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Here is a brief Summary of the Book of 1st CORINTHIANS:

- Paul deals with divisions such as some saying --I am of Apollos, or I am of Paul, etc.
- God has fantastic Rewards for those that Love Him.
- God gives the Increase.
- Everyone's Works will be tried by the Fire of God.
- The Unrighteous will Not Inherit the Kingdom of God.
- Paul says --"I discipline my body to not sin --so that I don't become a Castaway."
- "There is No Temptation that you will not be able to escape from."
- "The Body of Christ has many different members with different gifts and talents."
- "If I have not Love I am nothing."
- "My beloved saints always be abounding in the Work of the Lord."

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Book of 1st CORINTHIANS

CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, called as an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God.

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who --

--have been Sanctified/set-apart --in Christ Jesus and are Saints by calling, with all who in every place call on --the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

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

4 I thank my God always concerning you for the Grace of God, which was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you are Not lacking in any Gift --awaiting eagerly the Revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 who will also confirm/validate you to the End,
--Blameless in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is Faithful, through whom you were called into Fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I exhort you, saints, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be No Divisions --among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11 For I have been informed concerning you, my saints, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. 12 Now I mean this, each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."

13 Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one would say you were baptized in my name. 16 Now I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.

18 For the word concerning Jesus Christ dying on a cross for our sins is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us --who are Being Saved --it is the Power of God.

19 For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
And the cleverness of the clever I will set aside."

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?
--Has not God made foolish --the wisdom of the world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who Believe. 22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, 24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,

--Jesus Christ the Power of God and the Wisdom of God --

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than people, and the weakness of God is stronger than people.

26 For consider your Calling --saints, that there are Not many wise according to the flesh, not many wealthy or mighty, not many noble—are the ones who become Christians.

27 But God has Chosen --the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that No person may boast before God. 30 But by His doing --you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us Wisdom from God, and Righteousness and Sanctification, and Redemption,

31 so that, just as it is written,

“Let whoever does boasting/bragging --Boast in the Lord.”

CHAPTER 2

1 And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, 4 and my Message and my Preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom --

--but in Demonstration of --the Spirit and Power of God,

5 so that Your Faith --would not rest on the wisdom of people, but in the Power of God.

6 Yet we do speak Wisdom among those who are Mature in Christ; a Wisdom, however, Not of this age nor of the rulers of this age --who are passing away; 7 but we speak God’s Wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; 8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

9 but just as it is written,

“The things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard,
And which have not entered the heart of anybody,

All the fantastic things/Rewards-and Glory --God has Prepared --for those who Love Him.

10 But to us God has revealed them to us through His Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11 For who among people knows the thoughts of a person except the spirit of that person which is in them? Even so the Thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, Not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from/of God, so that we may know the things Freely Given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

14 But a natural sinful person does Not --accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are Foolishness to them; and they cannot understand them, because they are Spiritually Blind/discerned. 15 But whoever is Spiritual understands/believes all things, yet they are --Judged by no one.

16 For who has known the Mind of the Lord, that they will --instruct Him?
--But --we have the Mind of Christ.

CHAPTER 3

1 And I, brethren, could Not Speak to you as to spiritual people, but as to people of flesh, as to Infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are Not yet able, 3 for you are still fleshly/worldly.

--For since there is Jealousy/Envy and Strife among you, are you not fleshly/worldly, --and are you not walking --just like people of the World?

4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," --are you not in a fleshly/worldly state of mind and spirit?"

5 Who then is Apollos? And who is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one.

6_ --I planted --Apollos watered --but God gave --the growth/increase.

7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters are anything, -- but God who gives the growth.

8 Now those who plant and those who water are one; --but each Saint-will receive their --Own Reward --
--according to their --Own Labor/Works/in God's service.

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a Foundation, and another is building on it. But each person must be careful how they build on it. 11 For no person can lay a Foundation other than the one which is laid --which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any person builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 --each person's work will become evident; for the Day of Judgment will show it because it will be revealed by Fire, and -- the Fire/of God --will Test the Quality --of each Person's Work.

