1 Corinthians - World English Bible (WEB)

1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Sosthenes
our brothers,
2 to God's assembly which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called
holy, with all those who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place,
both theirs and ours:
3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I always give thanks to my God concerning you, for the grace of God which was
given you in Christ Jesus,
5 that in everything you were enriched by him, in all speech and all knowledge,
6 even as the testimony of Christ was established among you,
7 so that you are lacking in no gift, as you eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
8 who also will confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ.
9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord.
10 Now I beseech you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all
speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be
perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.
11 For it has been reported to me concerning you, my brothers, by those of Chloe's
household, that there are contentions among you.
12 Now I say this, that each one of you says "I am of Paul", or "I am of Apollos", or "I
am of Cephas", or "I am of Christ".
13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name
of Paul?
14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,
15 lest anyone should say that I baptized in my name.
16 Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides them, I don't know if I
baptized any other.
17 For Christ didn't send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel; not in wisdom of
speech, lest the cross of Christ be made of no effect.
18 For the preaching of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us
who are being saved it is God's power.
19 For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing
the understanding of the prudent."
20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Hasn't
God made foolish the wisdom of this world?
21 For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world didn't know God through wisdom,
it pleased God through the foolishness of the preaching to save those who believe.
22 For indeed the Jews ask for a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom,
23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews indeed a stumbling block, and to the
Greeks foolishness,
24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ God's power and God's
wisdom.
25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world, and the
weakness of God is stronger than the strength of the world.
26 For you see your calling, brothers, that there are not many wise according to the
flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.
27 But God chose the foolish things of the world, that he might shame the wise;
and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might shame the strong;
28 and the lowly things of the world, and the despised, God chose, and the things
that are not, that he might bring to nothing the things that are:
29 that no flesh should boast before God.
30 But of him you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, and
righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
31 that, as it is written, "He who boasts, let him boast in the Lord."
1 When I came to you, brothers, I didn't come with excellence of speech or of
wisdom, declaring God's testimony to you.
2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him
crucified.
3 I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.
4 My speech and my preaching weren't with persuasive words of wisdom, but in
demonstration of the Spirit and power,
5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men, but in God's power.
6 However we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of
this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.
7 But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God
ordained before the ages for our glory,
8 which none of the rulers of this age knew; for if they had known it, they would
not have crucified the Lord of glory.
9 But as it is written, "Eye hasn't seen, ear hasn't heard, neither have it entered into
the heart of man, what God has prepared for those who love him."
10 But God revealed them to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things,
yes, the deep things of God.
11 For what man knows the man's things except the spirit of the man which is in him?
So also no one knows God's things except God's Spirit.
12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God,
that we may know the things freely given to us by God.
13 These things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but
which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
14 But the natural man doesn't receive God's Spirit's things, for they are foolishness
to him, and he can't know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, but he himself is judged by no man.
16 "For who has known the Lord's mind, that he may instruct him?" But we have
Christ's mind.
1 And I, brothers, couldn't speak to you as to spiritual, but as to carnal, even as to
babes in Christ.
2 I fed you with milk, not with meat; for you weren't able to bear it, neither indeed
are you now able,
3 for you are still carnal. For since there is among you envying, strife and
contentions, are you not carnal, and walk according to man?
4 For when one says "I am of Paul", and another "I am of Apollos", are you not
carnal?
5 Who then is Apollos, and who is Paul? Ministers through whom you believed, and
to each as the Lord gave to him.
6 I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.
7 So neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the
increase.
8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his reward
according to his own labor.
9 For we are God's fellow-workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building.
10 According to God's grace which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid
the foundation, and another builds upon it. But let each man take heed how he
builds upon it.
11 For no man can lay another foundation besides that which is laid, which is Jesus
Christ.
12 But if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones,
wood, hay, straw,
13 each man's work will be made manifest; for the day will show it, because it is
revealed by fire; and the fire will test each man's work, of what sort it is.
14 If any man's work which he built upon it remains, he will receive a reward.
15 If any man's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet
so as through fire.
16 Don't you know that you are God's temple, and that God's Spirit dwells in you?
17 If any man destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is
holy, which you are.
18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seems to be wise in this age,
let him become a fool, that he may become wise.
19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He takes
the wise in their craftiness."
