

1st & 2nd CORINTHIANS

INTRODUCTION PART I

{Sunday, May 29, 2016 A.D.}

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- **Sovereign work of God, establishing the Everlasting Kingdom, Whose King and Savior is Jesus Christ.**
 - Supernatural, radically transformative, good and gracious work of God (Author), that He, by His methods and in His time, faithfully superintends to completion (Finisher), to His great glory alone.
 - **God, through the Apostle Paul, to the Church at Corinth, first, then to all of us believers in all places and in all times since.**
 - God's wisdom for His Church, which lived(es) amidst a prosperous, arrogant and aggressively rebellious culture, yet is commanded by God to become and remain holy (moral and separate).
 - **Chronology.**
 - ~ 50-52 A.D. – founding of the church at Corinth
 - 1 ½ + years of intensive discipleship of the Corinthian church; Acts 18:11 & 18 – by God through His Apostle Paul
 - Paul's "prior letter"; 1 Corinthians 5:9 – to the best of our knowledge no longer in existence
 - Corinthian church's "letter to Paul"; 1 Corinthians 7:1 – to the best of our knowledge no longer in existence
 - ~ **55 A.D. – 1 Corinthians**
 - Paul's quick visit made in sorrow
 - Paul's "severe letter"; 2 Corinthians 2:3-4 & 7:8-9
 - ~ **56 A.D. – 2 Corinthians**
 - ~ 57 A.D. – Paul arrives at Corinth for 3 month visit

Acts 18:1-18a (NASB95)

¹ After these things he left Athens and went to **Corinth**.

² And he found a Jew named **Aquila**, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife **Priscilla**, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. He came to them, ³ and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers.

⁴ And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵ But when **Silas** and **Timothy** came down from Macedonia, **Paul began devoting himself completely to the word, solemnly testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ**.

⁶ But when they resisted and blasphemed, he shook out his garments and said to them, "Your blood *be* on your own heads! I am clean. **From now on I will go to the Gentiles.**" ⁷ Then he left there and went to the house of a man named **Titius Justus, a worshiper of God, whose house was next to the synagogue**.

⁸ **Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his household, and many of the Corinthians when they heard were believing and being baptized**.

⁹ And the Lord said to Paul in the night by a vision, "**Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent;** ¹⁰ for **I am with you**, and no man will attack you in order to harm you, for **I have many people in this city.**" ¹¹ And he settled *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

¹² But while Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment seat, ¹³ saying, "This man persuades men to worship God contrary to the law." ¹⁴ But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews, it would be reasonable for me to put up with you; ¹⁵ but if **there are questions about words and names and your own law**, look after it yourselves; I am unwilling to be a judge of these matters." ¹⁶ And he drove them away from the judgment seat. ¹⁷ And they all took hold of Sosthenes, the leader of the synagogue, and *began* beating him in front of the judgment seat. But Gallio was not concerned about any of these things.

¹⁸ Paul, having remained many days longer, took leave of the brethren and put out to sea for Syria, and with him were Priscilla and Aquila.