14 If any person's Work which they have built on it remains, --they will receive a Reward/from God.

15 If any person's work is Burned Up -- they will suffer loss; but they will be saved, yet so as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If any person destroys the temple of God, God will destroy them, for the Temple of God is Holy --and that is what you are.

18 Let no person Deceive themselves. If any person among you thinks that they are wise in this age, they must become foolish, so that they may become wise.

19 For the Sinful Wisdom of this World --is Foolishness before God.

For it is written, "God is the one who catches the wise in their craftiness"; 20 and again, "The Lord knows the evil thinking of --the wise of this world, that they are useless." 21 So then let no one boast in any person. For all things belong to you, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, 23 and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

CHAPTER 4

1 Let a person regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 In this case, moreover, it is required of God's stewards that one be found Trustworthy.

3 --But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined/judged --by you, or by any human court; in fact --I do not even judge/examine myself. 4 For I am conscious of nothing against myself/no guilty conscience, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.

5 Therefore do not go on passing Judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both --bring to Light the things hidden in the darkness --and Disclose the Motives of people's Hearts;

and then each person's Praise will come to them from God.

6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sake's, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant on behalf of one against the other. 7 For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

8 You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, I wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you. 9 For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to Angels and to people.

10 --We are Fools for Christ's sake --but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.

11 To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are Homeless; 12 and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled/put-down, we Bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; 13 when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now.

14 I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me. 17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

18 Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you soon, IF the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant but their power.

20 For the Kingdom of God does not consist in words only --but --in Power.

21 What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

CHAPTER 5

It is actually reported that there is Sexual Immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. 3 For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so

done this deed.

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 deliver such a one to satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened.

For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote you in my letter --Not to associate --with Immoral sinful people;

10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. 11 But actually, I wrote to you --

Not to associate/have fellowship with any so-called brother or sister if they are --an immoral person --or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler— not even to eat with such a one.

12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? 13 But those who are outside, God judges.

--Remove --the Unrepentant -- wicked persons from --among yourselves.

CHAPTER 6

1 Does any one of you, when they have a case against their neighbor, dare to go to the law/courts before the unrighteous and not before the saints?

2 --Or do you not know that the Saints --will judge the world?

If the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? 3 Do you not know that --we will Judge Angels? How much more matters of this life? 4 So if you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church?

5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise person who will be able to decide between his fellow saints 6 but brother goes to law with brother, and sister against sister, and that before unbelievers?

7 Unfortunately, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? 8 On the contrary,

you yourselves wrong and defraud. You do this even to your fellow saints.

9 Or do you not know --
that the Unrighteous --will Not Inherit the Kingdom of God?—

Do Not be Deceived—
neither fornicators/doing sexual sins, nor idolaters --nor adulterers --nor
homosexuals/lesbians --nor thieves, nor the covetous --nor drunkards, nor
revilers/brawlers, nor swindlers/cons/liars --will Inherit the eternal Kingdom of God.

11 --Such were some of you --but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were Justified/forgiven/made righteous in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful for me, but Not all things --are Profitable.

--All things are lawful for me --but I will Not be Overcome/mastered --by anything sinful/evil.

13 Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, but God will do away with both of them.

--Yet the Body --is Not for Sexual Sins, but for the Lord, and the Lord is --for the body.

14 Now God has not only raised the Lord but will also Raise us up through His power.

15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a whorish/perverted/sinful person? May it never be!

16 Or do you not know that the one who joins themselves to a whore/ perverted/sinful person is one body with them? For God says, “The two shall become one flesh.”

17 But the one who Joins themselves to the Lord --is One Spirit with Him.

18 --Flee Sexual Sins --Every other sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the Person/doing sexual evils --Sins/does damage against their --own body.

19 Or do you not know that Your Body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are Not your own?

20 For you have been --Bought with a great price: therefore --Glorify --God in your Body.

CHAPTER 7

1 Now concerning the things about which you wrote,
--it is good for a man Not to --touch/wrongly a woman. 2 But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband. 3 The

husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise, also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

6 But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment. 7 For I wish that all people were even as I myself. But each one has their own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; 9 but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion/lusts.

10 Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. 11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife.

12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. 13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise, your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.

