

1 Corinthians – “Unity in Christ”

Lesson #17



I. A lesson in stewardship

- a. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
- b. Who is the collection for in verse 1?
- c. Why would Paul want to support a distant group of Christians?
- d. Which day is the “first day of the week”? (vs 2)
- e. What basic principles of stewardship are encouraged in verse 2?
- f. Why doesn’t Paul deliver the gift? (vs 3-4)

II. Coming to visit

- a. Read 1 Corinthians 16:5-18
- b. Why does Paul want to stay in Corinth for a longer period? (vs 7)
- c. In which modern countries are Achaia, Macedonia, Ephesus and Corinth?
- d. What concerns might Paul have about Timothy going to Corinth?
 - i. See 1 Timothy 4:12
- e. Apollos is a big part of the early chapters of this letter. What does it say about Paul and Apollos’ relationship in verse 12?
- f. Verses 13-14 are common encouragements to different churches. Why?
 - i. See Galatians 5:1, Ephesians 6:10, 1 Corinthians 14:1
- g. Who are Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus? (vs 17)

III. Final Greetings & Instructions

- a. Read 1 Corinthians 16:19-24
- b. Who are Aquila and Prisca? (vs 19)
 - i. See Acts 18:1-3
- c. What does it mean, “the church in their house”? (vs 19)
- d. Is it important that Paul wrote the letter personally? (vs 21)
 - i. See Galatians 6:11; Philemon 19
- e. Who is verse 22 directed toward? Disciples or unbelievers?
- f. What kind of person writes verses 23-24?

IV. Summary

- a. Pride (power, wisdom, knowledge, spiritual) and divisions based on leadership instead of embracing weakness and the cross. (Ch 1-4)
- b. Church discipline and acceptance of social norms (Ch 5)
- c. Lawsuits and prostitutes (more worldly norms in the Church) (Ch 6)
- d. Eating and participating in idol / pagan temples (Ch 8-10)
- e. Pride in desiring “special” spiritual gifts (Ch 12-14)
- f. Confusion over the resurrection (Ch 15)