verified Events.**

Where do these facts come from? On the Emmaus Road Luke 24:25-27 and 32. Not Fake News  
Luke's summaries in the Book of Acts of Christ's appearances after the resurrection  
Acts 1:1-11; 10:39-42; 13:28-30

Were there more than 12 Apostles? Barnabas Acts 14:1,4,14, James the Lord's Brother Galatians 1:19, 2:9; Andronicus and Junias Romans 16:7; and Silas 1 Thessalonians 2:6-7, and Acts 17:1-9.

### **May 17, 2020**

#### **The Resurrection, the Cornerstone of the Gospel**

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

How do we hold firmly to the Word preached to us (1 Corinthians 15:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:15; Hebrews 2:1; 3:6, 12-15, 4:14-16; 10:23-25)?

#### **1 Corinthians 15:8-11 Christ's post resurrection appearance to the Apostle Paul and its effect.**

The simplicity of Paul's message 1 Corinthians 2:1-5. What is Paul saying that matters in this passage?  
What motivated Paul's passion and hard work for spreading the Gospel?  
Acts 22:3-5; 26:9-12; Luke 7:39-47, especially verses 41-42 and 47; Philippians 3:10-14;

### **May 10, 2020**

#### **Order of Church Participation and the Gifts**

Read: 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

What are some of the gifts Paul mentions occurring when saints get together?

What are the restrictions Paul puts on speaking in tongues?

What are the restrictions Paul puts on prophesying?

What is purpose of these gifts in a corporate worship setting? verses 26, 31

What is Paul trying to promote in corporate worship services as stated in 1 Corinthians 14:33 and 40?

Why does Paul state that women should remain silent in all the congregations and churches? 1 Corinthians 14:33-35. Is this a mere cultural directive? Compare what Paul writes 10 years later in 1 Timothy 2:8-15 (see also verses 1 Timothy 3:14-15).

Why are the women instead encouraged to ask their husbands at home?

Look at Genesis 3:1-7 Consider Adam's failure to say anything during the serpent's dialogue with Eve.

Other Creation order related verses 1 Corinthians 11:3, 7-11.

What are the practical applications Paul's direction o this? Titus 2:3-5

Universal nature of Paul's teaching: →1 Corinthians 1:2; 4:17 (to Timothy); 11:2, 16; 14:33, 39.

### **May 3, 2020**

#### **A detailed dialogue about tongues and the gift of prophecy**

Read: 1 Corinthians 14:1-25 Comparison of the gifts of prophecy and tongues.

What are Paul's preferences in this section of Scripture?

What should be the goal of the speaking prophecy? 1 Corinthians 14:3-4, 31 also Acts 15:22, 32

What's the difference between praying and singing in the spirit versus to praying and singing with our minds?

What does 1 Corinthians 14:12 mean to you? What is Paul trying to say to us in 1 Corinthians 14:20?

Why is the interpretation of tongues important? 1 Corinthians 14:5, 12-13, 16-17

### **April 26, 2020**

#### **Some titles of gifting**

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 Compare: Romans 12:4-8 (liberty and freedom); Ephesians 4:11-16 (especially verse 12); 1 Peter 4:7-11 (especially verse 10)

### **April 19, 2020**

#### **Spiritual gifts and how they are expressed in people are likened to the parts and functions of our physical bodies that were created in the image of God.**

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Just like without an eye, a hand, an arm, or not being able to hear we are considered handicapped, so is the body of Christ handicapped if one of us doesn't use our gifts for the common good of the church. The importance of meaningful fellowship: Hebrews 3:12-13 and 10:23-25 and 1 Thessalonians 5:11

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### **April 12 2020 The Most Excellent Way!**

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

Please share specific miracles, stories or parables (that stand out in your mind) from Jesus life on earth that fulfill Paul's teaching about doing things in the most excellent way of love?

Below are some examples that came to my mind:

Matthew 15:21-28 (testing a Gentile woman's faith)

Mark 9:28-31 and 38-41 (teaching his disciples about God's power)

Mark 10:17-31 or Matthew 19:16-30, especially verse 21 (rich young ruler)

Luke 10:38-41 (at Martha's house)

Luke 19:45-48 (Jesus clears the temple and afterwards)

Luke 22:20-28→John 13:3-7 (the last supper servanthood)

Luke 24:13-32 (on the road to Emmaus)

**April 5, 2020 Spiritual gifts are given for the common good.**

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. Compare: 1 Corinthians 1:4-7 and Hebrews 2:1-4; 1 Timothy 4:13-16; 2 Timothy 1:6-7; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy: 1 Corinthians 12:31; **14:1, 3-5, 12, 31**, 39a.

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[Time did not allow us to cover bracketed topics on April 5, 2020]

**March 29, 2020 Examining ourselves before the Lord's Supper.**

Read: 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 Last week we highlighted:

The discord that was going on in the Corinthian Church (1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:1-9 and 11:17-19) and a similar dispute that occurred immediately after Jesus shared the bread and wine with the 12 Apostles (Luke 22:24-30). Jesus settled the dispute of "who was the greatest among his disciples" by example. He washed the apostle's feet as recorded in John 13:2-17. He showed them it wasn't about who is the greatest but about how we can serve and refresh others.

We looked at the spirit and tenor of the Passover meal and the Lord's Last Supper with his Apostles which are both precursors of the present day communion service. Therefore a similar tone and tenor should be present in our celebration of the Lord's Last Supper. The focus of the communion service should not be participation with