20 And again, "The Lord knows the reasoning of the wise, that it is worthless."
21 Therefore let no man boast in men. For all things are yours,
22 whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things
present, or things to come; all are yours.
23 And you are Christ's; and Christ is God's.
1 Let a man consider us in this way, as servants of Christ, and stewards of God's
secrets.
2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that they be found faithful.
3 But with me it is a very small matter that I should be judged by you, or by a
human court. Yes, I don't even judge myself.
4 For I don't know anything against myself, yet I am not by this justified. But he who
judges me is the Lord.
5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both
bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make the counsels of the
hearts manifest. Then shall each man have his praise from God.
6 Now these things, brothers, I have applied to myself and Apollos for your
benefit, that you may learn in us not to go beyond what is written, that no one of
you be puffed up against the other.
7 For who makes you to differ? And what do you have that you didn't receive? Now
if you also received it, why do you boast as if you didn't receive it?
8 Already you are satisfied! Already you are rich! Without us you reigned! And I
wish that you did reign, that we also might reign with you!
9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as appointed to death;
because we are a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men.
10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ. We are weak, but
you are strong. You are honorable, but we are dishonored.
11 Even to this present hour we hunger and thirst, we are naked, we are beaten,
and have no place to live in,
12 and we labor, working with our own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being
persecuted, we endure;
13 being slandered, we entreat; we are as the filth of the world, the offscouring of
all things, even until now.
14 I don't write these things to shame you, but I warn you as my beloved children.
15 For though you have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet you don't have many
fathers. For in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the Gospel.
16 I beseech you, therefore, be imitators of me.
17 For this cause I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved child and faithful
in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which are in Christ Jesus, as I teach
everywhere in every assembly.
18 Now some are puffed up, as though I didn't come to you.
19 But I will come to you soon, if the Lord permits, and will know, not the speech of
those who are puffed up, but their power.
20 For God's kingdom isn't in speech, but in power.
21 What do you want? Should I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of
gentleness?
1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such
sexual immorality as even the Gentiles don't tolerate, that someone has his father's
wife.
2 And you are puffed up! Shouldn't you rather have mourned, that he who has done
this deed might be taken away from your midst?
3 For I indeed, being absent in the body but present in the spirit, have already
judged him who has so done this deed, as though I were present.
4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, and my
spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,
5 to deliver such a man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may
be saved in the day of our Lord Jesus.
6 Your boasting isn't good. Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole
lump?
7 Purge out the old yeast, that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened.
For indeed our Passover lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.
8 Therefore let us keep the festival, not with old yeast, neither with the yeast of
malice and wickedness, but with unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people;
10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral people of this world, or the covetous and
extortioners, or idolaters; for then you would have to leave the world.
11 But now I write to you not to associate with any man who is called a brother, if he
is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an
extortioner; with such a person not even to eat.
12 For what have I to judge those also who are outside? Don't you judge those who
are within?
13 But those who are outside, God judges. "Remove the evil man from among
yourselves."
1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to be judged before the
unjust, and not before the saints?
2 Don't you know that the saints will judge the world? If the world is judged by you,
are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?
3 Don't you know that we will judge angels? How much more things that pertain to
this life?
4 If then you have judgments concerning things that pertain to this life, do you
appoint those who are of no account in the assembly to judge?
5 I speak to your shame. Can it be that there is not a wise man among you, not even
one who will be able to judge between his brothers,
6 but brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers?
7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, that you go to law against one
another. Why don't you rather suffer wrong? Why don't you rather let yourselves be
defrauded?
8 But you yourselves do wrong and defraud, and that to your brothers.
9 Don't you know that the unjust will not inherit God's kingdom? Don't be deceived.
Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor
abusers of themselves with men,
10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, will
inherit God's kingdom.
11 And such were some of you. But you washed yourselves clean, but you were
sanctified, but you were justified in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the
spirit of our God.
12 "All things are lawful for me", but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful
for me", but I will not be brought under the power of any.
13 "Food for the belly, and the belly for food", but God will destroy both this and
these. Now the body isn't for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for
the body.
14 And God raised the Lord, and will also raise us up by his power.
15 Don't you know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the
members of Christ, and make them members of a prostitute? Never!
16 Don't you know that he who joins himself to a prostitute is one body? For "the
two, he says, will become one flesh."
17 But he who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit.
18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body; but the
sexually immoral sins against his own body.
