

I CORINTHIANS

1 Cor. 1:1 Paul, called [sovereignly appointed] an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes, our brother,

1 Cor. 1:2 To the assembly of God [communion of souls] which is at Corinth, *to those* who have been sanctified in the past with the result that they will continue to be sanctified forever [eternal security] in Christ Jesus, called [elect] saints, including all those [outside of Corinth] who have called upon the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ in every location, theirs [remote regions] and ours [local vicinity],

1 Cor. 1:3 Grace [positional sanctification] to you and prosperity [experiential sanctification] from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 1:4 I keep on thanking my God always on your behalf, with respect for the grace [positional sanctification] of God [the Father] which was given to you [not acquired, not deserved] in Christ Jesus,

1 Cor. 1:5 So that you might be enriched [experiential sanctification] by Him [Jesus Christ] in everything [all categories of spiritual prosperity], by means of every word [doctrinal precept] and every category of knowledge [doctrinal principle],

1 Cor. 1:6 To the degree that [their experiential sanctification measures up to their positional sanctification] the objective proof concerning Christ [that He lives and functions in believers today] has been confirmed in you [we are witnesses for the prosecution against Satan],

1 Cor. 1:7 So that you do not fall short in any grace gift [manifestation of spiritual maturity] while waiting expectantly for the revelation [at the rapture] of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Cor. 1:8 Who shall also confirm [ultimate sanctification] you unto the end [of the Church Age dispensation], beyond reproach on the day [rapture] of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 1:9 God *is* faithful [guarantees our eternal security], through Whom you were called into the fellowship [positional & experiential] of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Cor. 1:10 Now I exhort you, brethren, through the name [Person] of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you may all speak the same thing [divine viewpoint] and *that* there may not be divisions among you, but *that* you might be thoroughly trained [filled with the Spirit] with the same mind [saturated with Bible doctrine] and with the same opinion [sharing divine viewpoint].

1 Cor. 1:11 For it was communicated to me concerning you, my brethren, by those [stable family members] related to Chloe [an objective woman], that there are factions [pseudo-spiritual cliques] among you.

1 Cor. 1:12 Now I will speak on this [subject matter: personality cults], that each of you is saying: On the one hand, I am for Paul [simple & direct form of teaching]; on another hand, I for Apollos [philosophical & oratorical form of teaching]; on another hand, I for Cephas [possibly a group of Jewish legalists]; on another hand, I for Christ [holier-than-thou crowd].

1 Cor. 1:13 Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified on your behalf, *was he*? Or were you baptized unto the name of Paul?

1 Cor. 1:14 I thank God [continuing his sarcasm] that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius.

1 Cor. 1:15 So that no one may claim [irrelevantly] that you have been baptized unto my name.

1 Cor. 1:16 On the contrary, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not remember in the distant past or in recent times if I baptized any others.

1 Cor. 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to continually proclaim the good news, not with clever [philosophical, mystical] sayings [epigrams, sophistry], so that as a result the cross of Christ could be deprived of true meaning [rendered inconsequential],

1 Cor. 1:18 For, on the one hand, the message concerning the cross is foolishness [moronic] to those [unbelievers] who are perishing, but on the other hand, to us [believers] who have been saved, it is the [effective] power of God.

1 Cor. 1:19 For it stands written: I will destroy the cleverness [philosophical, psychological, mystical concepts] of the wise and will render useless the understanding [human viewpoint] of the intelligent [educated].

1 Cor. 1:20 Where *is* the wise man [professional philosopher]? Where *is* the scribe [traditional religious leader]? Where *is* the skillful debater from this age [world order]? Hasn't God rendered foolish [moronic] the cleverness of the cosmic system [human & satanic viewpoint]?

1 Cor. 1:21 For, since the world did not acquire the knowledge of God by wisdom [both rationalism & empiricism failed to comprehend Him], God, through His divine wisdom, was pleased through the foolishness of preaching [not the act, but the substance] to save those who will believe [by grace through faith].

1 Cor. 1:22 Since, indeed, the Jews [locked into empiricism] always require a sign [miraculous event] and the Greeks [locked into rationalism] always seek wisdom [human viewpoint],

1 Cor. 1:23 But we preach the Christ Who was crucified: on the one hand, a stumbling-block to the Jews, on the other hand, foolishness to the Gentiles,

1 Cor. 1:24 But to those, the elect ones, both Jews and Greeks: Christ *is* the power [omnipotence] of God and the wisdom [omniscience] of God,

1 Cor. 1:25 Because the foolish [but omniscient] act of God [the cross] *continues to be* wiser than men, and the weak act [but omnipotence] of God continues to be stronger than men.

1 Cor. 1:26 For consider your election [effectual calling by God], brethren, that there are not many wise men [rationalists] according to the flesh, not many powerful [empiricists], not many high-born men [noble social status],

1 Cor. 1:27 But God has chosen for Himself [divine election] the foolish things of the world [omniscience chooses what rationalism would reject], so that He might put to shame the wise men, and God has chosen for Himself the weak things of the world [omnipotence chooses what empiricism would reject], so that He might put to shame the powerful things,

1 Cor. 1:28 And insignificant things of the world [obscure ancestry] and things which are despised [held in contempt], God has chosen for Himself things which are not [contemptible nobodies], so that He might annul the things which are [esteemed by man's standards],

1 Cor. 1:29 So that no flesh of any kind shall boast in the presence of God.

1 Cor. 1:30 But you [royal family of God], out from Him [God the Father chose you], are in Christ Jesus [positional truth], Who, by God [the Father], became wisdom for us [substitution] - as well as righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

1 Cor. 1:31 So that, just as it is written: He who makes it a habit to boast [in man's imagined ability], make it a habit to boast in the Lord [sovereign grace].

1 Cor. 2:1 I also [in the same manner as Christ and His disciples], brethren, when I came face-to-face to you, did not come with high-sounding speech [rhetoric] or wisdom [philosophical argument], when I proclaimed to you the testimony of God.

1 Cor. 2:2 For I was determined not to know [preach] anything [other religious teachings] among you, except Jesus Christ [Christology is pivotal], and Him crucified.

1 Cor. 2:3 Instead I came face-to-face to you in weakness [poor physical health] and with fear [inward emotion] and with great trembling [nervous self-effacement].

1 Cor. 2:4 Moreover, my message and my delivery *were* not with persuasive [sophistry] words of wisdom [philosophy from the cosmic system], but in the demonstration [filling] of the Spirit and of [delegated divine] power:

1 Cor. 2:5 That your body of faith [doctrinal foundation] should not rest in the wisdom of men [human viewpoint], but in the power of God [divine viewpoint].

1 Cor. 2:6 On the contrary, we make it a practice to communicate wisdom [advanced doctrine] among mature ones, but not wisdom [human viewpoint] from this age [world order], nor from the rulers of this age [Church Age dispensation], who will be rendered ineffective [nullified],

1 Cor. 2:7 Furthermore, we communicate the wisdom of God [divine viewpoint] in a mystery, which was hidden [kept secret], which God ordained from the ages [in eternity past] for our honor [for our study and application],

1 Cor. 2:8 Which [mystery doctrine] none of those in a position of authority from this age [politicians and chief rulers during the dispensation of the Hypostatic Union] understood, for if they had understood, they might not have crucified the Lord [deity of Christ] of glory,

1 Cor. 2:9 But [in contrast to those who crucified Christ] in the same manner [hidden as a mystery doctrine], it was written: "Things the eye has not seen, nor the ear heard [beyond empiricism], nor has entered into the mentality of the soul of man [beyond rationalism], *these* things [blessings of maturity] God has prepared for those [mature believers] who love Him."

1 Cor. 2:10 However [as opposed to a mystery which is never understood], God has revealed [through His Word] *these* [blessings in escrow] to us [believers who are growing in grace and knowledge] through His Spirit, for the Spirit searches [scrutinizes] all things [doctrinal truths], even the deep things [advanced doctrine] of God.

1 Cor. 2:11 For what man can comprehend [failure of rationalism] the things [absolute doctrines] concerning man without the spirit of man [human spirit as the staging area for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit] which *is* in him? And it follows that no one can understand the things of God [doctrine as spiritual phenomenon] without the Spirit which *is* from God.

1 Cor. 2:12 However, we have received, not the spirit [satanic] of the cosmic system, but the Spirit from God, so that we might come to know [by studying the Word] the things [doctrine of rewards] which have been graciously provided to us from God,

1 Cor. 2:13 Which [doctrines of rewards] we also make it a practice to communicate, not by doctrines [counterfeit teachings] taught from human wisdom [human viewpoint philosophy & psychology], but taught by the Spirit [divine viewpoint], who explains [interprets] spiritual phenomenon [Biblical truths] by spiritual means [precise methodology],

1 Cor. 2:14 But the soulish man [non-elect, unbeliever] cannot [does not have the machinery] accept things [doctrines] from the Spirit of God, since He [the existence of the Spirit] is foolishness to him; as a matter of fact, he does not have the power [spiritual capacity] to understand, because He [the Holy Spirit] is spiritually discerned.

1 Cor. 2:15 But the spiritual person [elect, indwelt by the Spirit] may discern all kinds [categories] of things [doctrines], yet he himself may be legitimately criticized [evaluated] by no one.

1 Cor. 2:16 For who has known [by listening & studying the Word] the mind of the Lord [Old Testament canon] who could instruct Him? However, we may keep on thinking [acquiring] the mind of Christ [the Bible is His mind revealed to man].

1 Cor. 3:1 But I, brethren, have not been able to communicate to you as spiritual believers [possessing a degree of maturity], but as carnal believers [apostates or reversionists], as babes [still nursing] in Christ [positional truth is all they have going for them].

1 Cor. 3:2 I have given you milk [basic doctrine] to drink, not meat [advanced doctrine which sustains the soul], for you were not yet capable [spiritually weaned]. Indeed, neither are you capable now,

1 Cor. 3:3 For you are still carnal [either apostate or reversionist]. For while jealousy [envy] and strife [bickering] are among you, are you not carnal, i.e., ordering your behavior according to the [inferior] standards of man [by human instead of divine viewpoint]?

1 Cor. 3:4 For when one person might claim, on the one hand, "I myself am with Paul," on the other hand, another, "I myself with Apollos," are you not men [behaving as unbelievers]?

1 Cor. 3:5 Who is Apollos, anyway, and who is Paul? Ministering servants [as opposed to famous men], through whom you have believed, even as the Lord provided for each man [every believer hears the gospel from someone].

1 Cor. 3:6 I myself have planted [the initial Gospel seeds], Apollos has watered [complimented his message of Truth], but God caused it to grow.

1 Cor. 3:7 So then, neither the person who plants [evangelical function] nor the person who waters [pastor-teacher function] amounts to anything of importance; on the contrary, God *is* the One Who provides the increase.

