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Corinth was a port city and a wealthy commercial center.

The immoral condition of Corinth is vividly seen in the fact that the Greek term *Korinthiazomai* (literally, to act the Corinthian) came to mean "to practice fornication". There were taverns on the south side of the marketplace, and many drinking vessels have been dug up from those liquor lockers. Corinth was noted for everything sinful. ¹

The gospel was first preached in Corinth by Paul on his second missionary journey. Paul remained 18 months in the city. After leaving, Paul wrote the church a letter which has been lost (5:9). Receipt of a subsequent letter the believers sent to Paul (7:1) prompted the writing of 1 Corinthians. ¹

Day 330 - 1 Corinthians 1-4 ●

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 refers to the judgment seat of Christ. The works discussed here have nothing to do with earning or losing salvation. The rewards (or loss of them) pertain only to Christians. ¹

Who knows the thoughts of God, per 1 Corinthians 2?

For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.
1 Corinthians 4:20

Day 331 - 1 Corinthians 5-8 ●

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:20

The body of the believer is a temple of the Holy Spirit, per 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

According to 1 Cor. 6:12, what two things should a Christian consider regarding their personal liberty?

This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord. 1 Corinthians 7:35

Day 332 - 1 Corinthians 9-11 ●

Note that angels observe the conduct of believers in their church gatherings, per 1 Corinthians 11:10.

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 contains instructions regarding the Lord's Supper.

Per 1 Corinthians 11:26 what happens when a believer takes communion (the Lord's Supper)?

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31

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Day 333 – 1 Corinthians 12-14 •

The topic of chapters 12-14 is the use of spiritual gifts.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. 1 Corinthians 12:1

The following list of spiritual gifts was copied from a sermon transcript, authored by Aiden Wilson Tozer (1897-1963). ²

Gifts of the Spirit:

of discernment
of faith
of giving
of government
of healing
of helps
of interpretations
of knowledge
of mercy
of miracles
of the evangelist
of the Spirit
of tongues
of wisdom
that makes an apostle
that makes an exhorter
that makes a prophet
that makes a ruler
that makes a teacher

“Now the Spirit working through these gifts and through these gifted members does the work of the church.” – A. W. Tozer ²

List four of these spiritual gifts that have ceased, ie. no believer possesses these spiritual gifts in our day and age?

“Why is it that we do not cast our lot in with the tongues movement? ... The movement ... has magnified one single gift above all others and that one gift, as Paul said, was the least. Now that does not cause me to have great confidence in the movement that would do that. Then there is an unscriptural exhibition of that gift, which incidentally began in the United States about 1904.” – A. W. Tozer ²

However, in the church I desire to speak five words with my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than then thousand words in a tongue. 1 Corinthians 14:19

“This is the eternal meaning of Acts 2. That the Comforter has come; that deity is in our midst; that God has given Himself to us; the liquid essence of deity has been poured out.” – A. W. Tozer ²

The topic of 1 Corinthians 13 is love. The Greek word is *agape*. *Agape* characterizes God (1 John 4:8) and what He manifested in the gift of His Son (John 3:16). Christ’s love for us is undeserved and without thought of return. ¹

Day 334 – 1 Corinthians 15-16 •

The resurrection is thoroughly discussed in 1 Corinthians 15.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

and that He appeared to Cephas, and to the twelve.

After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

1 Corinthians 15:3-9

The fact that more than five hundred brethren witnessed Christ’s resurrection is of great apologetic value.

In 1 Corinthians 15:13-19 some were saying that there is no resurrection of the dead.

If the resurrection of Christ is not true, what are the ramifications?

After writing 1 Corinthians, Paul found it necessary to make a hurried, painful visit to Corinth, since the problems that occasioned the first letter had not been resolved (2 Cor. 2:1; 12:14; 13:1-2).

Following this visit, he wrote the church a severe and sorrowful letter (2:4) which has been lost to us. Titus delivered that letter. ¹

Day 335 – Acts 19:23-20:1; 2 Corinthians 1-4 •

Paul teaches a number of truths about God the Father in this epistle: (1) He is the living God; (2) He is the God of grace, mercy, and comfort; (3) He is faithful; (4) His power is available to His people; (5) He is the Father of Christ and of His people. Concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, Paul says: (1) He is the Son of God; (2) He is the image of God; and (3) He is sinless. But Paul seems to be most interested in explaining what Christ does: (1) He gives victory; (2) He judges; (3) He reconciles; (4) He appoints and motivates His ambassadors; and (5) He makes men new creatures. ¹

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Per 2 Cor. 4:16-18, what are the results of momentary light affliction?

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 Corinthians 3:17

Day 336 – 2 Corinthians 5-9 ●

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

At the judgment seat of Christ, believers will be judged in a review of their works for the purpose of rewards (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Salvation is a free gift, but rewards (1 Cor. 3:14), for those who are saved, are earned. The quality of our service (1 Cor. 3:13) is the criterion.

Rewards are often spoken of as crowns. Write down a brief description of the reward for each of these references.

_____ (1 Cor. 9:25)

_____ (1 Thess. 2:19)

_____ (2 Tim. 4:8)

_____ (James 1:12; Rev. 2:10)

_____ (1 Pet. 5:4)

_____ (Rev. 3:11)

_____ (Rev. 4:4, 10)

The longest discussion of giving in the New Testament is in chapters 8 and 9. ¹

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Some purposes in giving are: to abound in all aspects of Christian experience (8:7); to prove the reality of one's love (8:8); to imitate Christ (8:9); and to help meet the needs of others (8:14).

Day 337 – 2 Corinthians 10-13 ●

When Paul first arrived at Corinth he worked as a tentmaker, but then he devoted himself entirely to preaching when gifts for his support came from Macedonia (11:9; Acts 18:3-5; Phil. 4:15). ¹

2 Corinthians 11:22-33 contain a personal and autobiographical glimpse into Paul's life.

Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren;

I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.

2 Corinthians 11:24-28

What did Paul experience in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4?

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