19 Don't you know that your body is God's temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you,
which you have from God, and you aren't your own?
20 For you were bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.
1 Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to
touch a woman.
2 But because of the immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each
woman have her own husband.
3 The husband should give to the wife her conjugal rights; and likewise also the
wife to the husband.
4 The wife doesn't have authority over her own body, but the husband; and
likewise also the husband doesn't have authority over his own body, but the wife.
5 Don't deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a time, that you may
devote yourselves to prayer, and may come together again, that Satan tempt you
not for your lack of self-control.
6 But I say this by permission, not as a commandment.
7 Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each man has his own gift from
God, one indeed this way, and another that way.
8 But I say to the unmarried and to the widows, it is good for them if they remain
even as I.
9 But if they don't have self-control, let them marry; for it is better than to burn
with passion.
10 But to the married I command, not I but the Lord, that the wife not depart from
her husband
11 (but if she departs, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband),
and that the husband not leave his wife.
12 But to the rest I say, I, not the Lord: If any brother has a wife who isn't a believer,
and she is pleased to live with him, he shouldn't leave her.
13 And the woman who has a husband who isn't a believer, if he is pleased to live
with her, she shouldn't leave her husband.
14 For the husband who isn't a believer is sanctified through the wife, and the wife
who isn't a believer is sanctified through the husband. Otherwise your children are
unclean, but now they are holy.
15 But if the unbelieving departs, let him depart. The brother or the sister is not
bound in such cases. But God has called us in peace.
16 For how do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you
know, husband, whether you will save your wife?
17 Only, let each man walk as the Lord has assigned to each man, as God has called
each man, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the assemblies.
18 Was any man called being circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised.
Was anyone called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised.
19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping God's
commandments.
20 Let each man remain in the calling in which he was called.
21 Were you called being a slave? Don't let it be a concern to you. But if you can
also become free, rather use it.
22 For he who was called in the Lord being a slave, is the Lord's freedman. Likewise
also he who was called being free is Christ's slave.
23 You were bought with a price. Don't become slaves of men.
24 Brothers, let each man, in the state in which he was called, therein let him
remain with God.
25 Now concerning the virgins, I have no commandment of the Lord; but I give my
opinion as one who has received mercy from the Lord to be faithful.
26 I think that this is good because of the present distress, that it is good for a man
to remain as he is.
27 Are you bound to a wife? Don't seek to be released. Are you released from a
wife? Don't seek a wife.
28 But if you also marry, you haven't sinned. And if the virgin marries, she hasn't
sinned. But such will have trouble in the flesh, and I wish to spare you.
29 But this I say, brothers, that the time is shortened, that henceforth those who
have wives may be as though they had none;
30 and those who weep as though they didn't weep; and those who rejoice as
though they didn't rejoice; and those who buy as though they didn't own;
31 and those who use this world as not using it to the full. For the fashion of this
world passes away.
32 But I want you to be free from cares. The unmarried man is anxious for the
Lord's things, how he may please the Lord.
33 But he who is married is anxious for the world's things, how he may please his
wife.
34 There is a difference also between a married woman and a virgin. The
unmarried woman is anxious for the Lord's things, that she may be holy both in
body and in spirit. But she who is married is anxious for the world's things, how she
may please her husband.
35 This I speak for your benefit, not that I may put a snare upon you, but for what is
seemly, and that you may attend to the Lord without distraction.
36 But if any man thinks that he behaves himself improperly toward his virgin, if
she is past the prime of her life, and if it must be so, let him do what he wishes. He
doesn't sin. Let them marry.
37 But he who stands firm in his heart, having no necessity, but has power over his
own will, and has decided in his heart to keep his virgin, he will do well.
38 So then both he who gives his virgin in marriage does well, and he who doesn't
give her in marriage will do better.
39 A married woman is bound by the law for as long time as her husband lives. But
if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whoever she wishes, only in the
Lord.
40 But she is more happy if she remains as she is, according to my opinion. And I
think that I also have God's spirit.
1 Now concerning the idols' sacrifices, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge
puffs up, but love edifies.
2 If any man thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to
know.
3 But if any man loves God, he is known by him.
4 Concerning the eating of idol sacrifices, we know that an idol is nothing in the
world, and that there is no other God but one.
5 For even though there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth, as there
are many gods and many lords,
6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for him;
and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him.