1 Cor. 3:8 Now the person who plants and the person who waters are one [on the same team], but each man will receive his own reward according to his own labor [fulfillment of his spiritual gift],

1 Cor. 3:9 For we [those with communication gifts] are God's fellow-workers [pastors, teachers, evangelists]. You are God's cultivated field [barren land with planted seeds], God's building [edification structure].

1 Cor. 3:10 According to the standard of the grace of God which was given [entrusted] to me, as a chief contractor [engineer], I have laid the foundation [brought in new converts through evangelism], but another of the same kind [pastor-teacher] continues to build upon *it* [by studying and teaching the Word]. But let each person consider carefully how [inhale doctrine, exhale application] he builds upon *it* [the foundation].

1 Cor. 3:11 For no man has the power to lay another of the same kind of [unique] foundation that the one which was laid [at the Cross], which is Jesus Christ [His person, work & doctrine].

1 Cor. 3:12 Now, whether any man builds upon [constructs in his soul] this foundation [doctrinal structure] with gold, silver, precious stones [3 positive production categories], wood, hay, stubble [3 negative production categories],

1 Cor. 3:13 The production [divine or human good] of each man will be made manifest, for the day [Judgment Seat of Christ] shall declare *it*, because it [our production] shall be revealed by fire [divine standards]. Furthermore, the fire [divine standards] shall examine the production of each man, whatever type [divine or human good] it may be.

1 Cor. 3:14 If anyone's production which was intended to be building material [for the structure in his soul] remains [only gold, silver, precious stones], he shall receive a reward.

1 Cor. 3:15 If anyone's production shall be burned [only wood, hay, stubble], he will suffer loss [of reward], nevertheless, he himself shall be delivered, but so as by fire.

1 Cor. 3:16 Don't you understand that you are a spiritual house [human spirit as the inner sanctuary] of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Cor. 3:17 If anyone [false teachers] makes it a practice to corrupt [lead astray] the spiritual house of God [both individual and corporate], God will discipline him, for the spiritual house of God [individual and corporate] is spiritual [set apart positionally], which very kind you are.

1 Cor. 3:18 Let no one deceive himself [by accepting a pseudo-spiritual system]; if anyone seems [by appearances] to be wise among you in this age [by the world's standards during the Church Age dispensation], let him become [by his own devices] a fool [under divine discipline] so that he might become wise [obtain God's true wisdom].

1 Cor. 3:19 For the wisdom [human system of works] of this world is foolishness before God. Indeed, it has been written: "He [God the Father] always traps the clever in their craftiness."

1 Cor. 3:20 And again: "The Lord [Jesus Christ] always knows the motives of the clever [pseudo-spiritual], that they are empty."

1 Cor. 3:21 Therefore, let no one boast in men [don't follow personalities], for everything [the wealth of Bible doctrine] is yours:

1 Cor. 3:22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or *things* which are present, or *things* which are coming: all *are* yours,

1 Cor. 3:23 And you *are* Christ's and Christ *is* God's [the Father].

1 Cor. 4:1 So let a man consider us [those in positions of authority] as servants [ministers] of Christ and stewards [administrators] of the mysteries [hidden doctrines] of God.

1 Cor. 4:2 In this connection [concerning mystery doctrines], it is expected in the sphere of stewardship [those with communication gifts], that a man be found faithful [conscientious in studying and teaching the Word].

1 Cor. 4:3 But as concerns me, it is insignificant that I might be judged by you [by his own congregation] during man's day [public opinion]; neither will I judge myself [ministerial self-evaluation].

1 Cor. 4:4 For I am aware of nothing [legitimate criticism] against myself, but anyway, I am not declared righteous by this [lack of legitimate criticism doesn't excuse him]. On the contrary, He Who will judge me [legitimate right] is the Lord.

1 Cor. 4:5 Therefore, stop judging anything before the time when the Lord returns [at the rapture], Who will both bring to light [reveal] the hidden thoughts [secret things] from the blackout of the soul [inner darkness], and will disclose the intents [thoughts] of the mentality of our soul; and then commendation [rewards] may be received by each person from God.

1 Cor. 4:6 Moreover, these things, brethren, I have applied towards myself and Apollos on your behalf, so that you [as students] might learn by us [as teachers] nothing [no philosophy, psychology, system of legalism] beyond what was written [in the canon of Scripture], so that not one among you becomes arrogant against [bad mouthing] another of a different kind [another minister].

1 Cor. 4:7 For who considers you superior [distinguished above others]? And what do you possess that you have not received? Moreover, if you indeed received *it*, why do you continue [in ego lust] as though you did not receive *it*?

1 Cor. 4:8 Are you already fully content [satiated]? *Are you* already spiritually prosperous, reigning like spiritual kings without us [surpassing their teachers in such short time]? (As a matter of fact, I truly wish you did reign [but I know you aren't even close] like spiritual kings, so that we might also reign together [share in your blessings] with you).

1 Cor. 4:9 For I conclude that God [the Father] brought us forth [in the middle of the arena], the last apostles [an office that will no longer be needed in the near future], to be sentenced to death [like gladiators in the ring], so that we might become a spectacle to the world [unbelievers] and to angels and to men [carnal believers].

1 Cor. 4:10 We [gladiator apostles] *are* foolish on behalf of Christ, but you [Corinthian spectators] *are* wise [sanctified sarcasm] in Christ; we [gladiators] *are* weak, but you [spectators] *are* strong; you [spectators] *are* honored, but we [gladiators] *are* dishonored.

1 Cor. 4:11 Up to the present hour, we [gladiator apostles] both hunger and thirst, and are dressed in rags, and are beaten, and are homeless,

1 Cor. 4:12 And grow weary, constantly working [Greeks despised manual labor] with our own hands [self-supporting]; although we are continually cursed, we act graciously [relaxed mental attitude]; although we are continually persecuted, we endure it patiently [non-retaliation].

1 Cor. 4:13 Although we are continually slandered, we speak words of encouragement; we have become as the rubbish [excrement] of the world, the lowest scum [not fit to live] of all, until now [the last entry in Paul's status report].

1 Cor. 4:14 I do not write these things for the purpose of shaming you, rather, as my beloved sons, for the purpose of warning [instructing] *you*.

1 Cor. 4:15 For even if you have countless tutors [child-trainers] in Christ, nevertheless, *you will not have* many spiritual fathers. Indeed, I brought you spiritual birth in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

1 Cor. 4:16 Therefore I continue to urge you: become imitators [by taking in doctrine] of me.

1 Cor. 4:17 For this reason, I have sent Timothy [their next teacher] to you, who is my beloved and faithful student [spiritual son] in the Lord, who will remind you [review the doctrines I taught you] of my way of life in Christ, just like I teach at each assembly [wherever two people are gathered] everywhere [the same spiritual life exists regardless of geographical location].

1 Cor. 4:18 However, some [self-appointed leaders] have become arrogant as though I would never return face-to-face to you.

1 Cor. 4:19 However, I will return face-to-face to you shortly, if the Lord permits. Moreover, I will bring knowledge, not according to the rhetoric of those who are arrogant, but according to power [divine ability].

1 Cor. 4:20 For the kingdom [royal power] of God *is* not in the sphere of rhetoric, but in the sphere of power [filling of the Spirit].

1 Cor. 4:21 What do you wish? Should I return face-to-face to you with a rod [discipline and rebuke], or with virtue love, as well as a spirit of genuine humility?

1 Cor. 5:1 News has actually been received concerning sexual immorality [of an extremely abnormal variety] among you, even such a category of sexual immorality which *does not exist* among the heathen, with the result that someone [a father's son] possesses [has sexual relations with] his father's wife [incestuous affair with his step-mother].

1 Cor. 5:2 Moreover [if that's not bad enough], you yourselves [unconcerned Corinthians] continue to be arrogant [justifying his unacceptable behavior] and have not more than ever come to experience grief [decent self-respect] over this matter, so that he who has practiced this deed might be removed from your midst [local assembly].

1 Cor. 5:3 For I [having the authority of an apostle], on the one hand being absent in body, but on the other hand, being present in spirit, have already passed judgment on the person who has done this [act of immorality], as though I were present,

1 Cor. 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, (since you [in one geographical location] and my spirit [in another geographical location] are assembled together [qualifies as fellowship], along with the power of our Lord Jesus),

1 Cor. 5:5 To deliver [faithful exercise of church discipline] such a person to Satan [excommunicated] for the purpose of ruining the flesh [Satan administers the sin unto death], so that the spirit [inner essence of man] might be delivered on the day of the Lord [he will still receive his resurrection body],

1 Cor. 5:6 Your ground for boasting [in the local assembly] *is* not accurate [appropriate]. Don't you realize that a little leaven [sin] leavens the whole lump [tempts others to see how far they can push things]?

1 Cor. 5:7 Purge out the old leaven [corrupting habits], so that you might become a new lump, inasmuch as you are unleavened [sanctified]; for even Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed,

1 Cor. 5:8 So that we might continue to celebrate [keep the feast by getting back into fellowship], not with old leaven [human viewpoint solutions], nor with the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleaven of honesty and truth.

1 Cor. 5:9 I have written to you in a [previous] letter to stop associating [socially mingle] with sexually immoral people.

1 Cor. 5:10 Not entirely, by all means, with the sexually immoral people of this world [those people outside your local assembly], nor with greedy people or swindlers, nor idolaters, since you would consequently be obligated to come out [retreat] from the inhabited world.

1 Cor. 5:11 But now I have come to write to you to stop associating [mingling socially] with anyone if he is a brother who is known to be a sexually immoral person or a greedy person or an idolater or a slanderer or a drunkard or a swindler; don't even eat [social dining] with this kind of person.

1 Cor. 5:12 For why should I, as an agent, pass judgment on those [unbelievers] on the outside [not under his jurisdiction]? Shouldn't you make it a practice to pass judgment on those [believers only] on the inside [your local assembly]?

1 Cor. 5:13 On the contrary, God will pass judgment on those [unbelievers] on the outside [as well as believers in other assemblies]. Remove [excommunicate] the wicked person out from among your selves [your local assembly].

1 Cor. 6:1 Would anyone of you [as plaintiffs] be bold enough [dare to go against an established principle], having a case [forensic matter] against one another of a different kind [defendant who is a believer], to stand trial before unjust people [an unbeliever judge or jury], and not before upright people [fellow believers in your local assembly]?

1 Cor. 6:2 Don't you even understand that saints [some, but not all, fellow believers] shall pass judgment on the world [settling disputes during the Millennium]? So then if the world shall be judged by you, are you incapable of passing judgment [function of church discipline] on much smaller matters?

1 Cor. 6:3 Don't you understand that we shall pass judgment on angels, not to mention *things* pertaining to everyday life [such as quarrels, altercations, domestic issues, business matters]?

1 Cor. 6:4 So then, if you have legal matters [relatively small disputes] pertaining to everyday life, why would you appoint those [men with no experience or standing] who are counted as nothing [without spiritual maturity] in the assembly?

