

1 CORINTHIANS 16:5-24

{Sunday, December 31, 2017 A.D.}

PART I

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⁸ But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost; ⁹ for **a wide door for effective service has opened to me**, and **there are many adversaries**.

¹⁰ Now if Timothy comes, **see that he is with you without cause to be afraid**, for **he is doing the Lord's work**, as **I also am**. ¹¹ So **let no one despise him**. But **send him on his way in peace**, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the brethren.

¹² But concerning Apollos our brother, **I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren**; and it was **not at all his desire to come now**, but **he will come when he has opportunity**.

¹³ **Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong**.

¹⁴ **Let all that you do be done in love**.

¹⁵ Now I urge you, brethren (you know the household of Stephanas, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that **they have devoted themselves for ministry to the saints**), ¹⁶ that **you also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors**. ¹⁷ I rejoice over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because **they have supplied what was lacking on your part**. ¹⁸ For **they have refreshed my spirit and yours**. Therefore **acknowledge such men**.

¹⁹ **The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Prisca greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house**. ²⁰ **All the brethren greet you**.

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹ The greeting is in **my own hand**—Paul.

²² **If anyone does not love the Lord, he is to be accursed**.

Maranatha.

²³ **The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you**. ²⁴ **My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen**.

1 Corinthians 16:5-9

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1 Corinthians 15:32

³² If from human motives **I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus**, what does it profit me? **If the dead are not raised**, LET US EAT AND DRINK, FOR TOMORROW WE DIE.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of **our affliction** which came *to us* in Asia, that we were **burdened excessively, beyond our strength**, so that we **despaired even of life**; ⁹ indeed, we had **the sentence of death within ourselves** so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in **God who raises the dead**; ¹⁰ who delivered us from **so great a peril of death**, and will deliver *us*, **He on whom we have set our hope**. And **He will yet deliver us**,

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- Q. 86. Since then we are redeemed from our misery by grace through Christ, without any merit of ours, **why must we do good works?**
- A. **Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood**, renews us also by His Holy Spirit after His own image, that **with our whole life we may show ourselves**
- **thankful to God for His blessing**, and that
 - **He may be glorified through us**; then also, that
 - **we ourselves may be assured of our faith by the fruits thereof**, and
 - **by our godly walk may win others also to Christ**.

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