

The Corinthian Epistles – COURSE OVERVIEW

BIBLE TEXT: 1st & 2nd Corinthians

LENGTH OF CLASS: 30 weeks

COURSE CONTENT:

A comprehensive study of Paul's letters to the early Corinthian church.

Students will:

- Be able to explain the circumstances and events surrounding Paul's writing of the Corinthian letters.
- Be able to properly explain various teachings regarding the church problems in Corinth
- Have a clear understanding of Paul's teachings regarding marriage in 1 Corinthians 7
- A verse-by-verse study of Paul's teachings on faith, hope, and love in 1 Corinthians 13
- Be able to explain the resurrection as explained by 1 Corinthians 15

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTBOOKS:

- Restoration Commentary Thessalonians - Corinthians - Galatians – Romans by J.W. McGarvey and Philip Y. Pendleton
(available at <http://www.onestone.com/restoration-commentary-thess-cor-gal-rom.html>)
- 1 Corinthians Commentary by David Lipscomb and J.W. Shepherd
(Available through Amazon)

Class 1 – Introduction to Corinthians

Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-9

CHURCH PARTISANSHIP

Class 2 – The Humility of the Gospel Message

Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-31

Class 3 – God’s Method of Imparting the Message

Reading: 1 Cor 2

Class 4 – Paul & Apollos as Messengers

Reading: 1 Cor 3

Class 5 – Paul as a Servant of the Message

Reading: 1 Cor 4

CHURCH PROBLEMS

Class 6 – Church Discipline

Reading: 1 Cor 5

Class 7 – Church Legal Disputes

Reading: 1 Cor 6

Class 8 – Marriage Questions

Reading: 1 Cor 7

Class 9 – Food & Idols

Reading: 1 Cor 8

WORSHIP PROBLEMS

Class 10 – Paul’s Restraint of Freedoms

Reading: 1 Cor 9

Class 11 – Further Exhortation to Self-Denial

Reading: 1 Cor 10

Class 12 – Head Coverings & Lord’s Supper

Reading: 1 Cor 11

Class 13 – The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

Reading: 1 Cor 12-13

Class 14 – Prophecy as the Greatest Spiritual Gift

Reading: 1 Cor 14

THE JESUS QUESTION

Class 15 – The Resurrection

Reading: 1 Cor 15

Class 16 – Conclusion of 1st and the Impact of the Letter

Reading: 1 Cor 16

SECTION ONE: PAUL’S ABOUNDING JOY

Class 17 – Paul’s Feelings and Rejoicing Over Corinth

Reading: 2 Cor 1-2

Class 18 – The Two Covenants

Reading: 2 Cor 3

Class 19 – The Weakness of Man and Strength of God

Reading: 2 Cor 4

Class 20 – Paul’s Love of God and His People

Reading: 2 Cor 5

Class 21 – Further Encouragement From Paul

Reading: 2 Cor 6

Class 22 – Paul’s Joy Over Corinthian Repentance

Reading: 2 Cor 7

SECTION TWO: THE COLLECTION FOR THE SAINTS IN JUDEA

Class 23 – The Duty of Benevolence

Reading: 2 Cor 8

Class 24 – The Need To Be Ready To Give

Reading: 2 Cor 9

SECTION THREE: PAUL’S FINAL APPEAL

Class 25 – Paul vs. His Opponents

Reading: 2 Cor 10

Class 26 – Paul’s “Boasting”

Reading: 2 Cor 11

Class 27 – Paul’s Vision & Thorn in the Flesh

Reading: 2 Cor 12

Class 28 – Paul’s Concluding Warnings

Reading: 2 Cor 13