1 Cor. 6:5 I am speaking to you face-to-face for the purpose of making you ashamed. Is there not a wise person among you [sarcastic in view of their claims of being wise] in these matters [disputes between two

believers], who will be able [as the need arises] to pass judgment [perhaps as arbitrator] between the middle [opposing parties] of his brethren?

1 Cor. 6:6 Indeed, [Christian] brother is being brought to court [forced to stand trial] against brother, and this [lawsuit between two Christians] before unbelievers.

1 Cor. 6:7 Accordingly, to be sure, there is already an actual [as opposed to hypothetical] failure among you since you continue to bring lawsuits against each other [Christian against Christian]. Why won't you [guilty defendant] admit to being wrong [accept your guilt] instead [of defending yourself in court]? Why won't you [innocent defendant] be defrauded [taken advantage of] instead [of defending yourself in court]?

1 Cor. 6:8 On the contrary, you [innocent prosecutors] are in the wrong [bringing trivial matters into the courtroom], and you [guilty prosecutors] are stealing, and this against brethren [fellow believers].

1 Cor. 6:9 Or don't you understand that unrighteous persons [carnal Christians] will not share in [gain possession of] the royal power [kingdom] of God? Stop being deceived: neither persons involved in sexual immorality [illicit sex between unmarried persons], nor idolaters, nor adulterers [illicit sex between married persons], nor effeminate men [those who make women of themselves], nor homosexuals,

1 Cor. 6:10 Nor thieves, nor the avaricious, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor swindlers, will share in [take possession of] the royal power [kingdom] of God.

1 Cor. 6:11 As a matter of fact, some of you lived these things [in their former days], but you became cleansed [part of the conversion process], but you became [positionally] sanctified, but you became justified in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ [the Son] and by the Spirit [the Spirit] of our God [the Father].

1 Cor. 6:12 "All things are lawful to me [law of liberty]," but all things are not advantageous [special self-control is called for on occasion]. "All things are lawful to me [law of liberty]," but I will not be made a slave under any.

1 Cor. 6:13 "Solid food [legitimate sexual intercourse] for bodily desires [legitimate sexual appetites] and bodily desire [legitimate sexual appetite] for the purpose of solid food [legitimate sexual intercourse]," but God will render ineffective both it [the ability to engage in sexual intercourse] and them [those who have a legitimate sexual appetite]. On the contrary, the body *is* not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord [legitimate sexual activity is a form of worship], and the Lord for the body [God created our ability for legitimate sexual activity].

1 Cor. 6:14 Furthermore, God resurrected [bodily resurrection] the Lord and He will also raise us out [bodily resurrection] by means of His power [omnipotence].

1 Cor. 6:15 Don't you understand that your [Christian] bodies are the members [positional truth] of Christ? Therefore, after I have harvested [taken] members for Christ, should I now surrender [yield] *these* members to a prostitute? May it not happen.

1 Cor. 6:16 What? Don't you understand that the person who becomes intimately joined [sexually related to] to a prostitute exists as [becomes] one body? "For the two," it says, "shall become one flesh [you become one with the person you are having sex with]."

1 Cor. 6:17 But he who becomes intimately joined [united] to the Lord is one spirit [positional truth].

1 Cor. 6:18 Avoid [run away from] sexual immorality. Every category of sin which a man might practice is outside of his body [affects his soul], but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body [actually ruins the body along with the soul].

1 Cor. 6:19 What? Don't you understand that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit Who *resides* [indwells] in you, Whom you received from God [the Father]? So then, you are not your own.

1 Cor. 6:20 For you [believers] were ransomed [redeemed from the market place of sin] with a price [the death of Christ]. Therefore, start glorifying God in your body.

1 Cor. 7:1 Now concerning the things you wrote about: *It is* acceptable [honorable] for a man not to take hold of a woman [remaining single].

1 Cor. 7:2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each *husband* possess [sexually] his own wife, likewise, let each *wife* possess [sexually] her own husband.

1 Cor. 7:3 May the husband for the benefit of the wife please fulfill [reward] her sexual appetite, and also, in the same manner, the wife for the benefit of the husband.

1 Cor. 7:4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but rather the husband; and also, in the same manner [mutual dependence], the husband does not have authority over his own body, but rather the wife.

1 Cor. 7:5 Stop refusing [denying] sexual relations from one another, unless maybe [special contingency] by reason of mutual consent [no sour notes] for a brief time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer [in an attempt to reconcile a broken relationship], and then come together [sexual relations] again as a result, so that Satan may not tempt you [to engage in sexual immorality] because of your lack of self-control.

1 Cor. 7:6 However, I am saying this [marriage as opposed to staying single] as a matter of concession, not as a command.

1 Cor. 7:7 Rather, I wish [emotional desire] all men to be even as myself [single status], but each one has his own gift [expression of divine grace] from God: on the one hand, this way [gift of celibacy], on the other hand, this way [gift of marriage].

1 Cor. 7:8 Therefore, I say to the unmarried [single] and to widows, *that it would be* good [beneficial] for them if they remained [status quo] like me [single and celibate],

1 Cor. 7:9 But if they cannot exercise continued self-control [refraining from illicit sexual activity], let them marry, for it is better to marry than to constantly burn with sexual desire [inflamed, distressed libido].

1 Cor. 7:10 Now to those who are married I give strict orders, not I, but rather the Lord [Jesus taught this]: Let a wife not be separated [divorced] from husband,

1 Cor. 7:11 But, however, if she becomes separated, let her remain unmarried [for the purpose of stabilizing] or be reconciled [return to status quo] to *her* husband, and let husband not dismiss [divorce] wife.

1 Cor. 7:12 But as far as the rest is concerned [personal opinions sanctioned by the Holy Spirit], I myself

am advising, not the Lord [Jesus didn't cover this teaching during His earthly ministry]: If any brother has an unbelieving wife, but she is willing [agreeable] to continue living with him, let him not divorce her.

1 Cor. 7:13 In addition, the wife who has an unbelieving husband, who still agrees [is pleased] to keep on dwelling with her, shall not leave [separate or divorce] her husband.

1 Cor. 7:14 For the unbelieving husband is blessed by association [sanctified marriage relationship] with the wife, and the unbelieving wife is blessed by association [sanctified marriage relationship] with the patron; as a matter of fact, your children were degenerate [defiled], but now they are upright [honorable].

1 Cor. 7:15 But if the unbeliever wants a divorce, let him/her have a divorce. A brother or sister [Christian] is not bound [willful desertion or domestic violence sets the other party free] in such cases. On the contrary, God called us to tranquility.

1 Cor. 7:16 For how then [after a divorce or separation] would you know, wife, whether you might have delivered [saved] your husband? Or how then would you know, husband, whether you might have delivered your wife?

1 Cor. 7:17 However [as an exception to what I said in verse 15], as the Lord has distributed to each person, as God has called each person, keep on walking [conduct oneself] in this manner. As a matter of fact, I have given the same instructions in all assemblies.

1 Cor. 7:18 Has anyone [referring to Jews] been called while he was circumcised? Let him not [experientially] uncircumcise himself [return to status quo Judaism]. Has anyone [referring to Gentiles] been called in uncircumcision? Let him not become circumcised [return to status quo heathenism].

1 Cor. 7:19 Circumcision [the practice of ritual] is nothing [unnecessary], and uncircumcision [a lack of ritual] is nothing, but keeping God's mandates [be filled with, walk in, grieve not, & quench not the Spirit] *is something* [reality].

1 Cor. 7:20 Let each person keep on abiding [remain as you are in status quo] in that calling [principle of contentment] in which he was called.

1 Cor. 7:21 Were you called [elected] as a slave? Don't let it concern you [remain in status quo]. However, if you are able [by legitimate means] to become a free person [manumission], *then* make the most of the opportunity all the more.

1 Cor. 7:22 For he who was called as a slave in the Lord is the Lord's freedman [manumitted slave]; in the same manner, the freedman, having been called, is Christ's slave.

1 Cor. 7:23 You have been purchased [ransomed, redeemed] out of the slave market with a price [the spiritual death of Christ]; stop becoming slaves of men [human viewpoint thinking].

1 Cor. 7:24 Brethren, let each person in that [spiritual gift] which he was called, keep on abiding in it [your circumstances] with God [serving Him].

1 Cor. 7:25 Now as concerns single people [virgins], I have no mandate from the Lord [during His earthly ministry], but I will render spiritual advice as one who has received mercy [gift of apostle] to be faithful [to the principles of the Word] under the authority of the Lord.

1 Cor. 7:26 Therefore, I conclude this honor [virginity] to be in your possession because of the sense of duty [respect for yourself and the other person involved] which should be present: that *it is* advantageous [beneficial] for a man to remain as he is [single status].

1 Cor. 7:27 Are you married [trapped in a bad marriage] to a wife? Stop seeking a divorce! Are you free [divorced or separated] from a wife? Stop seeking [shopping for] a wife!

1 Cor. 7:28 On the other hand, however, if you [divorced people] should get married, you have not sinned, and if a single person marries, she has not sinned. However, such people [married couples] will experience outside [from each other] pressure [marital strife] in the flesh, therefore I am hoping to spare you [keep you from experiencing this].

1 Cor. 7:29 Furthermore, brethren, I have been saying this by way of implication: “Time is growing short. For the remainder [of our allotted time on earth], then, as a result [since we are living in the final hour of the dispensation of the Church Age], they who have wives should live [in a spiritual sense] as though they had none [live a spiritual life unencumbered by marital pressures],

1 Cor. 7:30 And those who continually weep [due to unpleasant circumstances in life] as though they did not weep [not living in continual sorrow], and those who are continually happy [emotional giddiness] as though they are not happy [relaxed mental attitude], and those who are continually buying [compulsive shoppers] as though they did not own [not caught up in materialism],

1 Cor. 7:31 And those who are continually making the most from the world [successful careers] as though not completely absorbed in its exploitation [not becoming a workaholic], for the present nature of this world [passing fashions] will pass away.

1 Cor. 7:32 But I want you to be free from worry. The unmarried person cares for the things of the Lord, how he might please the Lord.

1 Cor. 7:33 But he who is married cares for the things [affairs] of the world [legitimate functions], how he might please a wife, and is thoroughly distracted.

1 Cor. 7:34 Between a wife and a single woman, the unmarried woman cares for the things of the Lord, so that she might be morally pure [experientially sanctified] both in body and spirit, but she who has married cares for the things of the world, how she might please her husband.

1 Cor. 7:35 Now I am telling you this for your own benefit, not for the purpose of throwing a noose upon you, but for a respectable solution and a devotion to the Lord without distraction.

1 Cor. 7:36 However, if anyone assumes [thinks] he is behaving improperly [has strong passions] towards his girlfriend, if he is past the optimum age for marriage [has a healthy sexual appetite even though the prime of life has past], and this is bound to happen [finds his prospective wife late in life], let him do whatever he wants, he is not sinning; let them get married.

