

# 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> CORINTHIANS

## INTRODUCTION PART III

{Sunday, June 12, 2016 A.D.}

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- **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).
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- ✓ **For Reflection: Romans 12:1-3 (NASB95) & Philippians 4:8 (NASB95)**
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- **Roman Corinth**

- Roman wealth and peace (general – God given)
  - Bright side
  
  - Dark side
  
- God's Gift to the Corinthians (particular/special – God given)
  - Geographical prosperity (trade and travel)
  
  - Commercial prosperity (business)
  
  - Political prosperity (strategically valued by Rome)
  
  - "World Class" cultural prosperity (desired place to live by many important, influential and wealthy citizens)

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### **Deuteronomy 8:11-20 (NASB95)**

<sup>11</sup> "**Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God** by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today; <sup>12</sup> otherwise, **when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived in them,** <sup>13</sup> **and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,** <sup>14</sup> **then your heart will become proud** and **you will forget the LORD your God** who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery . . . .

<sup>17</sup> "Otherwise, **you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'** <sup>18</sup> "But you shall remember the LORD your God, for **it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant** which He swore to your fathers, as *it is* this day. <sup>19</sup> "It shall come about **if you ever forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them,** I testify against you today that **you will surely perish.** <sup>20</sup> "**Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so you shall perish; because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.**

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### **Looking Ahead:**

- World Morality at Corinth
  - Church at Corinth
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