15 But if the unbeliever departs, let them depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to Peace. 16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

17 But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let them walk. And so, I ordain in all the churches. 18 Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.

20 Let each one remain in the same calling in which they were called. 21 Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it. 22 For whoever is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's free person. Likewise, whoever is called while free is Christ's slave. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of people. 24 Saints, let each one remain with God in that state in which they were called.

25 Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment

as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy. 26 I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress—that it is good for a man to remain as he is: 27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. 28 But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless, such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you.

29 But this I say, fellow saints, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, 30 those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, 31 and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

32 I want you to be free from concern.

The saint who is Unmarried --is concerned about the things of the Lord, --how they may Please the Lord; 33 but the saint who is married is concerned --about the things of the world, how they may please their mate,

34 and their interests are divided. The saintly woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord,

--that she may be holy both in body and spirit --but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. 35 This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and to give you more Devotion to the Lord.

36 But if any man thinks that he is acting unbecomingly/lusting --toward his virgin girlfriend, if she is past her youth/of marrying age, and if it must be so, let him do what he wishes, he does not sin --let them Marry. 37 But the person who stands firm in their heart, being under no constraint, but has authority over their own will, and has decided this in their own heart --to keep their own virginity, they will do well. 38 So then those who marry does well, and those who don't marry --will do better.

39 A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes --only in the Lord. 40 But in my opinion, she is happier if she remains as she is; and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

CHAPTER 8

1 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but Love --edifies/helps/profits. 2 And if anyone thinks that they know anything, they know nothing yet as they ought to know.

3 But if anyone Loves God --this person is well known by Him.

4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an

idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

7 However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. 10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of them who are weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? 11 And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother or sister perish, for whom Christ died?

12 But when you thus sin against the saints and wound their weak consciences --you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother or sister stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother or sister stumble.

CHAPTER 9

Am I not an Apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? 2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 My defense to those who examine me is this: 4 Do we have no right to eat and drink? 5 Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? 6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? 7 Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

8 Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? 10 Or does He say it altogether for our sake's? For our sake's, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

11 If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? 12 If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more?

Nevertheless, we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?

14 So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living --from the gospel.

15 But I have used none of these things. And I am not writing these things so that it will be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any person make my boast an empty one. 16 For if I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion --for woe is me if I do Not --preach the Gospel of God.

17 --For if I do this Voluntarily/service for God's Work --I have a Reward -- but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. 18 What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the Gospel of God --without charging for it so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

19 For though I am free from all peoples, I have made myself a servant to all, so that I may win more. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law;

21 to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all peoples --so that I may by all means Save some.

23 I do all things for the sake of the Gospel of God, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? --Run/overcome in such a way/for God --that you may win/the Prize/big Rewards.

25 Everyone who competes in the sports games exercises Self-Control in all things. They then -- do it to receive a perishable wreath/trophy --but we an Imperishable Reward --26 Therefore I Run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air.

27 --But I Discipline my Body and --make it my slave/overcome it, so that,
-- after I have preached to others, I myself --will Not be disqualified/or --be a Castaway.

CHAPTER 10

1 For I do not want you to be unaware, my fellow saints, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 and all ate the same spiritual food; 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was Not well-pleased --for they were laid overthrown/dead-in the wilderness.

6 Now these things happened as Examples for us,
so that we would --Not Lust/crave evil things -- as they --also craved/lusted after.

7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play/commit sins.”

8 --Nor let us act immorally/doing sexual sins --as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell/died --in one day.

9 Nor let us Provoke/tempt the Lord, as some of them did --and were Destroyed by the serpents.

10 Don't grumble/Complain --as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let the person who thinks they Stand.
--Take heed/be on guard --that they Don't Fall.

13 -- No temptation has overtaken you, but such as is common to everyone; and --God is Faithful, who will Not allow you --to be Tempted beyond/above what you are able to Overcome --
--but with the Temptation --God --will provide the way of Escape --also, so that you will be able --to Overcome it.

14 Therefore, my beloved, Flee/run from Lusts of --idolatry/sexual sins/the love of money.

15 I speak as to wise people; you judge what I say. 16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

18 Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar? 19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than God, are we?