1 Cor. 7:37 Nevertheless, he who stands firm [holds his ground] in the mentality of his soul [maintains his convictions], not having distress [sexual tension], but having authority over his own will, and has preferred this [remaining celibate] in the mentality of his own soul, to keep his own single status, he will do well enough [just fine].

1 Cor. 7:38 So then, he who marries a single woman for himself does well, but he who does not marry does better.

1 Cor. 7:39 A wife is tied for as long a period of time as her husband lives, but if a husband dies, she is free to become married to whomever she wishes, *or to abide* alone in the Lord.

1 Cor. 7:40 But she would be happier if she continued to abide in *status quo* [single status], according to my opinion; however, I think I also possess the Spirit of God.

1 Cor. 8:1 Now [responding to questions asked in a formal letter] concerning things [meals] offered to idols, we have knowledge [information] for we all [the greater part of spiritually adolescent Christians in Corinth] know knowledge [mere facts, not doctrinal understanding] may cause arrogance, but virtue love builds up [is building material for spiritual maturity].

1 Cor. 8:2 If anyone [spiritual adolescent with a little doctrine] assumes he knows something to perfection, he has begun to know nothing yet [he doesn't know the full realm of doctrine] to the degree [expertise] that he ought to know.

1 Cor. 8:3 However, if anyone [mature believer] keeps on loving God [maximum doctrine in his soul], this same one [mature believer] is known [intimate walk] by Him.

1 Cor. 8:4 Concerning, then, the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* [without divine essence] no God except one [only three Persons have divine essence],

1 Cor. 8:5 For even though there are *those* which have been declared gods, whether in heaven or on earth, (as there are always many gods and many masters),

1 Cor. 8:6 Nevertheless, to us [spiritually adolescent Christians], *there is only* one God, the Father, out from Whom all things *originated*, even we for Him, and one Lord [as opposed to many masters], Jesus Christ, by Whom all things *exist*, even we by Him.

1 Cor. 8:7 However, knowledge [of this specific topic] does not *reside* in everyone. Now some [confused baby Christians], accustomed to idols [they were formerly pagans] up to and including the present time, make it a habit to eat *food* [in temple restaurants] after *it has been offered to idols*, but their conscience, being weak [immature], becomes defiled [polluted by guilt].

1 Cor. 8:8 But food will not commend us to God [He is not impressed with our diet]. Although we may eat [meat offered to idols], we are not becoming inferior [lacking spiritually], neither if we should not eat [meat offered to idols] do we possess any advantage [observing taboos has no spiritual benefit].

1 Cor. 8:9 However, see to it that in some way this liberty of yours [the enlightened believer] may not become a stumbling-block to the weak [spiritually immature believer].

1 Cor. 8:10 Since if anyone [a weak believer] sees you [a strong believer], who has knowledge [about meat being neutral], dining at a table in a temple restaurant, shall not his conscience, being weak, become encouraged [after distortion] to eat things offered to idols?

1 Cor. 8:11 Indeed, shall the one who is weak [now engaged in his former pagan activities again], a brother for whom Christ died, become ruined [his spiritual growth abruptly halts] through your knowledge [parading in the form of defiance]?

1 Cor. 8:12 Moreover, when you [the strong believer] sin against the brethren [the weak believer] in this manner [taking liberty in the face of their weakness], in as much as you injure their weak conscience, you are sinning against Christ.

1 Cor. 8:13 For this very reason, if food [that has been offered to idols] causes my brother to stumble [shocks the immature believer], I will never eat meat [offered to idols] during my age [lifetime], so that I may not cause my brother to stumble [shock the immature believer].

1 Cor. 9:1 Am I not free [law of liberty in action]? Am I not an apostle [maximum authority]? Have I not seen [eye-witness to the resurrected Christ] Jesus our Lord? Are you not my production [result of my spiritual gift] in the Lord?

1 Cor. 9:2 Perhaps I may not be an apostle to others [who are critical of his ministry], but at any rate [nevertheless], I am to you, for the evidence [confirmation] of my apostleship keeps on being you in the Lord.

1 Cor. 9:3 My defense to those [critical believers] who continually examine me [evaluating my message and my ministry] is this:

1 Cor. 9:4 Do we [Paul and his colleagues] not have the right [legitimate function] to eat and to drink?

1 Cor. 9:5 Do we [Paul and his colleagues] not have the right [legitimate authority] to lead about [travel with] a fellow sister [female Christian], a wife, as also the other apostles [many of whom were also married], and the brethren [fellow believers with wives] of the Lord, even Cephas [Peter had a wife]?

1 Cor. 9:6 Or I alone [supreme sacrifice] and Barnabas, shouldn't we have the privilege to stop working [Paul made tents to pay his bills because he had no ministerial salary]?

1 Cor. 9:7 Who serves as a soldier at any time [no historical precedence] at his own expense [receives no wages]? Who plants a vineyard, but does not eat of its fruit? Or who herds [tends] a flock, but does not consume milk from the flock?

1 Cor. 9:8 Am I suggesting these things according to the standards of a man [human viewpoint], or doesn't the law [divine viewpoint in the OT Scriptures] also say these things?

1 Cor. 9:9 For it stands written in the law of Moses [Deut. 25:4]: "You shall not muzzle the ox which is continually threshing [treading out corn]." Does God care for oxen?

1 Cor. 9:10 Or is he [Moses] saying *this*, no doubt, because of us [for the benefit of those who labor in the Word]? For because of us it was written that the one who plows should make it a practice to plow with confidence, and the one who harvests [threshes], with confidence of partaking of it.

1 Cor. 9:11 If we have sown [by continual studying and teaching] spiritual things [Bible doctrines] for you, *is it* surprising if we [those with communication gifts] should reap your material things [law of remuneration]?

1 Cor. 9:12 If others of the same kind [your physical family] share in your capability [material wealth], *should* not we [your spiritual family] all the more? Nevertheless, we have not taken advantage of this legitimate privilege, but have continually endured all kinds of things, so that we might permit no hindrance [law of supreme sacrifice] whatsoever towards the good news of Christ.

1 Cor. 9:13 Don't you know that they [Levitical priesthood] who perform duties at the temple make it a habit to eat things [offerings] out of the temple [income taxes paid to the temple covered their salaries], while they [heathen priests] who continually wait upon the altar themselves habitually partake of the altar [they also receive a salary]?

1 Cor. 9:14 In the same manner, also, the Lord directed *that* those [apostles, pastors, teachers, evangelists] who make it a practice to proclaim the good news should live by means of the good news.

1 Cor. 9:15 But I myself have not taken advantage of [used the opportunity] these things [means of financial support] in any respect. Furthermore, I have not written these things, so that it might begin to be the same way [regular salary] for me [in my case], for it would be much better for me to die; truly no one shall render invalid my ground for boasting!

1 Cor. 9:16 For though I teach [communicate] the good news, my ground for boasting does not truly exist, for a divine compulsion [necessity to teach] was imposed [crowded] upon me, for how terrible [disastrous] it would be for me if I stopped teaching the good news.

1 Cor. 9:17 For if I keep on doing this [teaching the good news] voluntarily, I will receive a reward [crown of joy], but even if unwillingly [as victim of a gimmick or pressure], I will be entrusted with a mere responsibility [it becomes a joyless task without reward].

1 Cor. 9:18 What, then, is my reward? That when I teach the good news, I may distribute the good news [both the gospel and Bible doctrine] free of charge, so as not to abuse [making full use of] my authority in the good news.

1 Cor. 9:19 For though I am independent [no patronage relationship] from all men, I have made myself a laborer [a model of self-sacrificial behavior] to all manner of men, so I might gain [win over converts] the majority;

1 Cor. 9:20 For example, to the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might gain [win over] the Jews; to those under the authority of the law, as under the authority of the law, (not being under the authority of the law myself), so that I might gain [win over] those under the authority of the law;

1 Cor. 9:21 To those [Gentiles] without the law, as without the law, (not being outside the law of God [in a state of rebellion]), but subject to the law [mandates] of Christ), so that I might gain [win over] those [Gentiles] without the law;

1 Cor. 9:22 I became helpless [insignificant] to the helpless [of no prominence], so that I might gain the helpless; I became in the past and am still becoming in the present [in the role of conciliator] all kinds of things [flexible lifestyle] to all kinds of *men*, so that by all means I might save some.

1 Cor. 9:23 Moreover, I will keep on doing all kinds of things for the sake of the good news, so that I might become a fellow partaker with them.

1 Cor. 9:24 Don't you know that when they [competing athletes] run a race in a stadium [arena], on the one hand, they all run the race, but on the other hand, one [only the winner] obtains the prize [few believers exploit their potential and receive rewards]? In the same manner, keep on running the race [your spiritual walk] so that you may obtain [the reward].

1 Cor. 9:25 Moreover, everyone who struggles to win the prize [competes in an athletic contest] makes it a practice to constantly exercise self-discipline in all things. On the one hand, therefore, they [winners of

athletic contests] may receive a corruptible [subject to decay] wreath, but on the other hand, we an incorruptible [won't decay].

1 Cor. 9:26 For that very reason [to obtain an incorruptible wreath], I run the race [make spiritual progress] like this [in order to win the prize]: not as though without a definite goal in mind [aimlessly]; in the same way, I box: not as punching [making every blow count] the air [missing the target].

1 Cor. 9:27 But I continually train my body with harsh discipline [severe training] and keep it under control [consistent metabolization of Bible doctrine], otherwise after teaching others of the same kind [fellow believers], I myself might become disqualified [fail to pass the test and lose the reward].

1 Cor. 10:1 Indeed, I do not want you to be ignorant [without doctrine], brethren, that all our fathers [previous generation] were under the cloud [symbol of the presence of the Lord] and all passed through the [Red] sea,

1 Cor. 10:2 And all were baptized along with Moses by the cloud [continued presence of the Lord] and through the sea [deliverance of the Lord],

1 Cor. 10:3 And all ate the same spiritual food [manna as a type of Christ],

1 Cor. 10:4 And all drank the same spiritual drink [water from the rock], (for they drank out from the spiritual Rock [Christ] which followed [the physical rock was a type of Christ to come], and that rock was [in a type] Christ).

1 Cor. 10:5 But God was not pleased with most of them [the majority], for they were struck down [died the sin unto death] in the desert.

1 Cor. 10:6 Now these things occurred [came into being] as examples for us, so that we ourselves might not become desirous for evil things, just as they also lusted.

1 Cor. 10:7 Stop becoming [implying they already had become] idolaters like some of them, even as it was written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and then rose up to play [pagan revelry]."

1 Cor. 10:8 Stop practicing sexual immorality [some were already doing it], just as some of them [in the wilderness] committed sexual immorality, when twenty-three thousand fell to their destruction [died the sin unto death] in one day.

1 Cor. 10:9 Stop putting Christ to the test [presumption], just as some of them [in the wilderness] put *Him* to the test and were repeatedly punished [tortured] by snakes.

