

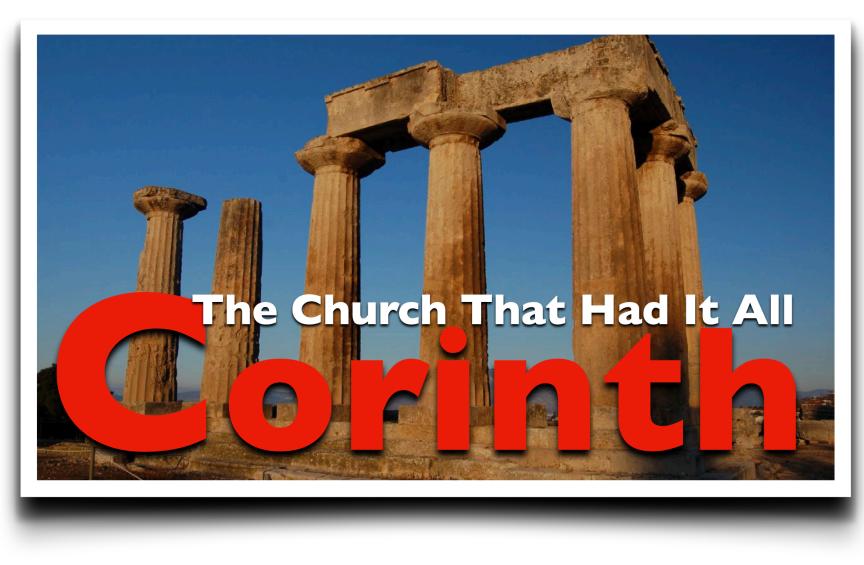




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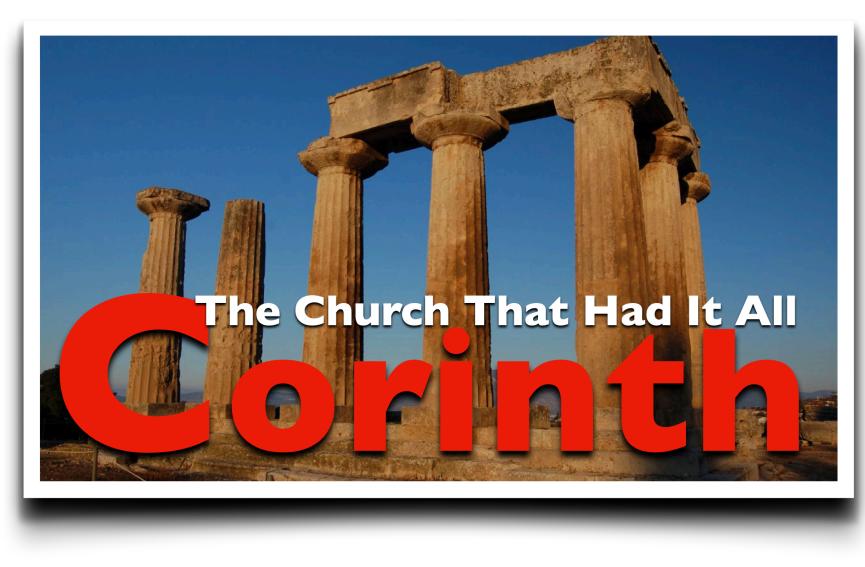




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### sexual immorality

- not even named among the Gentiles
- a man has his father's wife puffed up
- deliver such a one to Satan
- purge out the old leaven
- not to keep company with ... immoral
- ... with anyone named a brother

### To the church at Corinth

# Gentiles Suffed up

immoral ner





# Isn't there anything good about the Corinthian situation?





"Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, (1)

- called Lk 6:13 (chose 12); Jn 15:16 (Jesus chose); Acts 1:2ff; 2 Thess 2:12ff (apostolic "call" vs election "call"); Jude 1
- 11:5 (not behind); Gal 1:1ff, 12-16; 1 Tim 1:1; 2:7
- through the will of God Acts 9:15; Rom 8:28

