King's Bible Institute

Homework or class questions?

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KBI UNIT 6

- I. Rebuke Concerning Schisms(1 Corinthians 1-6)
- II. Reply Concerning Difficulties in the Church (1 Corinthians 7-11)
- III. Discussion on Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12-16)
- IV. Description of Paul's Ministry(2 Corinthians 1-6)
- V. Different Exhortations from Paul's Ministry (2 Corinthians 7-13)
- VI. TEST 11/21/17

THEME VERSE

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

Why do we study the Bible?

Transformation Not Just Information

The Book Of 1 Corinthians In 10 Words Or Less

An apostle tackles sin problems in the church at Corinth.

CORINTHIANS BACKGROUND

- Who is writing? Apostle Paul
- What Genre is Corinthians? Epistle (letter)
- Paul brought the Gospel to Corinth on his 2nd missionary journey (Acts 18:1-17)

4 CORINTHIAN LETTERS

- Corinthians A Paul's 1st letter mentioned in 1 Cor. 5:9 (LOST)
- Corinthians B 1 Corinthians
- Corinthians C Paul's 3rd letter mentioned in 2 Cor. 2:3-4 (LOST)
- Corinthians D 2 Corinthians

CORINTHIAN CHAOS

- Divisions over Christian Preachers
- Sexual Immorality (Incest)
- Church members suing each other
- Questions about marriage, widows, engaged, virgins
- Eating food offered to idols
- Abuse of spiritual gifts
- Divisions over how to worship as a church
- Snobbery during communion
- People getting drunk during communion
- Putting people on a pedestal because of their spiritual gifts.
- Misunderstandings about the resurrection
- Church Gone Wild

THE ROOT PROBLEM

- They do not understand the Gospel.
- Paul is happy to help with their symptoms, but all the answers are rooted in the Gospel.
- Paul shows them how the gospel applies to all their issues.
- They had received the Gospel, but were struggling to apply the Gospel.
- The gospel is the answer. (1:18, 2:2, 4:15-16, 6:19-20, 8:6)
- He constantly takes different aspects of the Gospel and applies them to their current situation. Genius!

- Problem Lawsuit between church members (6:6)
- <u>Gospel Solution</u> Suffer the loss and injustice, as Christ suffered (6:7).
 - Remember how much Christ has forgiven you! (6:9-11)
- Problem Church members having sex with prostitutes (6:15)
- Gospel Solution Your body doesn't belong to you. You were purchased with the blood of Jesus. Glorify God with your body (6:19-20)
 - Sexual sin is elevated to a higher degree of danger because it is a sin against your own body (6:18)

- Problem Misunderstandings about marriage
- Married? Have lots of sex with your spouse. (7:2-5) Otherwise you will be tempted to have sex outside of marriage. (7:5)
- 7:26 In light of the present persecution and distress
- <u>Single?</u> You may have the gift of singleness. It's a good thing. Enjoy it and work hard for the Lord. (7:6-7). If you can't control your sexual desires, get married (7:9).
- Married to an unbeliever? Stay married, your spouse may come to faith in Jesus after seeing your example. (7:10-16)

- Engaged to be married? Consider the present persecution. It may be more advantageous to remain single. But don't fall into sexual sin. Get married first. (7:25-38)
- <u>Widowed?</u> You are free to remarry a <u>Christian</u> spouse, but Paul thinks you'll be happier if you stay single. (7:39)
- 7:17 Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.
- Your life and assignment from God will be different. It doesn't have to look like everyone else. It shouldn't.

- Problem Can I eat food that has been offered to idols?
- Gospel Solution Idols have no power. There's only one God (8:4) The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof (10:26). You're free to eat whatever you want, but don't let it be a stumbling block to those with a weak conscience (8:9, 12)

- Corinthian Criticism Paul isn't a real Apostle because he has a part-time job
- Paul's Answer I have every right to require material compensation for my spiritual work. Yet I choose not to take advantage of this right, so that I can present the gospel free of charge.

- Problem Church members still worshiping idols
- Gospel Solution Those who worship idols are not worshiping God, but rather demons (10:20). Put away the demonic idols because you cannot serve both God and demons (10:21).
 Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God (10:31)

- Problem Head coverings in worship?
- Gospel Solution Just as Jesus submitted to the Father, the wife should submit to her husband (11:3). In marriage, as in the Trinity, there is equality in being and value, but differences in roles and functions (See Ephesians 5:22-33).
- This is the one issue in the N.T. that I believe is 100% cultural.
- The principal is sound, wives should be submitted to their husbands', "Christ centered", servant leadership.

- Problem Communion Chaos
- <u>Gospel Solution</u> You're doing this in remembrance of the Lord. It is a solemn and reverent moment (11:23-26). Examine your heart and then partake (11:28). Prefer one another (11:33).