1 Cor. 10:10 Stop complaining [some already were], just as some of them [in the wilderness] complained and were destroyed by an exterminating angel.

1 Cor. 10:11 Now these things happened to them [wilderness wanderers] as a warning and were written to us for the purpose of instruction, upon whom [Church Age believers] the ends of the ages [conclusion of a series of dispensations in God's plan] are currently arriving [the Church Age is coming to a close] and will continue to come [the Tribulation, Millennium, and New Heavens & New Earth are still future].

1 Cor. 10:12 Therefore, let him who thinks he is firmly established [grounded] and will remain firmly established continually take heed [of Bible doctrine] so he doesn't fall to his destruction [come to a terrible end].

1 Cor. 10:13 No period of testing [pressure designed for our benefit] has overtaken you in the past [caught up with you] or will overtake you in the future that is not characteristic of mankind [common to all men: you aren't alone in encountering pressure situations]; moreover, God *is* faithful, Who will not allow you to be tested beyond [the breaking point] what you are capable of [you have the ability to avoid cracking up], but will provide [make available in the Word of God], in fact, the solution [divine problem solving devices] along with the test so that you are able [by utilizing doctrine and the filling of the Spirit] to endure [turning cursing into blessing].

1 Cor. 10:14 Therefore indeed, my beloved, keep on fleeing from idolatry.

1 Cor. 10:15 I am speaking as to sensible [thoughtful] men; you [those with some doctrine] consider [think about] what I mean [by implication].

1 Cor. 10:16 The cup of blessing [having given thanks] which we make it a habit to ask blessing on [a benediction at the end of a meal], does it not represent fellowship [communal jointness] with the blood of Christ [representative analogy for His spiritual death on the cross]? The food [meat, grain, vegetables] which we make it a habit to distribute [share at the common meal], does it not represent fellowship [communal jointness] with the body of Christ?

1 Cor. 10:17 Now we, *being* many, are one food, one body, for we all eat [share] from one food [common meal].

1 Cor. 10:18 Observe Israel according to the flesh [racial]. Are not they who [as unbelievers] keep on eating the sacrifices sharers [joint communion] of the altar?

1 Cor. 10:19 What then am I saying? That a meal offered to an idol is anything? Or that an idol is anything?

1 Cor. 10:20 But that which is sacrificed, they sacrifice to demons [evil spirits] and not to God. Now I do not want you to have fellowship [communion or joint partakers through idolatry] with demons.

1 Cor. 10:21 You are not able to drink [quench your thirst] from the cup of the Lord and from the cup of demons; you are not able to partake from the table [shared food] of the Lord and the table [shared food] of demons.

1 Cor. 10:22 Should we provoke [by our insolent behavior] the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

1 Cor. 10:23 All manner of things are lawful [permitted], but all manner of things are not advantageous [profitable or expedient]; all manner of things are lawful [permitted], but all manner of things do not edify [build up].

1 Cor. 10:24 Let no one [spiritually mature person] make it a habit to assert his own legitimate rights [in an act of selfishness] but *consider* that belonging to another of a different kind [spiritually immature person].

1 Cor. 10:25 Everything that is sold in the temple meat market [shopping at the shambles] you may eat regularly without making inquiries for the sake of the conscience [as to whether it was once offered to idols],

1 Cor. 10:26 Since [quoting a common prayer before meals] the earth *is* the Lord's and the contents of it [everything on it].

1 Cor. 10:27 If any unbelievers invite you [to a banquet in their home] and you want to go, you may eat everything which is placed before you, without making inquiries for the sake of the conscience.

1 Cor. 10:28 But if anyone [unbeliever host] says to you: "This [food] was offered in sacrifice," don't eat for the sake of him [the pagan host] who pointed it out and for the sake of conscience,

1 Cor. 10:29 However [when dealing with different types of believers], by conscience, I don't mean your own [a spiritually mature believer has no issue of conscience in this case], but that of another kind of person [a genuine spiritually immature person], for why should my liberty ever be judged by another person's [legalistic] conscience?

1 Cor. 10:30 If I eat with thanksgiving, why am I regularly insulted [hassled] for what I have given thanks for?

1 Cor. 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, make it a habit to do all things to the glory of God.

1 Cor. 10:32 Let no offense take place [arise] toward the Jews [natural Israel], or toward the Gentiles [unbelievers], or toward the Church of God [fellow believers],

1 Cor. 10:33 In so far as I myself make it a practice to accommodate [pleasant] all kinds of persons in all manner of things, not seeking my own benefit [advantage], but that of the many [the elect multitude], so that they may be saved [in the future].

1 Cor. 11:1 Keep on being imitators of me [my qualities of spiritual maturity], just as I *am* [becoming an imitator] of Christ.

1 Cor. 11:2 Now, so that I may commend you, remember all my things [teachings]; in fact, to the degree that I have entrusted [passed them on to] you, keep on holding fast to these teachings.

1 Cor. 11:3 Moreover, I want you to thoroughly understand that Christ is the [federal] head of every man. Furthermore, the head [authority] of a wife *is* a husband. And the head [by divine protocol] of Christ *is* God [the Father].

1 Cor. 11:4 Every man who prays in public or proclaims a message, while having his head covered [a sign of submission], disgraces his position of superior rank.

1 Cor. 11:5 But every woman, who prays or proclaims a message [to women and children] in public with her head uncovered, disgraces her head [her husband], for it is one and the same as having herself shaved [penalty for an adulterous woman].

1 Cor. 11:6 For if a woman [in emotional revolt of the soul] will not cover her head [sign of rebellion, arrogant refusal], then have her cut her hair off [shear like a sheep] or to have her head shaved, *then* let her cover her head [wear long hair as her covering].

1 Cor. 11:7 For on the one hand, a man [husband] ought not to cover his head, which represents the image [moral likeness] and glory [crown of creation] of God; but on the other hand, the woman [wife] represents the glory [honor] of the man [husband].

1 Cor. 11:8 For the man is not out from the woman, but the woman out from the man.

1 Cor. 11:9 Indeed, man also was not created for the sake of the woman, but the woman for the sake of the man.

1 Cor. 11:10 Because of this [the woman created for the sake of the man], the woman ought to always have authority [ruling power for protective purposes] over her head [headship], because of those angels [fallen angels who cohabited with the daughters of men].

1 Cor. 11:11 However, neither *is* the woman [wife] apart from [complete without] the man [husband], nor the man [husband] apart from [complete without] the woman [wife] in the Lord.

1 Cor. 11:12 For just as the woman [Eve] was out from the man [Adam], in a similar manner, also the man because of the woman [by natural childbirth], but all things out from God.

1 Cor. 11:13 Pass judgment on these things [list of pertinent issues just covered] yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to pray to God uncovered?

1 Cor. 11:14 Doesn't nature itself teach you, that on the one hand, a man, if he wears long hair, is a disgrace [shame and dishonor] to himself?

1 Cor. 11:15 But on the other hand, if a woman makes it a habit to wear long hair, it is glory [grandeur] to her, for her hair was entrusted to her in place of a covering.

1 Cor. 11:16 Now, if anyone [troublemaker] has the reputation of being argumentative [it's not worth fighting over], we have no such custom [rejecting the legalistic bully's rules], nor *do* the assemblies of God.

1 Cor. 11:17 Now, by giving specific instructions about this [next topic], I am not praising [commending] *you* because you make it a habit to assemble yourselves together; *it has not been* for the better, but for the worse.

1 Cor. 11:18 For, on the one hand, when you yourselves first came together in a central location, I heard [by oral report] divisions [opposing parties] developed among you, and to a degree [maybe it was a bit exaggerated], I believe it [expressing mock disbelief].

1 Cor. 11:19 For indeed [I know this to be true], there inevitably developed heresies among you, so that even they [the creators of the heresies], the respected ones [those held in undeserved high esteem], might become evident [revealed for what they really are] among you.

1 Cor. 11:20 Accordingly [since there is no elite few], when you gather yourselves together, it's not for the purpose of eating a feast [stuffing your face at the agape meal] at the expense of the principal provider [the lord of the manor].

1 Cor. 11:21 For you see [explains with examples], each one [individually], while eating [wealthy class] his own main meal [personal dinner], is beginning ahead of time [eating before others show up]. While, on the one hand [while], one [workers who show up late] continues to go hungry, on the other hand, another gets drunk [drinks more than his share].

1 Cor. 11:22 Indeed [sanctified sarcasm], don't you possess homes [personal privacy] for the purpose of excessive eating and drinking? Or do you plan on making it a habit to despise [treat with contempt] the assembly [fellow believers] of God [by eating your own private meal without your fellow believers] and

humiliate those [poor believers] who do not have [can't afford their own meal and drink]? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you? I will not commend *you* on this [kind of behavior].

1 Cor. 11:23 For I accepted [learned secondhand from studying the Gospels] from the Lord [ultimate source], what I also passed on to you [equal dining privileges], that the Lord Jesus, on the night in which He was betrayed [delivered to soldiers by Judas Iscariot], took food [a meal],

1 Cor. 11:24 And after He had given thanks, He distributed [food] and said: This [food] represents [figurative analogy] My body which *is* on your behalf [substitution]; keep on doing this [prayer before every meal] for the purpose of remembering Me.

1 Cor. 11:25 In the same way [giving thanks before a drink just like before a meal], also the cup, after He had eaten [a meal], saying: This cup represents the new covenant [result of the work of Christ] by means of My blood [representative analogy for the spiritual death of Christ on the cross]; keep on doing this [give thanks] whenever you drink, for the purpose of remembering Me.

1 Cor. 11:26 For whenever [as often as] you make it a habit to eat this [prayed over] food or drink a cup, you are announcing [making known] the [spiritual] death of the Lord until which time He returns [at the exit-resurrection or rapture].

1 Cor. 11:27 Therefore, whoever makes it a habit to eat food or drink a cup from the Lord in an improper manner [without giving thanks and remembrance], shall be guilty of a sin [arrogant lack of appreciation] against the body [Person] and the blood [spiritual death] of the Lord.

1 Cor. 11:28 Instead, let a man make it a practice to examine himself [confession of sin], and then [after being restored to fellowship], in this manner [accompanied by a prayer of thanks], let him eat of the food [his share of the feast] and drink of the cup [his share of beverage],

1 Cor. 11:29 For he [the carnal Christian] who eats and drinks, potentially eats and drinks judgment [divine discipline] against himself, by not acknowledging [recognizing] the body [fellow believers at the dining table].

1 Cor. 11:30 Because of this [following pagan protocol at the agape feast], many [carnal Christians] among you *have become* weak [warning discipline] and ill [intensive discipline]; some have even died [sin unto death].

1 Cor. 11:31 For if [assumes the Corinthians haven't] we continue to examine ourselves [confessing sin in order to restore fellowship], then we should not receive continuous discipline [we're spared the next level of divine discipline].