7 However not all have this knowledge. But some, being accustomed to the idol
even now, eat it as of a sacrificial offering; and their conscience, being weak, is
defiled.
8 But food will not commend us to God. We are neither the worse if we don't eat,
nor the better if we eat.
9 But take heed that this your liberty by no means become a stumbling block to the
weak.
10 For if someone sees you who have knowledge dining in the idol's temple, will
the conscience of him who is weak not be emboldened to eat those things which are
sacrificed to idols?
11 And through your knowledge shall the weak perish, the brother for whose sake
Christ died?
12 But thus sinning against the brothers, and wounding their weak conscience,
you sin against Christ.
13 Therefore if food causes my brother to stumble, I will eat no meat at all, lest I
cause my brother to stumble.
1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not
my work in the Lord?
2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet I am at least to you. For you are the seal of my
apostleship in the Lord.
3 My defense to those who examine me is this:
4 Don't we have the right to eat and to drink?
5 Don't we have the right to lead about a sister, a wife, as also the rest of the
apostles, and the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas?
6 Or I and Barnabas, don't we have the right to not work?
7 Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard, and doesn't
eat of the fruit thereof? Who feeds a flock, and doesn't eat of the milk of the flock?
8 Do I say these things according to the human standpoint? Or doesn't the law
also say these things?
9 For it is written in the Moses' law, "You shall not muzzle the ox while he treads
out the grain." Is God concerned about oxen?
10 Or doesn't he certainly say it for our sakes? For our sakes it was written, that he
who plows should plow in hope, and that he who threshes in hope should be
partaker of his hope.
11 If we have sowed to you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we reap your
material things?
12 If others are partakers of this right over you, don't we more? However we
haven't used this right; but we bear all things, that we may not hinder the Gospel of
Christ.
13 Don't you know that those who work in the holy things live off the temple, and
those who serve at the altar are partakers with the altar?
14 Even so the Lord ordained that those who proclaim the Gospel should live off the
Gospel.
15 But I have used none of these things. I haven't written these things that it may
be so done to me; for it would be better for me to die than that any should make my
boasting to be empty.
16 For if I preach the Gospel, I have no boasting to make, for a compulsion is laid
upon me; yes, woe to me if I don't preach the Gospel!
17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been
entrusted with a stewardship.
18 What then is my reward? That, when I preach the Gospel, I may make the
Gospel of Christ without charge, that I may not use my power in the Gospel.
19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I may gain
the more.
20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, that I may gain the Jews; to those under the law,
as under the law, that I may gain those under the law;
21 to those without the law, as without the law (not being without God's law, but
being under Christ's law), that I may gain those without the law.
22 To the weak I became as weak, that I may gain the weak. I have become all
things to all people, that I may by all means save some.
23 Now I do this for the Gospel's sake, that I may become partaker of it with them.
24 Don't you know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize?
Run in such a way that you may win.
25 Everyone who competes in the games is temperate in all things. Now they do it
to receive a perishable crown, but we an imperishable.
26 Therefore I run in such a way, not as without a goal. I box in such a way, not as
beating the air.
27 But I beat my body and make it my slave, lest by any means, after I have
preached to others, I myself should be disqualified.
1 Moreover I don't want you to be ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under
the cloud, and all passed through the sea,
2 and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
3 and all ate the same spiritual food,
4 and all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of the spiritual Rock that
followed them, and the Rock was Christ.
5 But with most of them God wasn't pleased; for they were overthrown in the
desert.
6 Now these things happened as examples for us, that we shouldn't be greedy for
evil things, as they also were greedy.
7 Don't be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to
eat and drink, and rose up to play."
8 Neither let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them committed, and
twenty-three thousand fell in one day.
9 Neither let us test the Lord, as some of them also tested, and were destroyed by
the serpents.
10 Neither murmur, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed by the
destroyer.
11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our
admonishing, on whom the ends of the age have come.
12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he doesn't fall.
13 No temptation has taken you but such as is common to mankind; and God is
faithful, who will not let you be tempted beyond what you are able to bear, but will
with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.
15 I speak as to wise men; judge you what I say.
16 The cup of blessing which we bless, isn't it the fellowship of the blood of Christ?
The bread which we break, isn't it the fellowship of the body of Christ?
