

1st & 2nd CORINTHIANS

INTRODUCTION PART V

{Sunday, June 25, 2016 A.D.}

- **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).

• World Morality at Corinth

- **Morally Bankrupt Culture**
 - Sexual Perversions
 - Injustice/Corruption/Deception
 - Slavery
 - Addictions
 - Brutality/Abuse
 - Religious Idolatry
 - Selfishness/Greed
 - Divorce/Abandonment
- **Autonomous Human Reasoning** (Philosophy Not under/submitted to God) (No Ultimate Authority/Justice)
 - Man-centered/Self-centered
 - Instant Gratification/Pleasure Driven-Ruled by the Flesh
 - Overwhelmed/Confused by an Absence of Absolute Truth, Purpose and Meaning to which We Were Designed and Created by God
- **Strong Hellenizing Influence upon the People of the Empire** (Influence toward the Adoption of Greek Ideas/Values)

• Church at Corinth (VISIBLE)

- **False Converts in the Visible Church**

<i>Romans 8:28-30 (NASB95)</i>	<i>1 Peter 2:9-10 (NASB95)</i>	<i>John 1:12-13 (NASB95)</i>
<i>Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB95)</i>		
<i>Colossians 2:8-14 (NASB95)</i>	<i>Romans 2:28-29 (NASB95)</i>	
<i>Matthew 7:15-18 (NASB95)</i>		
<i>Acts 20:28-32 (NASB95)</i>		
<i>2 Peter 2:1-3 (NASB95)</i>	<i>Jude 1:3-4 (NASB95)</i>	
<i>Matthew 7:21-23 (NASB95)</i>	<i>Matthew 13:24-30 (NASB95)</i>	<i>Matthew 13:36-43 (NASB95)</i>

- Worldly Like the Culture
- Desirous of a Worldly King/Kingdom (Health/Wealth/Power/Praises of Men)
- Sanctification Not Understood/Valued/Prioritized/Practiced – Liberty Taken for Presumption & License
- Immaturity of Doctrine & Practice
- Church Not Highly Developed in Organization, Leadership, Discipleship & Discipline Despite the Quality & Duration (18 months) of Discipleship through Paul
- Disunity
- Very Much Like the Visible Church Today

Looking Ahead:

- Major Themes
- Controversial Interpretive Challenges
- Biblical Success (Church, Minister & Individual Believer)

Romans 8:28-30 (NASB95)

²⁸ And we know that **God causes all things** to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are **called according to His purpose**.²⁹ For those whom He **foreknew**, He also **predestined** to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;³⁰ and these whom He predestined, He also **called**; and these whom He called, He also **justified**; and these whom He justified, He also **glorified**.

1 Peter 2:9-10 (NASB95)

⁹ **But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of **Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**; ¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE, but **now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD**; you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now you have RECEIVED MERCY.

John 1:12-13 (NASB95)

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, ¹³ **who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God**.

Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB95)

¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
¹⁹ "Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**, ²⁰ **teaching them to observe all that I commanded you**; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Colossians 2:8-14 (NASB95)

⁸ **See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ**.⁹ For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,¹⁰ and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;¹¹ and in Him you were also **circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ**; ¹² **having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead**.¹³ **When you were dead** in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He made you alive together with Him**, having forgiven us all our transgressions,¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

Romans 2:28-29 (NASB95)

²⁸ For **he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh**.²⁹ But **he is a Jew who is one inwardly**; and **circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit**, not by the letter; and **his praise is not from men, but from God**.

Matthew 7:15-18 (NASB95)

¹⁵ "Beware of the **false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves**.
¹⁶ "You will know them by **their fruits**. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?
¹⁷ "So every good tree bears good fruit, but **the bad tree bears bad fruit**.¹⁸ "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.

Acts 20:28-32 (NASB95)

²⁸ **Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock**, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.²⁹ "I know that after my departure **savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock**; ³⁰ **and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them**.³¹ "Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.³² "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* **the inheritance among all those who are sanctified**.

2 Peter 2:1-3 (NASB95)

¹ But **false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you**, who will **secretly introduce destructive heresies**, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. ² **Many will follow** their sensuality, and because of them **the way of the truth will be maligned**; ³ and in *their* greed they will **exploit you with false words**; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

Jude 1:3-4 (NASB95)

³ Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that **you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints**. ⁴ For **certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ**.

Matthew 7:21-23 (NASB95)

²¹ **Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven**, but **he who does the will of My Father** who is in heaven *will enter*. ²² "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' ²³ "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Matthew 13:24-30 (NASB95)

²⁴ Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed **tares among the wheat**, and went away. ²⁶ "But **when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident** also. ²⁷ "The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' ²⁸ "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said* to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' ²⁹ "But he said*, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ **Allow both to grow together until the harvest**; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'""

Matthew 13:36-43 (NASB95)

³⁶ Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." ³⁷ And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, ³⁸ and the field is the world; and **as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one**; ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and **the harvest is the end of the age**; and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ "So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ **The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness**, ⁴² and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ "Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.