1 Cor. 11:32 But when we are being assessed [evaluated], we always receive corrective discipline [remedy] from the Lord, so that we should not be condemned [warning, intensive, dying discipline] along with the cosmic system.

1 Cor. 11:33 Therefore, my brethren, when you come together for the purpose of eating, make it a habit to wait [no distinctions in rank or food] for one another of the same kind [fellow believers].

1 Cor. 11:34 If anyone is hungry, let him make it a habit to eat at home, so that you may not come together [for group dining] with a result of condemnation [divine discipline]. Moreover, finally, when I return, I myself [not even Titus could handle this crowd] will give instructions [set things straight].

1 Cor. 12:1 Now concerning things pertaining to the Spirit, brethren, I do not wish you to continue being ignorant.

1 Cor. 12:2 You know that when [in the past] you were unbelievers, when you were in the habit of being continually led astray [by an idolatrous culture], you were repeatedly brought face-to-face with dumb [lifeless] idols.

1 Cor. 12:3 For this reason [because of you past dealing with idols], I am making known to you that no one, when communicating by means of the Spirit of God, can say: "Jesus is cursed." Moreover, no one is able to say: "Lord Jesus," unless by means of the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor. 12:4 Now, there are varieties of grace gifts [both temporary & permanent], but the same Spirit [God the Spirit],

1 Cor. 12:5 And there are varieties [diversities] of services [helps, supports], but also the same Lord [God the Son],

1 Cor. 12:6 And there are varieties of activities [operations], but the same God [the Father] Who accomplishes all things [individually] into all [a whole plan].

1 Cor. 12:7 Moreover, the manifestation of the Spirit has been given to each person [all believers] for the purpose of being advantageous [beneficial].

1 Cor. 12:8 For on the one hand [needed before the completion of the canon], a word of wisdom [explanation and application of advanced doctrine to mature believers] is given to one person by the Spirit; on the other hand, to another of the same kind [fellow believer], a word of knowledge [explanation and application of basic doctrine to new believers].

1 Cor. 12:9 To another of a different kind [purpose of authenticating the gospel], faith [a miraculous manifestation] in the sphere of the same Spirit; on the other hand, to another of the same kind [fellow believer], gifts [several types] of healing in the sphere of one Spirit;

1 Cor. 12:10 On the other hand, to another of the same kind, an exercise of power [working miracles]; on the other hand, to another of the same kind, a prophesy [relating the plan of God to time]; on the other hand, to another of the same kind, an ability to discriminate states of mind [ability to discern between true & false prophets]; to another of a different kind [purpose of warning the nation Israel of coming judgment], a foreign type [another nation] of language [not gibberish]; on the other hand, to another of the same kind, a translation of a language [for those who don't know the foreign language];

1 Cor. 12:11 But all these things [spiritual gifts] are put into operation [energized] by one and the same Spirit, distributing to each individual just as He planned [sovereign determination].

1 Cor. 12:12 For just as the body [the Church] is one and has many members [believers], and all the members of a body [Christ's], being many [individuals], are one body [the Church], so also *is* Christ [the Church is the body of Christ].

1 Cor. 12:13 For also by one Spirit we all [Church Age believers] were baptized [instantaneous positional truth] into one body [the Church as the body of Christ], whether Jews or Greeks [no racial distinctions], whether bondslaves or free persons [no socio-economic distinctions]. In fact, we all [Church Age believers] were given to drink of one Spirit.

1 Cor. 12:14 Indeed, the body [the Church] is also not one member [no man is an island], but many.

1 Cor. 12:15 If the foot [believer with an inferiority complex] should say: “Because I am not a hand [believer with a superiority complex], I am not of the body. Is it not on account of this [difference in spiritual gift], *that I am* not of the body?”

1 Cor. 12:16 And if the ear [believer with an inferiority complex] should say: “Because I am not an eye [believer with a superiority complex], I am not part of the body. Is it not on account of this, *that I am* not part of the body?”

1 Cor. 12:17 If the whole body *were* an eye, where the hearing? If the entirety *was* hearing, where the smelling?

1 Cor. 12:18 But in actuality, God appointed members, each one of them in the body, according as He intended.

1 Cor. 12:19 But if all [believers] were one member [having the same spiritual gift], then where the body [what condition would it be in]?

1 Cor. 12:20 But in actuality, on the one hand: many members, but on the other hand: one body.

1 Cor. 12:21 So then, the eye [believer with a superiority complex] is not able to say to the hand [believer with an inferiority complex]: “I have no need of you,” nor again, the head [superior position] to the feet [inferior position]: “I have no need of you.”

1 Cor. 12:22 On the contrary, frequently, to a great degree [their gifts are extremely important], the members of the body [with less spectacular gifts] which *are* considered to be at one’s disposal [such as helps, encouragement] are urgently needed,

1 Cor. 12:23 And those from the body [believers with so-called lesser gifts] we considered to be insignificant [internal organs], upon these [members of the body] we treat with complete respect [recognition]; so now our private bodily parts [genitals] have complete propriety [well clothed].

1 Cor. 12:24 Since our most respected parts [genitalia] have no such need [to be publicly displayed]. Accordingly, God has arranged the body together, having given complete honor to that [bodily part] which is lacking [hidden from view],

1 Cor. 12:25 So that there might be no division [split] in the body, but that the members might have the same concern for one another of the same kind [care for fellow believers].

1 Cor. 12:26 Moreover, if one member is suffering, all the members may share the same suffering; and if one member receives honor, all the members may share in the inner happiness [*esprit de corps*].

1 Cor. 12:27 In conclusion, you [believers] are the body of Christ, as well as members individually.

1 Cor. 12:28 Indeed. So then, God placed [temporarily appointed] in the assembly: first, apostles [who lay the foundation of the church], second, prophets [communicators before the canon was completed], third, teachers [a special gift that didn’t require studying], then acts of power [miracles performed at will], then gracious gifts of healings [performed at will], helpers [settled disputes in the church], guides [steer the direction of the church], different languages [ability to speak foreign languages without studying them].

1 Cor. 12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all miracle workers?

1 Cor. 12:30 Do all have gracious gifts of healings? Do all speak languages? Do all interpret?

1 Cor. 12:31 But you [as a church, not an individual] should make it a practice to show an interest in the greater grace gifts [teaching and administration, which have their permanent counterparts]. And yet I am going to explain [instruct by illustration] to you a way of *Christian* life of more surpassing excellence [outshines all the others].

1 Cor. 13:1 If I speak by means of the foreign languages of men, even angels, but do not have the ability to exercise virtue [impersonal] love, I have become a bronze gong which makes nothing but continuous noise or a cymbal which makes a repetitive clanging sound.

1 Cor. 13:2 Moreover, if [suppose for a moment] I have the gift of speaking the message of God [preaching before the canon was completed] and understand all types of mysteries [well known spiritual problems] and every category of knowledge [doctrinal knowledge before the completed canon], and if I have all manner of faith, so that I could remove mountains, but am unable to exercise virtue love [residence & function in the love complex], I am worth nothing.

1 Cor. 13:3 And if [suppose for a moment] I distributed all my possessions, and if I committed my body to torture as a martyr with the result that I might be legitimately proud of myself [bragging on his physical wounds] but am unable to exercise virtue [impersonal] love, I will be achieving nothing [God is not impressed: no reward for your efforts].

1 Cor. 13:4 The love complex [anti-personification for believers functioning in the sphere of love] is patient [endures pressures with fortitude], the love complex is kind [functions with integrity], never jealous; the love complex is never conceited [bragging about oneself], nor does it become arrogant;

1 Cor. 13:5 Does not behave improperly [dishonorably], does not strive for one's own advantage [inordinate ambition], does not become irritable [easily hurt because of hypersensitivity], does not calculate evil [plot revenge],

1 Cor. 13:6 Does not get pleasure [kicks] from wrongdoing [function in the cosmic system], but shares pleasure [mutual enjoyment] in Truth [studying the Word of God],

1 Cor. 13:7 Endures all types of things [longsuffering], has trust in all manner of things [positive mental attitude], has confidence in all categories of things [possesses a consistent systematic theology], stands firm on all kinds of things [endures all circumstances of life without wavering].

1 Cor. 13:8 The love complex is never invalidated [is never phased-out, cancelled, or withdrawn from the church]; but if gifts of preaching the gospel message [preaching before the canon of Scripture was completed] *currently exist*: they will be cancelled [when the canon of Scripture is completed]; if gifts of foreign languages *currently exist* [during the transition period between the Jewish and Gentile dispensations]: they will cease to exist; if a gift of knowledge [pre-canon, partial doctrinal information] *currently exists*: it will be cancelled [by the completed canon of Scripture].

1 Cor. 13:9 For we [believers alive with Paul] have partial [incomplete] knowledge [spiritual gift] and we [believers alive with Paul] preach the partial [incomplete] good news [spiritual gift],

1 Cor. 13:10 But when the completed thing [the completed canon of Scripture] arrives, the partial thing [temporary, pre-canon gift] will be cancelled [nullified, abolished].

1 Cor. 13:11 When I was an infant [in the pre-canon period], I repeatedly spoke like an infant [temporary gift of languages], I continually thought like an infant [temporary gift of knowledge]; when I became a man [parallel with the completed canon of Scripture], I did away with infantile things [temporary spiritual gifts].

1 Cor. 13:12 For now [in the transition period] we see [Christ] by means of a mirror [temporary spiritual gifts] into an obscure image [without the canon of Scripture], but then [when the canon is completed] face to face; now [in transition] I understand partially [to a limited degree without the canon], but then [when the canon is completed] I will fully understand [what I heard in part by the temporary spiritual gifts] to the same extent that I also have been fully known [knowledge of our character is known by both God and Scripture].

1 Cor. 13:13 Nevertheless [even though they didn't have the completed canon], at the present time [after the temporary sign-gifts had ceased to function], these three things [problem-solving devices]: faith-rest [resting in the promises of God by faith], confidence [assurance from functioning in God's protocol plan], virtue love [personal love for God and impersonal love towards mankind], remain [are permanent, continuing to function to this day], and the greatest of these is virtue love.

1 Cor. 14:1 Make it a habit to exercise virtue [impersonal] love, then [2nd priority] focus your attention upon spiritual gifts, but [as a stipulation] so that you might communicate God's message better than ever.

1 Cor. 14:2 Indeed, he who communicates with a foreign language is not communicating by human standards [not geared to the local assembly of believers, but to visiting unbelievers from another country], but through God [divine standards]; of course, not every individual [who doesn't know the foreign language] should understand, since he is communicating mysteries [something formerly unknown is now made known] by the Spirit,

1 Cor. 14:3 But [in contrast to a foreign language] he who makes it a practice to speak God's message [in the commonly understood native tongue], communicates to men by strengthening [building a doctrinal structure in their soul] and encouraging [acting as their defense attorney] and comforting.