17 Because there is one bread, we are one body, for we all partake of that one
bread.
18 Look at Israel according to the flesh. Isn't those who eat the sacrifices partakers
of the altar?
19 What then do I say? That an idol is something? Or that what is sacrificed to
idols is something?
20 But I say that what they sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God. I
don't want you to be partakers with the demons.
21 You can't drink the Lord's cup, and the cup of demons; you can't partake of the
Lord's table, and of the table of demons.
22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?
23 "All things are lawful", but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful", but
not all things edify.
24 Let no man seek his own, but each man the other's.
25 Whatever is sold in the meat market, eat, asking no question for the sake of
conscience;
26 for "the earth and its fullness belong to the Lord."
27 If one of those who don't believe invites you to dine, and you are willing to go,
whatever is set before you, eat, asking no question for the sake of conscience.
28 But if someone says to you, "This is offered to idols", don't eat for the sake of
that one who showed it, and for conscience;
29 I don't say your own, but the other's. For why is my liberty judged by another's
conscience?
30 If I by grace partake, why am I slandered concerning that for which I give
thanks?
31 Whether then you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to God's glory.
32 Give no occasion to stumble, neither to Jews, nor to Greeks, nor to God's
assembly;
33 even as I also pleased all in all things, not seeking my own benefit, but that of
the many, that they may be saved.
1 Be imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ.
2 Now I praise you, brothers, that you remember me in all things, and hold the
traditions even as I delivered them to you.
3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the
woman is the man, and the head of Christ is God.
4 Every man who prays or prophesies having something on his head, dishonors his
head.
5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head unveiled dishonors her
head; for it is the same thing as if she were shaved.
6 For if a woman isn't covered, let her also be shaved. But if it is shameful for a
woman to be shaved or shaven, let her be covered.
7 For a man indeed ought not to have his head covered, since he is God's image
and glory; but the woman is man's glory.
8 For man isn't from woman, but woman from man.
9 Neither was man created for the woman's sake, but woman for man's sake.
10 For this cause the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head, because
of the angels.
11 However neither is the woman without the man, nor the man without the woman,
in the Lord.
12 For as the woman is from the man, even so the man also is through the woman;
but all things are from God.
13 Judge for yourselves: Is it proper that a woman pray to God unveiled?
14 Doesn't even the nature of the world teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a
dishonor to him?
15 But if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given her for a
covering.
16 But if anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor the
assemblies of God.
17 But in this I don't praise you, that you don't come together for the better, but for
the worse.
18 For first, when you come together in assembly, I hear that there are divisions
among you, and I partly believe it.
19 For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may
be made manifest among you.
20 When you therefore come together in one place, it isn't to eat the Lord's
supper.
21 For in your eating, each takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is
hungry, and another is drunk.
22 What! Don't you have houses to eat and to drink in? Or despise you God's
assembly, and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise
you? In this I don't praise you.
23 For I received from the Lord that which also I delivered to you, that the Lord
Jesus, the night in which he was betrayed, took bread;
24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "Take, eat. This is my body,
which is broken for you. This do in memory of me."
25 In the same way also, the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new
covenant in my blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in memory of me."
26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes.
27 Therefore whoever shall eat the bread or drink the Lord's cup in an unworthy
manner, shall be guilty of the Lord's body and blood.
28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the
cup.
29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he doesn't
discern the Lord's body.
30 For this cause many among you are weak and sick, and many sleep.
31 But if we judged ourselves, we wouldn't be judged.
32 But being judged, we are disciplined by the Lord, that we may not be condemned
with the world.
33 Therefore, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.
34 If any man hungers, let him eat at home, that you may not come together for
judgment. The rest will I set in order when I come.
1 Now concerning the spiritual things, brothers, I don't want you to be ignorant.
2 You know that when you were heathen, you were led to the idols, however you
might be led, even as the dumb idols.
3 Therefore I make you to know that no man speaking by God's Spirit says "Jesus is
accursed", and that no man can say "Jesus is the Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.
4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
5 And there are diversities of ministries, and the same Lord.
6 And there are diversities of workings, but it is the same God who works all in all.
7 But to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
8 For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word
of knowledge according to the same Spirit;
9 to another faith by the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healing by the same
Spirit;
10 and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another
discernings of spirits; to another kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation
of tongues.
11 But all these things are the work of the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each
one individually as he wishes.