### To the church at Corinth

• apostle - Acts 14:14 (Paul & Barnabas); 22:21 (to Gentiles); Rom 1:1; 2 Cor 1:1;







To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, both theirs and ours: (2)

- God's church Zech 12/13; Acts 20:28 • sanctified - Jn 17:17ff (truth); 1 Cor 6:9-11/Rom 1:7; Eph 5:26, purpose • called to be saints - Rom 1:7; purpose; call on name - Acts 2; 22:16 with all in every place - Rom 1:7; 10:12 (Jews/Gentiles); Acts 15:19

### To the church at Corinth

called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,





Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (3)

- grace 2 Peter 1:2; 3:18; Greek greeting
- peace Phil 4; Jewish greeting (infreq.-Tim/Titus; mercy, rejoice James)
- from God/Christ Jn 14:27 (peace from Christ); cf. Rom 1:7; 2Cor 1:2; Eph 1:2' 1 Pet 1:2 (connects - election/call, sanctification, obedience, sprinkling, blood, grace, peace)





I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, (4)

- thank my God 1 Thess 5:28; 2 Cor 8 (God's grace through Macedonians)
- 1:3; 2 Cor 8:9; 9:14; 1 Tim 1:14
- given ... by Jesus 1 Pet 5:8ff (esp 10ff)

#### To the church at Corinth

• the grace of God - Acts 11:23 (visible grace); Rom 5:1ff; Eph 2:8ff; Rom 4; 1Cor





that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, (5)

- you were enriched 2 Peter 1:3; 2 Cor 6:10-11
- **utterance** (word) Jn 1:1;12:48ff; Rom 15:4 (written->learning->hope)
- all knowledge Jn 5:44ff; 2 Cor 4:6 (light, knowledge, glory); 2 Cor 8:7-9/9:11 (abound in all, through Christ's grace); 2 Pet 1:1-4; 3:16ff; Col 1:9; 3:10





even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, (6)

- testimony Acts 1:8; 18:5 (testified of Christ); 20:21ff/living martyrs
- of Christ 1 Thess 2:13
- confirmed in you (word) Jn 1:1;12:48ff; Heb 2:3; 2 Cor 3 (life)





so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, (7)

- come short in no gift Mt 19:20/Mk 10:21 (rich young man "lacked"); Lk 15:14 ("prodigal" wanted); Rom 3:23; 2 Pet 1:3; providence
- eagerly waiting James 5:7-8; 1 Pet 4:13; 2 Pet 3:12ff; 1 Jn 3:2ff
- the revelation word, truth, events (here the return of Christ)





who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (8)

- confirm establish; Mk 16:20; Acts 14:22 (continue to the end); Rom 14:4; 15:8; 2 Cor 1:21
- to the end 1 Peter 1:9; Eph 5:27; Phil 1:6ff; 1 Th 5:23-24; 1 Pet 5:10
- blameless Eph 1:3ff; 5:22ff (covenant of righteousness Gen 12)





God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (9)

- God is faithful 1 Cor 10:13; 2 Cor 1:1ff
- called into the fellowship Acts 2:42; 1 Jn 1:1ff
- of His Son Gal 4:1ff; 1 Jn 3:1ff





#### **Lessons of hope in 1 Corinthians:**

- Even in the midst of a troubled church, there can be hope (1 Cor 1:1-9)
- God is never so far away that he cannot be "found" (Acts 17)
- God's standards never change, even when we do (1 Cor 1:10)
- We are never so far away that God cannot "find" us (Lk 15/prodigal)





#### **Lessons of hope in 1 Corinthians:**

- God's provisions are always available and accessible ... if we seek/use them
- Failure to find God/access God's grace is always our "division" (Is 59:1ff)
- The "worst" church does not have to be the "worst" church (cf. Judges/Israel)
- The problems that plagued Corinth (1:10ff) **did not** have to exist