1 Cor. 14:4 He who speaks with a foreign language benefits himself [plants himself in the local assembly as one with the gift of languages, which can only be tested when visitors are present], but he who makes it a practice to speak God's message [in the commonly understood native language] benefits the church [has a greater influence on the general population].

1 Cor. 14:5 Now I wish you all could speak with a foreign language [particularly for the benefit of believing Israel], but rather that you would communicate God's message [for the benefit of the greater population]. So greater [with reference to impact] is he who communicates God's message than he who speaks with a foreign language, unless one [he] may translate, so that the local assembly might obtain an edification complex of the soul.

1 Cor. 14:6 Now then, brethren, if I come face-to-face to you speaking with a foreign language, what shall I profit [benefit] you, unless I was to speak to you either by revelation [doctrinal truth not yet written], or by knowledge [doctrinal precepts], or by an intelligible message [the gospel], or by doctrinal principles?

1 Cor. 14:7 Even inanimate things which provide sound, for example a flute or a harp, if they did not provide a distinction between sounds, how could it be known what is being played on a flute or played on a harp?

1 Cor. 14:8 As a matter of fact, indeed, if the trumpet provided an indistinct sound, who would prepare himself for battle?

1 Cor. 14:9 In this same manner, you also, by a foreign language, unless you provide an intelligible message [easily understood in the local language], how will that which is spoken be understood? For you will be repeatedly speaking to the air [in vain, no ear receives it].

1 Cor. 14:10 There are, as it turns out, a large quantity of nations in the world with languages, and none *are* without meaning [the faculty for communication].

1 Cor. 14:11 If, therefore, I do not understand the meaning of the language, I will be, to the person who is conversing with *me*, a foreigner [not a native], and the person who is speaking a foreigner [not a native] to me.

1 Cor. 14:12 In the same manner you, since you [as an assembly] are so eager [desirous] for spiritual phenomenon [gifts], must always seek [as an assembly] for the purpose of building up [strengthening] the assembly, so that as a result you [collectively] might continue to abound [grow together in grace and knowledge].

1 Cor. 14:13 Therefore, let the person who speaks with a foreign language pray that one [he] may always translate [so others will understand].

1 Cor. 14:14 For if I made it a habit to pray with a foreign language, my [human] spirit might be engaged in praying, but my understanding would remain unfruitful [derives no benefit].

1 Cor. 14:15 What should it [my conclusion] be then? I will pray with the [human] spirit, but I will also pray with understanding [intellect]. I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will also sing praise with understanding [intellect].

1 Cor. 14:16 Otherwise, if you ask God's blessing [upon food, persons, events] with the spirit, how is it possible for a person who is occupying [filling] an untrained [not conversant in any foreign languages] position [location] to reply Amen after your thanksgiving, since he does not understand what you are saying?

1 Cor. 14:17 For indeed you give thanks, but another of a different kind [a person not familiar with the language you are speaking] is not edified [built up, strengthened].

1 Cor. 14:18 I thank God I speak more languages than all of you,

1 Cor. 14:19 But in an assembly, I would rather speak five words with my understanding, so that I may instruct others of the same kind [those who speak the same language], rather than thousands of words with a foreign language.

1 Cor. 14:20 Brethren, stop being elementary school children with reference to understanding. On the contrary, be toddlers with reference to evil [malice, wickedness], but keep on becoming mature adults [full-grown] with reference to understanding.

1 Cor. 14:21 It stands written in the law: "By speaking another language [other than their native tongue] and by lips of a different kind [foreigners to Israel], I will speak to this [chosen] people [Israel], but in spite of these [two means of communication], they will not obey Me," said the Lord.

1 Cor. 14:22 Accordingly, foreign languages are always for a sign, not to those who believe [fellow Christians], but to unbelievers [particularly Jews]. On the other hand, communicating doctrine with intelligence [prophecy] is not for unbelievers, but to those who believe [fellow Christians].

1 Cor. 14:23 If, therefore, the entire assembly came together at the same time, and everyone continued to speak foreign languages, and untrained persons [not skilled in foreign languages] or unbelievers entered, won't they say that you [the entire local assembly] are insane [a congregation of lunatics]?

1 Cor. 14:24 But if everyone communicates doctrine with intelligence, and some unbeliever or untrained person [not skilled in foreign languages] entered, he might be convicted [proven guilty] by all kinds of things [doctrinal precepts: guilty of sin], he might be called to account [evaluated or judged] by all kinds of things [doctrinal principles: works and deeds are inadequate],

1 Cor. 14:25 With the result that the dark secrets of the mentality of his soul become manifest [revealed], and due to this [manifestation of his mentality], falling upon *his* face, he will worship God, proclaiming that God is certainly among you.

1 Cor. 14:26 Why is it then [this is not a commendation, but a rebuke], brethren, that when you come together, each *of you* always has a psalm [doctrine with a tune], always has a teaching [those with the pastor-teacher gift], always has a revelation [prophecy gift], always has a foreign language [tongue gift], always has an interpretation? Everything should be done for the purpose of an edification complex of the soul.

1 Cor. 14:27 If anyone speaks a foreign language, (in some circumstances two [sentences], or at most three [sentences], and one at a time), emphatically one must always interpret [it must communicate],

1 Cor. 14:28 But if there is no interpreter, he must keep silent in the assembly; instead let him speak to himself [mulling things over] and to God.

1 Cor. 14:29 Moreover, two or three intelligent communicators of the truth may speak, then others of the same kind [fellow communicators] may evaluate;

1 Cor. 14:30 But if *something* is revealed to another of the same kind [fellow believer] who is present [sitting nearby], the person must always stop talking [let one person be silent before the other begins] first,

1 Cor. 14:31 Of course, you are all able [have the ability] to communicate the truth intelligently, one at a time [in rotation], so that all types may keep on learning and all kinds may be repeatedly encouraged.

1 Cor. 14:32 Also, the spiritual phenomenon [gifts] of intelligent communicators of the truth are always under the authority of [take a subordinate place to] the intelligent communicators of the truth.

1 Cor. 14:33 For God is not a source of disorder [confusion, sloppiness], but of harmony [self-regulation], as in all assemblies of saints.

1 Cor. 14:34 Women must always keep silent [stop talking] in the assemblies, for it is never permitted for them to speak. On the contrary [instead], they must always be under authority, just as the law [OT mandates] also states.

1 Cor. 14:35 Moreover, if they [women] wish to learn anything, they should always ask their own husbands at home, for it is always disgraceful [shameful] for a woman to speak in an assembly.

1 Cor. 14:36 What? Did the Word of God originate from you? Or did it arrive among you only?

1 Cor. 14:37 If any man is recognized [has the reputation] to be an intelligent communicator of the truth or a spiritually gifted person, let him acknowledge with full understanding [recognize] the things I am writing to you, that it [my writing] is a mandate from the Lord.

1 Cor. 14:38 But if someone [who insists on speaking] remains ignorant [places his personal gifts and revelations above Bible doctrine], he should always be disregarded [pay no attention to him] as ignorant.

1 Cor. 14:39 Accordingly, my brethren, continue showing a great interest in always communicating the truth with intelligence, but do not hinder [prevent] speaking with foreign languages.

1 Cor. 14:40 Moreover, all things [particularly the exercise of spiritual gifts] must always be done properly [respectably] and according to an orderly fashion.

1 Cor. 15:1 And now, brethren, I will elaborate on [recall for your benefit] the good news to you, concerning which [gospel] I have proclaimed to you [in the past], which you also received [justification salvation], in which you stood fast in the past and are currently standing fast in [eternal security],

1 Cor. 15:2 By means of which you are also continually being delivered [experiential sanctification], (assuming you continue to hold fast to [retain in memory] the teaching [doctrine] which I have proclaimed as the good news to you), unless you have maintained confidence without reason [uselessly professed allegiance].

1 Cor. 15:3 Indeed, I handed down to you [delivered and entrusted], in the first place [of preeminent importance], what I also received [Paul didn't make this stuff up], that Christ died [spiritual death] as a substitute for our [believer's, the elect] sins, according to the Scriptures.

1 Cor. 15:4 And that He was buried, and that He was raised [resurrected] the third day, according to the Scriptures.

1 Cor. 15:5 And that He was seen [eye witnesses to the resurrection] by Cephas [Peter], then by the twelve [disciples].

1 Cor. 15:6 Afterwards, He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at one time, out from whom most remain [are still alive] at the present time, but some have fallen asleep [died];

1 Cor. 15:7 Afterwards, He was seen by Jacob [James, the half-brother of Jesus], then by all the apostles,

1 Cor. 15:8 And last of all, as though a miscarriage [abnormal birth], He was seen by me,

1 Cor. 15:9 For I am the least [insignificant] of the apostles [the last, the 12th], who is not worthy [qualified] to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God,

1 Cor. 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am. Furthermore, His grace towards me was not received without result [in vain]; on the contrary, I labored more than all of them [the other apostles], yet not I [not by the energy of the flesh], but the grace of God with me.

1 Cor. 15:11 Therefore, whether I or they [the other apostles], we always preach in this same manner [teaching the doctrine of the resurrection], and in the same manner, you believed.

1 Cor. 15:12 Now, if Christ is *accurately* preached, that He was raised [resurrected] out from the dead [both spiritual and bodily matter], how is it possible *that* some among you [who are in denial of the evidence] are continually saying that there is no resurrection of the dead?

1 Cor. 15:13 Now, if [but it's not true] there is no resurrection of the dead, neither was Christ raised,

1 Cor. 15:14 And if Christ was not raised, then our preaching *is* indeed in vain [altogether an empty fallacy], and your belief *is* in vain,

1 Cor. 15:15 In fact, we are also found to *be* false witnesses of God [in His service], because we have testified concerning God [the Father] that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise up if it is true that the dead are not raised.

1 Cor. 15:16 For if the dead are not raised, neither was Christ raised.

1 Cor. 15:17 Moreover, if Christ was not raised, your faith *is* empty [void of truth]. Furthermore, you remain in the sphere of your sins.

1 Cor. 15:18 Consequently, they also who have fallen asleep [bodily death] in Christ have perished *in their sins* [are therefore still under divine judgment].

1 Cor. 15:19 If during this life [before the resurrection], we make it a practice to live in Christ, maintaining confidence, we were pitiable compared to all kinds of men.

1 Cor. 15:20 But, now [no more false assumptions] Christ has been raised in the past with the result that He is still raised out from the dead, the first-fruit [the guarantee] of those who have fallen asleep [died].

1 Cor. 15:21 For since death *came* through man [the first Adam], resurrection of the dead also *came* through man [the last Adam, Christ].

1 Cor. 15:22 For just as all [those represented by Adam] died in Adam, in a similar manner [through their representative in federal headship] also, all [those represented by Christ] shall be made alive in Christ.