12 For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body,
being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.
13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks,
whether slaves or free men, and were all made to drink into one Spirit.
14 For the body isn't one member, but many.
15 If the foot shall say, "Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body", it isn't
therefore not of the body.
16 And if the ear shall say, "Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body", it isn't
therefore not of the body.
17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were
hearing, where would be the smelling?
18 But now God set the members, each of them in the body, just as he wished.
19 If they were all one member, where would be the body?
20 But now there are many members, but one body.
21 The eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you", or again the head to the feet,
"I don't need you."
22 But much more those members of the body which seem to be weaker are
necessary.
23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, on these
we put more honor. And our unseemly members have more abundant seemliness.
24 But our seemly members have no need. But God composed the body together,
giving more honor to that which lacked,
25 that there be no division in the body; but that the members should care for one
another.
26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is
glorified, all the members rejoice with it.
27 Now you are Christ's body, and members individually.
28 And God has set some in the assembly, first apostles, secondly prophets,
thirdly teachers, then miracles, then those who have gifts of healing, helps,
governments, various kinds of tongues.
29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?
30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?
31 But you desire the greater gifts. And I show you a more excellent way.
1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become
sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.
2 And if I have prophecy, and know all secrets and all knowledge; and if I have all
faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
3 And if I give away all my goods to feed others, and if I give my body to be burned,
but have not love, it profits me nothing.
4 Love suffers long and is kind; love doesn't envy; love doesn't boast, isn't proud,
5 doesn't dishonor others, isn't self-seeking, isn't provoked, doesn't think evil;
6 doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;
7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
8 Love never fails; but whether there are prophecies, they will be done away with;
whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will be
done away with.
9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
10 But when the perfect comes, then the partial will be done away with.
11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I thought as a child, I reasoned as a child.
When I became a man, I put away childish things.
12 For now we see through a mirror, in a riddle; but then face to face. Now I know in
part; but then I will know even as I also am known.
13 But now faith, hope, and love, these three, remain; but the greatest of these is
love.
1 Follow after love, and desire spiritual things, but rather that you may prophesy.
2 For he who speaks in a tongue doesn't speak to men, but to God; for no man
understands; however in the spirit he speaks secret things.
3 But he who prophesies speaks to men for edification, encouragement, and
comfort.
4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but he who prophesies edifies the
assembly.
5 Now I want you all to speak with tongues, but rather that you may prophesy. He
who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless he interprets,
that the assembly may receive edification.
6 But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what will I profit you,
unless I speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophecy, or by
teaching?
7 Even things not yet living, such as a flute or a harp, if they don't give a distinction
in the tones, how will it be known what is piped or harped?
8 For also if the trumpet sounds an uncertain tone, who will prepare himself for
battle?
9 So also you, unless you utter by the tongue a word easy to be understood, how
will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.
10 There are, perhaps, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is
without meaning.
11 Therefore if I don't know the meaning of the voice, I will be to him who speaks a
barbarian, and he who speaks will be a barbarian to me.
12 So also you, since you are zealous for spiritual things, let it be for the
edification of the assembly, that you may abound.
13 Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.
14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.
15 What then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding.
I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.
16 Otherwise if you bless with the spirit, how will he who fills the place of the
unlearned say the "amen" at your giving of thanks, since he doesn't know what you
say?
17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other isn't edified.
18 I thank God, I speak with tongues more than you all.
19 However in the assembly I want to speak five words with my understanding, that
I may also teach others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.
20 Brothers, don't be children in the mind; however in evil be infants, but in the
mind be mature.
21 In the law it is written, "By men of strange tongues and by strangers' lips I will
speak to this people; and even so will they not listen to me", says the Lord.
22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to those who don't
believe; but prophecy is for a sign, not to those who don't believe, but to those who
believe.
23 If therefore the whole assembly assembles together, and all speak with tongues,
and there come in those unlearned or those who don't believe, will they not say that
you are madmen?
24 But if all prophesy, and there comes in someone who doesn't believe or one
unlearned, he is convicted by all, he is judged by all.
25 Thus the secrets of his heart are made manifest; and so he will fall down on his
face and worship God, declaring that God is indeed among you.
26 What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a psalm, has a
teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let
all things be done for edification.
27 If any speak in a tongue, let it be by two, or at most by three, and that in turn;
and let one interpret.