23 All things are lawful --but Not all things are Profitable. All things are lawful, but Not all things Edify. 24 Let no one seek their own good -- but that of their neighbor. 25 Eat

anything that is sold in the meat market without asking questions for conscience' sake; 26 --for the Earth is the Lord's, and all it contains.

31 Whether then, you eat or drink or whatever you do,

--do All --to the Glory of God.

32 Give No Offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; 33 just as I also please all peoples in all things, not seeking my own profit but the profit of the many, so that they may be Saved.

CHAPTER 11

1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you. 3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. 5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved.

6 For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. 7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. 8 For man is not from woman, but woman from man. 9 Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. 10 For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the Angels.

11 Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. 12 For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.

13 Judge among yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? 14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him? 15 But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering. 16 But if anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor do the churches of God.

17 Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. 18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. 19 For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you.

20 Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's

Supper. 21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. 22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said --“This is My Body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying -- “This cup is the New Covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner --shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

28 But --a person must Examine Themselves/of sinful thoughts and deeds not pleasing to God --and in so doing decide if they are to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

29 For whoever eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to themselves if they do Not judge the body of Christ/Communion rightly. 30 For this reason --many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep._

31 But IF --we Judged/chastened Ourselves/by God's Word --we would Not be -- Judged/by God.

32 But when we are Judged --we are Disciplined/spanked -- by the Lord so that we will --Not be condemned along with --the evil sinful World.

CHAPTER 12

1 Now concerning Spiritual Gifts --my fellow Saints --I do not want you to be unaware/ignorant.

2 You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to those dumb idols, however you were led/deceived. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed”; --and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of Gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of operations, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

7 But to each person/saint --is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good/benefit.

8 For to one is given --the Word of Wisdom through the Spirit,

and to another --the Word of Knowledge according to the same Spirit;
9 to another Faith by the same Spirit,
and to another --Gifts of Healing by the one Spirit,
10 and to another --the effecting/Doing of Miracles,
and to another Prophecy,
and to another --the distinguishing/Discerning of spirits,
to another --various kinds of Tongues, and to another --the Interpretation of Tongues.

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one/saint individually just as He wills.

12 For even as the Body/of Christ is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all Baptized into One Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of One Spirit.

14 For the Body of Christ --is Not one member --but many members. 15 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. 19 If they were all one member, where would the body be?

20 But now --there are many members, but One Body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker --are necessary; 23 and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, 24 whereas our more presentable members have no need of it.

But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, 25 so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member/of the Body of Christ --Suffers, all the members suffer with it --if one member is Honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now you are Christ's Body --and individually members of it.

28 And God has appointed in the church --first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then Gifts of Healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they?

30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? 31 --But earnestly --Desire the Greater Gifts.
And I now show you a still more excellent way.

CHAPTER 13

1 If I speak with the tongues of peoples and of Angels --but do Not have Love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all Faith --so as to remove mountains,
-- but --do Not have Love --I am Nothing.

3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned,
--but --Do Not have Love --it Profits me Nothing.

4 **Love is** --patient, Love is kind --and is --Not jealous/envious.
Love does Not brag and is --Not arrogant,
5 does not act wickedly --it does not seek its own/selfish, is not provoked.
Love --does Not take into account a wrong suffered.

6 Love --does not rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth.

7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and --endures all things.

8 Love never fails --but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; where there is knowledge, it will be done away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part; 10 but when that which is perfect is done/Jesus Christ returns and gathers his Body together, the partial/not complete will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, thought like a child, and reasoned like a child. But when I became an adult --I did away with childish thinking and acting. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face/with God; now I know in part, but then/in Heaven --I will know fully/myself just as I also have been fully known.

13 But now faith, hope, Love, abide these three; --but the Greatest of these --is Love.

CHAPTER 14

1 Pursue Love --yet desire earnestly Spiritual Gifts, but especially that you may Prophecy. 2 For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God; for no one understands, but in their spirit, they speak mysteries. 3 But one who prophesies speaks to people for edification and exhortation and consolation. 4 One who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves; but one who prophesies edifies the church.

5 Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies --than one who speaks in tongues, unless they interpret, so that the church may receive edifying/profit.

6 But now, saints, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you unless I speak to you either by way of revelation or of knowledge or of prophecy or of teaching? 7 Yet even lifeless things, either flute or harp, in producing a sound, if they do not produce a distinction in the tones, how will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp? 8 For if the bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare themselves for battle? 9 So also you, unless you utter by the tongue speech that is clear, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

10 There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of languages in the world, and no kind is without meaning. 11 If then I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be to the one who speaks a barbarian, and the one who speaks will be a barbarian to me. 12 So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts.

--Seek to abound for the edification/profit --of the church/saints.

13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that they may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 15 What is the outcome then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.

16 Otherwise if you bless in the spirit only, how will anyone say the "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since they do not know what you are saying? 17 For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not edified. 18 I thank God --I speak in tongues more than you all; 19 however, in the church I desire to speak five words with/from my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

20 Brethren --do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking --be Mature. 21 In the Law it is written, "By men of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers I will speak to this people, and even so --they will Not Listen to Me," says the Lord. 22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but Prophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.

23 Therefore if the whole church assembles together and all speak in tongues, and unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad? 24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever enters, they are convicted by all, and called to account by all; 25 the secrets of their hearts are disclosed; and so, they will fall on their face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

26 What is the outcome then, saints? When you Assemble/in church or Bible Studies -- each one of you --has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation/to give --for edifying helping others.

-- Let all things be done for Edification. 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, it should be by two or at the most three, and each in turn, and one must interpret; 28 but if there is no interpreter, they must keep silent in the church; and let them speak to themselves and to God. 29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment.

30 But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn, and all may be exhorted; 32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; 33 for --God is Not a God of Confusion but of Peace --as in all the churches of the saints.

34 The women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says. 35 If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church. 36 Was it from you that the Word of God first went forth? Or has it come to you only?

37 If anyone thinks they are a prophet or spiritual, let them recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment(s).

39 Therefore, my fellow saints, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do Not forbid to speak in tongues. 40 But All Things must be --done properly and in --an orderly manner.

CHAPTER 15

1 Now I make known to you, saints, the Gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,

2 by which also --you are Saved --IF-- you hold fast/obey the Word --which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our Sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was Raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

6 After that --Jesus appeared to more than five hundred saints at one time --most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born --He appeared to me also.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I

Persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the Grace of God --I am what I am, and His Grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised --

14 and if Christ has Not been raised --then our preaching is vain, your Faith also is vain.

15 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised --

17 and if Christ has Not been raised --your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all peoples/miserable and most to be pitied.

20 But now --Christ has been Raised from the Dead --the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die --so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the Kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished --is Death. 27 For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. 28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

29 Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them? 30 Why are we also in danger every hour? 31 I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

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. 33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

34 --Become sober-minded as you ought, and --Stop Sinning for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?" 36 You fool. That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; 37 and

that which you sow, you do not sow the body, which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies,

--but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

42 So also is the Resurrection of the Dead/for the Saints of God. It is sown a perishable body,

-- it is raised an Imperishable/Eternal Body--

43 it is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness --it is raised --in power;

44 it is sown a natural body --it is Raised a Spiritual Body. There is a natural body, and there is --also a Spiritual Body.

45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. 47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man/Jesus Christ is from Heaven. 48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy,

--we will also bear --the Image of the Heavenly--

50 Now I say this, saints, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53 For this perishable --must put on the Imperishable,

-- and this mortal must --put on Immortality.

54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is Sin --and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us --the Victory --through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved saints --be steadfast, immovable --Always Abounding --in the Work of the Lord --knowing that your toil/labor is not --in vain --in the Lord.

CHAPTER 16

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. 2 On the first day of every week --each one of you is to put aside and save - -as they may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come. 3 When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem; 4 and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.

5 But I will come to you after I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia; 6 and perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way wherever I may go.

7 For I do not wish to see you now just in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord permits. 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 saints.

12 But concerning Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the saints; 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 soldiers/troopers, be strong. 14 Let all that you do --be Done in Love.

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

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