1 Cor. 15:23 But each in his own proper order [turn, stage]: Christ, the first-fruit, then those belonging to Christ [the elect purchased at the cross] at His return [during the rapture],

1 Cor. 15:24 And then the Perfect [New Heavens & New Earth], (when He [the Lord as the Mediatorial King] will deliver the kingdom [royal power of the Perfect Age] to God, even the Father, when He has nullified [cancelled] all rule and all jurisdiction [authority] and power).

1 Cor. 15:25 For he [Satan] must continue to rule it [the earth] until He [the Father] has relegated all His [the Spirit's] enemies under His [Christ's] feet.

1 Cor. 15:26 The last enemy, death, shall be abolished [neutralized by the resurrection].

1 Cor. 15:27 For He [the Father] has put all things [man, angels, and death] under the authority of His [Christ's] feet [at the 2nd advent]. However, when He [the Father] said [in Psalm 8] that all things have been placed under the authority of in the past and will always be in subjection to *Him* [Christ], it is evident that this excludes *Him* [the Father] who put all things under the authority of Him [Christ].

1 Cor. 15:28 Moreover, when all things have been placed in subjection to Him [Christ], then even the Son will be placed under the authority of Him [the Father] who placed all things under the authority of Him [Christ], so that God [the united purpose of the Father and Son] might be [of one accord] all in all [complete domination].

1 Cor. 15:29 Otherwise, what will they [some ignorant Christians who denied the resurrection] who are being baptized [a false practice] accomplish on behalf of the dead [why bother with such a ludicrous practice]? If the dead are not actually raised up [false assumption], then why are they [these ignorant Christians] being baptized on their behalf?

1 Cor. 15:30 Why, then [if there is no resurrection], would we [Paul and his evangelistic followers] repeatedly risk danger every hour?

1 Cor. 15:31 I face death on a daily basis, due to my pride in you, brethren, which I hold in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Cor. 15:32 If [but it's not true], according to the manner of man [exaggerated speaking], I have fought wild beasts in Ephesus [a form of torture in Paul's day], what benefit *is there* for me [if there is no resurrection]? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and let us drink, for in a short while we will die.

1 Cor. 15:33 Stop being deceived. Evil associations [bad company] will corrupt good morals [even between positive and negative believers].

1 Cor. 15:34 Come to your senses [stop being inebriated] as regards righteousness [the filling of the Spirit] and stop constantly sinning [confess your sins and get back into fellowship], for some [fellow believers whom you are associating with] have no spiritual perception [are ignorant of Bible doctrine] of God. I am speaking face-to-face to you [those of you who are not interested in the Word of God and who are living a life of constant sin] with shame.

1 Cor. 15:35 But someone [ignorant Corinthian believer] will ask: How are the dead raised up [what are the mechanics of the resurrection]? And what kind of body will they return with?

1 Cor. 15:36 Fool, what you are habitually sowing [as experiential sanctification] will not bring forth life [spiritual benefit] unless it has died [faced death during evidence testing],

1 Cor. 15:37 And what you are habitually sowing [during experiential sanctification], you are not sowing in order to receive [during ultimate sanctification] a body [resurrection body], but like an exposed seed [positional sanctification has already been obtained], you hope to turn into [by experiential sanctification] wheat [ultra-supergrace status], or something along the same line [a lesser but still important state of spiritual maturity],

1 Cor. 15:38 Moreover, God [as opposed to mans' efforts] has given to Him [Jesus Christ] a body [resurrection body] in as much as He desired to do so, and to each sperm [believers only, because they are capable of producing life] its own body [resurrection body].

1 Cor. 15:39 All flesh [physical body] *is* not the same flesh. On the contrary, on the one hand [different from every other form of life], another of the same kind: man; on the other hand [different from man, but similar to other forms of life], another category of flesh: animals; and another category of flesh: fowl; and another category: fish.

1 Cor. 15:40 *There are* also celestial [heavenly, light-bearing] bodies, and terrestrial [earthly, light-reflecting] bodies, but on the one hand, the glory of the celestial [analogous to our resurrection body] is different; on the other hand, that of the terrestrial [analogous to our earthly body] is different.

1 Cor. 15:41 Another glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars. As a matter of fact, star differs from star in glory [saints will also have different degrees of glory].

1 Cor. 15:42 In the same way, also, *is* the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption [only lives a short time]. It is raised in incorruption [will live forever].

1 Cor. 15:43 It is sown in dishonor [having the sin nature]. It is raised in glory [having no sin nature]. It is sown in weakness [of the flesh]. It is raised in power [having no weakness of the flesh].

1 Cor. 15:44 It is sown a natural body [an organism animated by a soul]. It is raised a spiritual body [clothed in light]. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual.

1 Cor. 15:45 And so it was written in the past with the result that it stands written: The first man Adam was created a living soul [in the image of God], the last Adam [Jesus Christ] a life-giving Spirit.

1 Cor. 15:46 However, the spiritual [resurrection body] *was* not first, but the natural [physical body], then [after death] the spiritual.

1 Cor. 15:47 The first man [Adam] *is* out of the earth, made of dust; the second Man [Jesus Christ] out of heaven.

1 Cor. 15:48 Whatever *is* made of dust [its inherent characteristics], similarly also *are* those earthy; and whatever *is* heavenly [its inherent characteristics], similarly also *are* those heavenly.

1 Cor. 15:49 Moreover, just as we have worn the likeness of the earthy one [Adam], we shall also wear the likeness of the heavenly One [Jesus Christ].

1 Cor. 15:50 Now [in conclusion], I mean this, brethren, that flesh and blood [the human body] is not able to inherit the kingdom of God [this requires a resurrection body], nor does corruption [subject to death] inherit incorruption [ability to live in eternity].

1 Cor. 15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all die [some will be raptured], but we shall all be changed [the soul gets a new suit].

1 Cor. 15:52 In an instant [fraction of a second], in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet [blowing assembly for the church], for the trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised [at the rapture] incorruptible [with their resurrection body] and we [the rapture generation] shall be changed [receive their resurrection body].

1 Cor. 15:53 For with reference to this corruptibility [those who are already dead], it must put on incorruptibility [their resurrection bodies], and this mortality [those who are still alive in a human body], *it must* put on immortality [their resurrection bodies].

1 Cor. 15:54 So after this corruptibility [those already dead] has put on incorruptibility [their resurrection bodies], and this mortality [those who are still alive at the rapture] has put on immortality [their resurrection bodies], then the message which was written in the past with the result that it stands written will come about: Death [inclusive] has been swallowed [devoured] up in victory.

1 Cor. 15:55 Where, death, *is* your victory? Where, death, *is* your sting?

1 Cor. 15:56 The sting of death [spiritual death] *is* sin [the sin nature], and the power [strength] of sin *is* the law [adhering to legalism is the strength of sin].

1 Cor. 15:57 But thanks to God Who keeps on giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, keep on becoming firm [stability in time], unmovable [confident application of doctrine], abounding always [divine good production] in the work of the Lord [by the filling of the Spirit], knowing for certain that your labor [divine good] is not without benefit [empty, serving no purpose] in the Lord.

1 Cor. 16:1 Now concerning the contribution [charity] for the saints, just as I have instructed [arrangements] the assemblies of Galatia [another confused bunch of Christians], in the same manner you please do likewise.

1 Cor. 16:2 Around the first [one day] of the week, let each one of you, assuming [hopefully] you are saving money in reserve [prospering economically], make it a practice to set aside [plan ahead of time] part of your own [retirement savings], so that when I return, there will not have to be collections at that time [financial aid].

1 Cor. 16:3 However [as for those who have no retirement savings], until I arrive [as a temporary solution], whomever you approve by letters [mail service], I will send them to carry your goodwill support [financial aid] to Jerusalem [for those who are impoverished in that city],

1 Cor. 16:4 And if it is suitable [if the sum of money is large] that I also may travel, they [your chosen couriers] may travel with me.

1 Cor. 16:5 Now I plan [travel itinerary] on coming face-to-face to you after I pass through Macedonia, for I make it a habit to pass through Macedonia [on the way to Jerusalem].

1 Cor. 16:6 Moreover, if it turns out this way, I will stay with you; as a matter of fact, I am planning to stay the winter, so that you may accompany [escort] me wherever I may travel [either east to Jerusalem or west to Rome].

1 Cor. 16:7 So I will not see you in passing [giving them a chance to recover from his corrective letter] this time [it was a matter of timing], but to be sure I expect to stay with you for a while [to correct all the abuses I've heard about] if the Lord permits [it might not be the geographical will of God for him to do so].

1 Cor. 16:8 But I plan on staying in Ephesus until Pentecost.

1 Cor. 16:9 For a great and effective opportunity was opened in the past and remains open to me [there are still unbelievers in Ephesus that the Lord wants saved], even though *there are* many [human and demonic] who constantly oppose us.

1 Cor. 16:10 Now if Timothy makes an appearance, see to it that he may be with you without fear [make him feel welcomed, since he's a rather sensitive guy], for he is constantly performing the works of the Lord, as I *am also doing*.

1 Cor. 16:11 Therefore, do not allow anyone to treat him with contempt [since he's young and rather wimpy]. Instead, escort [accompany] him in peace [a friendly manner], so that he may come face-to-face to me [his ultimate destination], for I am waiting for [expecting] him with the brethren [Ephesian believers].

1 Cor. 16:12 Now concerning our brother, Apollos [acting independently from Paul], I frequently encouraged [begged] him, so that he might make an appearance face-to-face to you with the brethren, but he is not at all willing [absolutely no way] to come now [he was fed up with the Corinthians], but he will return when he has the opportunity [may never have happened].

1 Cor. 16:13 Be alert [observing historical trends]; stand firm [be stabilized] in doctrine; act like men [behave like nobility]; become strong [confident and filled with the Spirit].

1 Cor. 16:14 Try to do everything inside the love complex [as members of the royal family of God].

1 Cor. 16:15 I urge you, brethren, (since you know the house of Stephanas, that it is the first-fruits of Achaia [in southern Greece], and *that* they have devoted themselves for the purpose of service [not an office, but rather a work] to the saints),

1 Cor. 16:16 That you also should make an attempt to be under the guidance of [show respect to] such, as well as each person [fellow workers] who has worked [cooperated] with *us* and has labored to the point of exhaustion.

1 Cor. 16:17 In addition, I am happy at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus [his defensive line], because they have completed the measure of [made up for] what was lacking on your part,

1 Cor. 16:18 For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore, make it a habit to receive full knowledge from such persons.

1 Cor. 16:19 The assemblies of Asia [Roman province of Turkey] salute you. Aquila and Prisca salute you in the Lord, together with the assembly at their house [their tent-making business extended to a home ministry].

1 Cor. 16:20 All the brethren salute you. Salute one another with a holy kiss [or a culturally equivalent medium].

1 Cor. 16:21 The valediction *is* by my [authenticated] hand: Paul.

1 Cor. 16:22 If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be cursed. The Lord comes.

1 Cor. 16:23 Grace from our Lord Jesus *be* with you.

1 Cor. 16:24 My love *is* with you all in Christ Jesus.