28 But if there isn't an interpreter, let him keep silence in the assembly; and let him
speak to himself and to God.
29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the others judge.
30 But if something is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silence.
31 For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be encouraged.
32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.
33 For God isn't a God of confusion, but of peace. As in all the assemblies of the
saints,
34 let your women keep silence in the assemblies; for it isn't permitted to them to
speak; but let them be in subjection, even as also the law says.
35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their husbands at home; for it
is a disgrace for women to speak in the assembly.
36 Or did the word of God start from you? Or did it reach you only?
37 If any man thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the
things that I write to you are the Lord's commandment.
38 But if any man ignores this, he is ignored.
39 Therefore, brothers, desire to prophesy, and don't forbid speaking with tongues.
40 But let all things be done decently and in order.
1 Now I make you know, brothers, of the Gospel which I preached to you, which you
also received, in which you also stand,
2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you,
unless you believed in vain.
3 For I delivered to you first of all what I also received, that Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures;
4 and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the
Scriptures;
5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.
6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, of whom most
remain to this present, but some have fallen asleep.
7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
8 And last of all, as to the abortive birth, he appeared also to me.
9 For I am the least of the apostles, who isn't worthy to be called an apostle,
because I persecuted God's assembly.
10 But by God's grace I am what I am; and his grace which was bestowed on me
didn't prove empty; but I labored more than all them, yet not I, but God's grace
which was with me.
11 Whether then I or they, so we preach, and so you believed.
12 Now if Christ is preached that he rose from the dead, how do some among you
say that there isn't a resurrection of the dead?
13 But if there isn't a resurrection of the dead, neither has Christ risen.
14 And if Christ hasn't risen, our preaching is indeed vain, your faith is also vain.
15 Yes, we are found false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that
he raised up the Christ, whom he didn't raise up, if indeed the dead don't rise.
16 For if the dead don't rise, neither has Christ risen.
17 And if Christ hasn't risen, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins.
18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.
19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are more miserable than all men.
20 But now Christ has risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen
asleep.
21 For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead came also by a man.
22 For as in Adam all dies, even so in the Christ shall all be made alive.
23 But each in his own rank: the first fruits, Christ; then those who are Christ's at
his coming.
24 Then comes the end, when he shall deliver the kingdom to God, even the Father,
when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power.
25 For he must reign, till he has put all his enemies under his feet.
26 The last enemy that shall be abolished is death.
27 "For he has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when he says that all
things are subjected, it is evident that he who subjected all things to him is
excepted.
28 When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself also will be subject
to the God who subjected all things to him, that God may be all in all.
29 Otherwise what do they who are baptized for the dead do? If the dead don't rise
at all, why are they then baptized for the dead?
30 Why do we also stand in danger every hour?
31 I protest by your boasting in Christ Jesus our Lord, I daily face death.
32 If I fought with beasts at Ephesus for human purposes, what does it profit me?
If the dead don't rise, "let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."
33 Don't be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good morals."
34 Awake to righteousness, and don't sin; for some have no knowledge of God. I
speak this to your shame.
35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they
come?"
36 You fool! What you sow isn't made alive unless it dies.
37 And what you sow, you don't sow the body that will be, but a bare grain, perhaps
of wheat or of some other kind.
38 But God gives it a body as he pleased, and to each seed its own body.
39 All flesh isn't the same flesh, but there is one kind of human flesh, another
kind of animal flesh, another kind of fish, and another kind of birds.
40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial
is one, and that of the terrestrial is another.
41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory
of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.
42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in
incorruption.
43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in
power.
44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body,
and there is a spiritual body.
45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam
became a life giving spirit.
46 However the spiritual isn't first, but the natural; then the spiritual.
47 The first man is from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven.
48 As is the man made of dust, such are those also who are made of dust; and as is
the heavenly, such are also those who are heavenly.
49 And as we have borne the image of the man made of dust, we will also bear the
image of the heavenly.
50 Now this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood can't inherit God's kingdom;
neither does the corruption inherit incorruption.
51 Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we will all be changed,
52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will
sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.
53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on
immortality.
54 But when this corruptible will have put on incorruption, and this mortal will have
put on immortality, then shall the saying that is written come to pass: "Death is
swallowed up in victory."
55 "Where, death, is your victory? Where, death, is your sting?"
56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus