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1 Corinthians

Chapter 1

¹Paul, called {to be} an apostle of Christ Jesus by {the} will of God, and Sosthenes the brother, ²to the church of God {that} is in Corinth, having been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all the ones in every place calling on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, theirs and ours. ³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and {the} Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I always give thanks to my God for you because of the grace of God, the one having been given to you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in everything you were made rich in him, in all word and all knowledge, ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been confirmed among you, ⁷so that you do not lack in any gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will also confirm you to {the} end, blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God {is} faithful, by whom you were called into {the} fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁰Now I urge you, brothers, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same {thing} and {that} there might not be divisions among you, but {that} you might be joined together in the same mind and in the same purpose. ¹¹For it was made clear to me concerning you, my brothers, by {those} of Chloe, that there are factions among you. ¹²Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank {God} that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one might say that you were baptized into my name. ¹⁶(Now I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know if I baptized any others.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to proclaim the gospel—not with wise speech so that the cross of Christ would not be emptied.

¹⁸For the word of the cross is foolishness to the ones perishing, but to us, the ones being saved, it is {the} power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and I will frustrate the understanding of the intelligent."

²⁰Where {is} {the} wise person? Where {is} {the} scholar? Where {is} {the} debater of this age? Has not God turned the wisdom of the world into foolishness? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save the ones believing through the foolishness of the preaching. ²²For indeed, Jews ask for signs and Greeks seek wisdom. ²³But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. ²⁴But to them, the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ {is} {the} power of God and {the} wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God {is} stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers, that not many {were} wise according to {the} flesh, not many {were} powerful, {and} not many {were} of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish {things} of the world in order that he might shame the wise, and God chose the weak {things} of the world in order that he might shame the strong, ²⁸and God chose the base {things} and the despised {things} of the world, {and} the {things that} are not, in order that he might bring to nothing the {things that} are, ²⁹so that no flesh might boast before God. ³⁰But because of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made for us wisdom from God, righteousness, and also sanctification and redemption, ³¹so that, just as it is written, "Let the one boasting, boast in {the} Lord."

Chapter 2

¹And I, brothers, having come to you, did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the mystery of God.^[1] ²For I decided not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴And my word and my proclamation {were} not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of {the} Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not be in {the} wisdom of men but in {the} power of God.

⁶Now we speak wisdom among the mature, but not wisdom of this age nor of the rulers of this age, the ones passing away. ⁷Instead, we speak {the} wisdom of God {that} has been hidden in a mystery that God predestined before the ages for our glory, ⁸which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had understood {it}, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But just as it is written,

“What eye has not seen,

and ear has not heard,

and has not arisen in the heart of man,

these {things} God has prepared for the one loving him.”

¹⁰For God revealed them to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the deep {things} of God.

¹¹For who among men knows the {things} of a man except the spirit of the man {that is} within him? So also, no one knows the {things} of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²But we did not receive the spirit of the world, but the Spirit from God, so that we might know the {things} freely given to us by God. ¹³And we speak these {things} not in words taught by human wisdom but in {those} taught by {the} Spirit, combining spiritual things with spiritual words. ¹⁴But {the} natural person does not receive the {things} of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he is not able to understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵But the spiritual one discerns all {things}, but he himself is discerned by no one.

¹⁶“For who has known {the} mind of {the} Lord—who will instruct him?”

But we have {the} mind of Christ.

2:1 ^[1]

Chapter 3

¹And I, brothers, was not able to speak to you as to spiritual, but as to fleshly, as to infants in Christ. ²I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, for you were not yet able. Indeed, even now, you are not able. ³For you are still fleshly. For where {there is} jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly and walking according to men? ⁴For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not men? ⁵Who then is Apollos? And who is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave to each one. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused {it} to grow. ⁷So then, neither the one planting nor the one watering is anything, but God {is} the one causing the growth. ⁸Now the one planting and the one watering are one, and each will receive {his} own wages according to {his} own labor. ⁹For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.

¹⁰According to the grace of God {that} was given to me as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and another is building {on it}, but let each one be careful how he builds {on it}, ¹¹for no one is able to lay a foundation other than the one being laid, that is, Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, ¹³the work of each one will become evident, for the day will display {it}; for it is revealed in fire, and the fire itself will test of what sort is the work of each one. ¹⁴If anyone’s work that he built will remain, he will

receive a reward; ¹⁵if anyone's work will be burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, but as though through fire.

¹⁶Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and the Spirit of God lives in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy that {person}. For the temple of God is holy, which you are.

¹⁸Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks he is wise in this age, let him become a "fool," that he may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

"He catches the wise in their craftiness."

²⁰And again,

"{The} Lord knows the reasonings of the wise, that they are futile."

²¹So then, let no one boast in men. For all {things} are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or {the} world or life or death or {things} present or {things} coming. All {things} are yours, ²³and you {are} Christ's, and Christ {is} God's.

Chapter 4

¹In this manner let a man regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of {the} mysteries of God. ²In this case, it is required in the stewards that one may be found faithful. ³But to me it is a very small {thing} that I would be examined by you or by a human court. For I do not examine myself. ⁴For I am aware of nothing against myself, but I am not justified by this; but the one judging me is {the} Lord. ⁵Therefore, do not judge anything before {the} time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden {things} of darkness and reveal the purposes of the hearts. And then the praise from God will come to each one.

⁶Now, these {things}, brothers, I applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that through us you might learn {this}:

"Not beyond what is written,"

so that no one would be puffed up in favor of the one against the other. ⁷For who makes you superior? And what do you have that you did not receive? And if indeed you received {it}, why do you boast as if you did not receive {it}?

⁸Already you are satisfied! Already you have become rich! You began to reign apart from us, and I wish you really did reign, so that we also might reign with you. ⁹For I think God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as sentenced to death. For we have become a spectacle to the world—both to angels and to men. ¹⁰We {are} fools for Christ's sake, but you {are} wise in Christ. We {are} weak, but you {are} strong. You {are} honored, but we {are} dishonored.

¹¹Up to the present hour we are both hungry and thirsty and are poorly clothed and are brutally beaten and are homeless ¹²and are working hard, working with {our} own hands. Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; ¹³being slandered, we comfort. We have become as {the} scum of the world, {the} refuse of all {things}, even until now.

¹⁴I do not write these {things} as shaming you, but as my beloved children, I correct {you}. ¹⁵For if you would have myriads of guardians in Christ, yet {you would} not {have} many fathers; for I fathered you in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ¹⁶Therefore, I urge you, become imitators of me. ¹⁷Because of this I sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in {the} Lord, who will remind you of my ways {that are} in Christ Jesus, just as I teach everywhere in every church. ¹⁸Now some have been puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. ¹⁹But I will come to you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not merely the word of the ones having been puffed up, but {their} power. ²⁰For the kingdom of God {is} not in word but in power. ²¹What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

Chapter 5

¹It is actually reported {that there is} sexual immorality among you, and such immorality which {is} not even among the Gentiles—that someone has {his} father's wife. ²And you are puffed up, and you did not mourn instead, so that the one having done this deed might be removed from among you. ³For even I, being absent in the body but being present in the spirit, have already passed judgment on the one having done such a thing, as if being present. ⁴You and my spirit, having been assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, with the power of our Lord Jesus, ⁵hand {this} man over to Satan for {the} destruction of the flesh so that {his} spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. ⁶Your boasting {is} not good. Do you not know that a little yeast leavens the whole loaf? ⁷Clean out the old yeast so that you may be new dough, just as you are unleavened bread. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has also been sacrificed. ⁸So then, we should celebrate the festival, not with old yeast, nor with yeast of evil and wickedness, but with unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

⁹I wrote to you in {my} letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— ¹⁰by no means the immoral people of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out from the world. ¹¹But now I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother {who} is sexually immoral or greedy or an idolater or verbally abusive or a drunkard or a swindler. Do not even eat with such a person. ¹²For what to me to judge the ones outside? Do you not judge the ones inside? ¹³But God judges^[1] the ones outside.

“Remove the evil from among yourselves.”

5:13 ^[1] some ancient manuscripts read

Chapter 6

¹Do any of you dare, having a dispute with another, to go to court before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? ²Or do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy of {the} smallest cases? ³Do you not know that we will judge angels? How much more, matters of this life? ⁴So then, if you have legal disputes about things of this life, why do you appoint as judges these ones of no account in the church? ⁵I speak to your shame. {Is it} thus {that} there is not any wise {man} among you who will be able to discern between his brothers? ⁶But brother goes to court against brother, and this before unbelievers? ⁷This, therefore, is indeed already a complete defeat for you, since you have lawsuits among yourselves. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? ⁸But you do wrong and cheat, and this to {your} brothers! ⁹Or do you not know that {the} unrighteous will not inherit {the} kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither {the} sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor practicing homosexuals ¹⁰nor thieves nor {the} greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit {the} kingdom of God. ¹¹And that {is what} some of you were. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

¹²“Everything is lawful for me,” but not everything is beneficial. “Everything is lawful for me,” but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³“Food {is} for the stomach, and the stomach for food,” but God will do away with both this and those. Now the body {is} not for sexual immorality, but for the Lord and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴Now God indeed raised the Lord and will also raise up us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Therefore, having taken away the members of Christ, should I make {them} members of a prostitute? May it never be! ¹⁶Or do you not know that the one being joined to the prostitute is one body? For it says, “The two will become as one flesh.” ¹⁷But the one being joined to the Lord is one spirit. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality! Every sin that a man might commit is outside the body, but the one being sexually immoral sins against {his} own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit in you, whom you have from God? And you are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body.^[1]

6:20 ^[1] But the best copies do not have this reading.

Chapter 7

¹Now concerning what you wrote: “{It is} good for a man not to touch a woman.” ²But because of immorality, let each man have {his} own wife, and let each woman have {her} own husband. ³Let the husband give to the wife the duty and likewise the wife also to the husband. ⁴The wife does not have authority over {her} own body, but the husband {does}. And likewise, the husband also does not have authority over {his} own body, but the wife {does}. ⁵Do not deprive each other, except by mutual agreement for a season, so that you may devote {yourselves} to prayer, and then be together again, so that Satan might not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

⁶But I say this as a concession, not as a command. ⁷But I wish for all men to be even as myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one indeed this way, and another that way. ⁸Now to the unmarried and to the widows I say that {it is} good if they remain as I also am. ⁹But if they do not have self-control, they should marry. For it is better to marry than to burn. ¹⁰Now to the married I command—not I, but the Lord—a wife is not to be separated from her husband ¹¹(but even if she might be separated, let her remain unmarried, or let her be reconciled to the husband), and a husband is not to divorce a wife. ¹²But to the rest I say—I, not the Lord—if any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she agrees to live with him, let him not divorce her. ¹³And if any woman has an unbelieving husband, and he agrees to live with her, let her not divorce the husband. ¹⁴For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through the brother. Otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy. ¹⁵But if the unbeliever departs, let him go. In such cases, the brother or the sister is not bound, but God has called us to peace. ¹⁶For how do you know, woman, whether you will save the husband? Or how do you know, man, whether you will save the wife? ¹⁷However, as the Lord has assigned to each one, as God has called each one, thus let him walk. And in this way I direct in all the churches. ¹⁸Was anyone called, having been circumcised? Let him not be uncircumcised. Was anyone called in uncircumcision? Let him not be circumcised. ¹⁹Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but observance of {the} commandments of God. ²⁰Each one, in the calling in which he was called, let him remain in that. ²¹Were you called {as} a slave? Let it not be a concern to you. But if indeed you are able to become free, then take advantage of {it}. ²²For the one having been called in {the} Lord {as} a slave is a freedman of {the} Lord. Likewise, the one having been called as a freeman is a slave of Christ. ²³You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men. ²⁴Brothers, each one in that which he was called, let him remain with God in this.

²⁵Now concerning the virgins, I do not have a command of {the} Lord. However, I give an opinion as having received mercy from {the} Lord to be trustworthy. ²⁶Therefore, I think this is good, because of the coming distress, that {it is} good for a man to remain as he is. ²⁷Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are you released from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸But if indeed you would marry, you have not sinned; and if the virgin would marry, she has not sinned. But the ones of such kind will have distress in the flesh, and I want to spare you {from this}. ²⁹But this I say, brothers: The time is shortened, so that from now on, even the ones having wives should be as having none; ³⁰and the ones weeping, as not weeping; and the ones rejoicing, as not rejoicing; and the ones buying, as not possessing; ³¹and the ones using the world, as not using it; for the present form of this world is passing away. ³²But I would like you to be free from concern. The unmarried {man} is concerned about the {things} of the Lord, how he might please the Lord. ³³But the married {man} is concerned about the {things} of the world, how to please the wife, and he is divided. And the unmarried woman or the virgin ³⁴is concerned about the {things} of the Lord, so that she might be holy both in the body and in the spirit. But the one having been married is concerned about the {things} of the world, how she might please the husband. ³⁵Now I say this for your own benefit, not in order to put any constraint on you, but toward what {is} appropriate and devoted to the Lord without any distraction. ³⁶But if anyone thinks he is acting improperly toward his virgin—if she is beyond the age of marriage and it must be so—he should do what he wants. He is not sinning; let them marry. ³⁷But he who stands firm in his heart, not under compulsion, but having authority over {his} own will, and he has decided this in {his} own heart—to keep {his} own virgin—he will do well. ³⁸So then, the one marrying {his} own virgin does well, and

the one not marrying will do even better. ³⁹A wife is bound for as long as her husband lives. But if the husband dies, she is free to marry whomever she wishes, but only in {the} Lord. ⁴⁰Yet according to my judgment she would be happier if she would remain as she is. And I think {that} I also have {the} Spirit of God.

Chapter 8

¹Now about the {things} sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone thinks he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, that one is known by him. ⁴So then, about the eating of the {things} sacrificed to idols: We know that an idol in {the} world {is} nothing and that {there is} no God except one. ⁵For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth, just as there are many "gods" and many "lords," ⁶yet for us {there is} one God the Father, from whom {are} all {things} and for whom we {are}, and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all {things are}, and through whom we {are}.

⁷However, {this} knowledge {is} not in everyone. Instead, some, {being} in the custom of the idols until now, eat {things} as sacrificed to idols, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸But food will not bring us near to God; neither are we made to lack if we do not eat, nor do we abound if we eat. ⁹But take care lest this authority of yours might become a stumbling block for the weak. ¹⁰For if someone might see the one having knowledge reclining to eat in an idol's temple, will his conscience, being weak, not be built up so as to eat the {things} sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So the one being weak, the brother for whom Christ died, is destroyed through your knowledge. ¹²And thus sinning against {your} brothers and wounding their weak consciences, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food causes my brother to stumble, I will certainly not ever eat meat, so that I might not cause my brother to stumble.

Chapter 9

¹Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in {the} Lord? ²If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you. For you are the proof of my apostleship in {the} Lord. ³My defense to the ones examining me is this: ⁴Do we certainly not have a right to eat and to drink? ⁵Do we certainly not have a right to take along a believing wife, even as the rest of {the} apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? ⁶Or do only Barnabas and I not have a right not to work? ⁷Who serves as a soldier at any time at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its fruit? Or who shepherds a flock and does not drink from the milk of the flock? ⁸Am I not saying these {things} according to men, or does not the law also say these {things}? ⁹For it is written in the law of Moses, "Do not muzzle an ox treading out grain." God does not care about the oxen, does he? ¹⁰Or is he speaking entirely for our sake? For it was written for our sake that the one plowing ought to plow in hope, and the one threshing, in hope of sharing the harvest. ¹¹If we sowed spiritual {things} among you, {is it} too much if we will reap material {things} from you? ¹²If others shared the right over you, {do} we not even more? But we did not take advantage of this right. Instead we endured everything in order that we might not give any hindrance to the gospel of Christ. ¹³Do you not know that the ones working in the temple eat from the {things} of the temple; the ones serving at the altar partake from the altar? ¹⁴In the same way also, the Lord commanded the ones proclaiming the gospel to live from the gospel. ¹⁵But I have not taken advantage of {any} of these {things}. Now I do not write these {things} so that thus it might be done for me, for {it would be} better for me to die rather than {anyone} will make my boast empty. ¹⁶For if I proclaim the gospel, there is nothing for me to boast, because compulsion is placed upon me. For woe be to me if I would not preach the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this willingly, I have a reward. But if unwillingly, I have been entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸What then is my reward? That proclaiming the gospel without charge, I might offer the gospel so as not to take advantage of my right in the gospel. ¹⁹For being free from all, I enslaved myself to all in order that I might gain the more {people}. ²⁰And to the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to gain Jews. To the ones under law, as under law, not being under law myself^[1] in order to gain the ones under law. ²¹To the ones without law, {I became} as without law (not being without law of God, but under

law of Christ) so that I might gain the ones without law. ²²To the weak I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all {things} to everyone so that I might by all means save some. ²³But I do all {things} for the sake of the gospel so that I might become a partaker of it. ²⁴Do you not know that the ones running in a stadium all run, but {only} one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you might obtain {it}. ²⁵But everyone competing in the games exercises self-control in all {things}. They therefore {do it} in order that they might receive a perishable wreath, but we, an imperishable {one}. ²⁶Therefore, I run thus, not as without purpose; I fight thus, not as boxing {the} air. ²⁷But I subdue my body and enslave it, lest having preached to others, I myself might be disqualified.

9:20 ^[1] Some older versions leave out these words.

Chapter 10

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, ²and they all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and they all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and they all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock following {them}, and the rock was Christ. ⁵But God was not well pleased with most of them, for they were scattered about in the wilderness. ⁶Now these {things} became examples for us so {that} we would not be ones desiring evil {things}, just as they also desired. ⁷Do not become idolaters, just as some of them {were}; even as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and to drink and rose up to play." ⁸Nor should we commit sexual immorality, just as many of them committed sexual immorality, and 23,000 people fell in one day. ⁹Nor should we put the Lord^[1] to the test, just as many of them put {him} to the test and were destroyed by the snakes. ¹⁰Do not grumble, even as many of them grumbled and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹Now these {things} happened to them {as} examples, but they were written for our admonition, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore, the one thinking he stands, let him be careful {that} he might not fall. ¹³No temptation has seized you except {what is} common to humanity; but God {is} faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation, he will also provide the way of escape, {so that} you will be able to endure it.

¹⁴Therefore, my beloved ones, flee from idolatry. ¹⁵I speak as to sensible {people}. Judge for yourselves what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing of the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because {there is} one bread, we the many {are} one body; for we all partake from the one bread. ¹⁸Look at Israel according to {the} flesh; are not the ones eating the sacrifices partakers of the altar? ¹⁹What am I saying then: that {food} sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰Rather, that what the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God. But I do not want you to be partakers with the demons! ²¹You are not able to drink {the} cup of {the} Lord and {the} cup of demons. You are not able to partake of {the} table of {the} Lord and of {the} table of demons. ²²Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than him, are we?

²³"All {things are} lawful," but not all {things are} beneficial. "All {things are} lawful," but not all {things} build up. ²⁴Let no one seek his own good, but {that} of the other {person}. ²⁵Eat everything {that} is being sold in {the} market, without asking for the sake of the conscience. ²⁶For "the earth {is} the Lord's, and the fullness of it." ²⁷If any of the unbelievers invite you, and you want to go, eat everything being set before you, without asking questions for the sake of the conscience. ²⁸But if someone says to you, "This is offered in sacrifice," do not eat {it}, for the sake of that one having informed you, and conscience—^[2] ²⁹now I say {the} conscience, not {your} own, but {that} of the other {person}. For why {is} my freedom judged by another's conscience? ³⁰If I partake with gratitude, why am I insulted for that which I give thanks? ³¹Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to {the} glory of God. ³²Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, ³³just as I also please all {people} in all {things}, not seeking {my} own benefit but {that} of the many, so that they might be saved.

10:9 ^[1] many ancient manuscripts read

10:28 ^[2] But the best manuscripts do not have this.

Chapter 11

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

²Now I praise you, because you remember me in all {things} and you hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you. ³Now 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. ⁴Every man praying or prophesying, having something on {his} head, dishonors his head. ⁵But every woman praying or prophesying with {her} head uncovered dishonors her head. For it is one and the same {thing} as having been shaved. ⁶For if a woman does not cover {her} head, let {her} hair also be cut off. But if {it is} disgraceful for a woman to have {her} hair cut off or to be shaved, let her cover {her} head. ⁷For a man ought not to cover {his} head, being {the} image and glory of God. But the woman is {the} glory of man. ⁸For man is not from woman, but woman {is} from man. ⁹For indeed man was not created for the woman, but woman for the man. ¹⁰Because of this the woman ought to have authority on the head, because of the angels. ¹¹Nevertheless, in {the} Lord, woman {is} not independent from man, nor {is} man independent from woman. ¹²For even as the woman {is} from the man, so also the man {is} through the woman, but all {things are} from God. ¹³Judge for your own selves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God uncovered? ¹⁴Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man might have long hair, it is a disgrace for him, ¹⁵but if a woman might have long hair, it is glory for her? For the long hair has been given to her as a covering. ¹⁶But if anyone thinks to be contentious {about this}, we do not have any such practice, nor the churches of God.

¹⁷But in commanding this, I do not praise you, for you come together not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸For first, I hear {that in} your coming together in the church, there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. ¹⁹For it is necessary indeed for there to be factions among you, so that also the ones approved may become evident among you. ²⁰So then, your coming together in one place, it is not to eat {the} Lord's Supper. ²¹For when eating, each one takes his own supper first; and one is indeed hungry, but one is drunk. ²²For do you certainly not have houses in {which} to eat and to drink? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate the ones having nothing? What should I say to you? Should I praise you for this? I do not praise you! ²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and having given thanks, he broke {it} and said, "This is my body, {which is} for you. Do this in the remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink {it}, in the remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink {this} cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he would come. ²⁷Whoever, therefore, might eat the bread or might drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord. ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and in this way let him eat from the bread, and let him drink from the cup. ²⁹For the one eating and drinking without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment to himself. ³⁰Because of this many among you {are} weak and sick, and many are fallen asleep. ³¹But if we were examining ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But being judged by {the} Lord, we are disciplined so that we might not be condemned along with the world. ³³Therefore, my brothers, coming together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you might not come together for judgment. Now {about} the remaining {things}, I will give directions when I come.

Chapter 12

¹Now about the spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the mute idols, in whatever ways you were led. ³Therefore, I make known to you that no one speaking by {the} Spirit of God says, "Jesus {is} accursed," and no one is able to say, "Jesus {is} Lord," except by {the} Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵And there are varieties of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are varieties of workings, but the same God working all things in everyone. ⁷Now to each one is given the

outward display of the Spirit for the collective benefit. ⁸For to one is given by the Spirit a word of wisdom, and to another, a word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹to another, faith by the same Spirit; and to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; ¹⁰and to another, workings of power; to another, prophecy; to another, discernments of spirits; to another, kinds of tongues; and to another, interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But the one and the same Spirit works all these {things}, distributing them to each one individually just as he desires.

¹²For even as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also {is} Christ. ¹³For indeed by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bound or free, and all were made to drink one Spirit. ¹⁴For indeed the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Since I am not a hand, I am not of the body," not for this it is not of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," not for this it is not of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body {were} an eye, where {would} the hearing {be}? If {the} whole {were} an ear, where {would} the sense of smell {be}? ¹⁸But now God appointed the members, each one of them, in the body just as he desired. ¹⁹But if they were all one member, where {would} the body {be}? ²⁰But now {there are} many members, but one body. ²¹Now the eye is not able to say to the hand, "I do not have need of you," or again, the head to the feet, "I do not have need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body appearing to be weaker are much more essential; ²³and those of the body which we think to be less honorable, we bestow them greater honor; and our unrepresentable members have more dignity; ²⁴but our presentable members do not have need. But God has combined the body together, giving more honor to the one lacking {it} ²⁵so that there may be no division within the body, but {that} the members should care for one another the same. ²⁶And if one member suffers, all the members suffer together; if a member is honored, all the members rejoice with {it}. ²⁷Now you are {the} body of Christ and individually members of {it}. ²⁸And God has indeed appointed some in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, administration, {and} various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Not all {are} apostles, are they? Not all {are} prophets, are they? Not all {are} teachers, are they? Not all {do} miracles, do they? ³⁰Not all have gifts of healing, do they? Not all speak in tongues, do they? Not all interpret, do they? ³¹But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And now, I show you a more excellent way.

Chapter 13

¹If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but I do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains, but I do not have love, I am nothing. ³And if I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body, so that I might boast, but I do not have love, I gain nothing.^[1] ⁴Love is patient {and} is kind; love does not envy; love does not boast; it is not puffed up. ⁵It is not rude; it does not seek {its} own; it is not easily angered; it does not keep a count of the wrongs. ⁶It does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all {things}, believes all {things}, hopes all {things}, endures all {things}. ⁸Love never fails. But if {there are} prophecies, they will pass away; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when the perfect comes, {that which is} partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away the {things} of the child. ¹²For now we see unclearly in a mirror, but then, face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I also have been fully known. ¹³But now these three remain: faith, hope, {and} love. But {the} greatest of these {is} love.

13:3 ^[1] Some other versions read

Chapter 14

¹Pursue love, but be zealous for the spiritual gifts, but especially that you might prophesy. ²For the one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God; for no one understands, but he speaks mysteries in spirit. ³But the

one prophesying speaks to men for building up and encouragement and consolation. ⁴The one speaking in a tongue builds up himself, but the one prophesying builds up {the} church. ⁵Now I desire you all to speak in tongues, but even more, that you might prophesy. Now the one prophesying is greater than the one speaking in tongues (unless he would interpret, so that the church might receive building up). ⁶But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I benefit you unless I speak to you either in revelation or in knowledge or in prophecy or teaching? ⁷Even lifeless {things} giving sounds—whether flute or harp—if they would not give different sounds, how will the {thing} being played on the flute or the {thing} being played on the harp be known? ⁸For indeed, if a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle? ⁹In the same way also you, unless you give intelligible speech with {your} tongue, how will the {thing} being spoken be understood? For you will be speaking into {the} air. ¹⁰There are doubtless so many kinds of languages in {the} world, and none {is} without meaning. ¹¹If then I would not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the one speaking, and the one speaking {will be} a foreigner to me. ¹²So also you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts for the building up of the church, seek that you would abound in them. ¹³So let the one speaking in a tongue pray that he might interpret. ¹⁴If I would pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What then is it? I will pray with {my} spirit, but I will also pray with {my} mind. I will sing with {my} spirit, and I will also sing with {my} mind. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you bless with {the} spirit, how will the one filling the place of the ungifted say the “Amen” at your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you certainly give thanks well, but the other {person} is not built up. ¹⁸I thank God {that} I speak in tongues more than all of you; ¹⁹but in {the} church I prefer to speak five words with my mind so that I might also instruct others, than myriads of words in a tongue.

²⁰Brothers, do not become children in {your} thoughts. Rather, be childlike in evil, but become mature in the thoughts. ²¹In the Law it is written,

“By {people} of other tongues and by {the} lips of strangers

I will speak to this people,

but not even in this way will they hear me,”

says {the} Lord. ²²So then, the tongues are for a sign, not to the ones believing, but to the unbelievers; but prophecy {is} not to the unbelievers, but to the ones believing. ²³If, therefore, the whole church might come together to the same place and they would all speak in tongues, but ungifted or unbelievers would come in, will they not say that you are insane? ²⁴But if they all would prophesy, but some unbeliever or ungifted person might come in, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all, ²⁵the secrets of his heart become visible, and so, having fallen on {his} face, he will worship God, declaring, “God is really among you.”

²⁶What then is to be, brothers? When you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, {or} has an interpretation. Let all {things} happen for building up. ²⁷If anyone speaks in a tongue, {it should be} by two or at most three, and in turn, and one must interpret. ²⁸But if there is not an interpreter, let him be silent in {the} church. Instead, let him speak to himself and to God. ²⁹But let two or three prophets speak, and let the others evaluate. ³⁰But if {something} is revealed to another sitting there, let the first be silent. ³¹For all are able to prophesy one by one so that all may learn, and all may be encouraged. ³²Indeed, {the} spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³For God is not of confusion, but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints, ³⁴let the women be silent in the churches. For it is not permitted for them to speak, but to be in submission, just as also the law says. ³⁵But if they desire to learn anything, let them ask {their} own husbands at home, for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in church. ³⁶Or did the word of God go out from you? Or did it come only to you?

³⁷If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that what I write to you is a command of {the} Lord. ³⁸But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.^[1]

³⁹So then, brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues. ⁴⁰But let all {things} be done properly and in order.

14:38 ^[1] Some ancient manuscripts have

Chapter 15

¹Now I make known to you, brothers, the gospel that I proclaimed to you, which also you received, on which also you stand, ²by which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to what word I proclaimed to you, unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you among {the} first what I also received—that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he was seen by Cephas, then by the Twelve. ⁶Then he was seen by more than 500 brothers at once, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸Now last of all, he was seen by me also, as if to a child born at the wrong time. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by {the} grace of God I am what I am, and his grace that {was} in me was not in vain. Instead, I labored harder than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. ¹¹Therefore, whether I or they, in this way we preach, and in this way you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed, that he was raised from {the} dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of {the} dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of {the} dead, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁴but if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching {is} in vain, and your faith {is} in vain. ¹⁵But also, we are found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified concerning God that he raised Christ, whom he has not raised, if then {the} dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if {the} dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁷but if Christ has not been raised, your faith {is} in vain; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then also the ones having fallen asleep in Christ perished. ¹⁹If only in this life we have hope in Christ, of all people we are most pitiful.

²⁰But now Christ has been raised from {the} dead, {the} firstfruits of the ones having fallen asleep. ²¹For since death {is} by a man, by a man also resurrection of {the} dead. ²²For even as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in {his} own order: Christ {the} firstfruits; then at his coming, the ones of Christ. ²⁴Then {will be} the end, when he hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when he has abolished all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all the enemies under his feet. ²⁶{The} last enemy to be abolished: death. ²⁷For “he has put everything under his feet.” But when it says, “he has put everything,” {it is} clear that the one having put everything in subjection to him {is} excepted. ²⁸Now when all the {things} have been subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one having subjected all the {things} to him, so that God might be all in all.

²⁹Otherwise, what will the ones having baptized for the dead do? If {the} dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them? ³⁰Why also are we in danger every hour? ³¹I die every day, by the boasting in you, brothers, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord. ³²What {is} the profit to me, according to men, if I fought wild beasts at Ephesus? if {the} dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.” ³⁴Be sober, as is right! And do not keep sinning. For some have no knowledge of God—I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will say, “How are the dead raised, and with what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶You foolish one! What you sow is not caused to live unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow, you do not sow the body {that} will be, but a bare seed—perhaps wheat or something else. ³⁸But God gives it a body just as he desires, and to each of the seeds, its own body. ³⁹Not all flesh {is} the same flesh. Instead, {there is} one {flesh} of men, and another flesh of animals, 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 {that} 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. ⁴²So also {is} the

resurrection of the dead. {What} is sown in decay is raised in immortality. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual {body}. ⁴⁵So also it is written, "The first man Adam became a living soul." The last Adam {is} a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But the spiritual {is} not first, but the natural, then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man {is} of {the} earth, made of dust. The second man {is} from heaven. ⁴⁸As the earthly, so also {are} the ones of earth; and as the heavenly, so also {are} the ones of heaven. ⁴⁹And just as we have borne the image of the earthly, let us also bear^[1] the image of the heavenly.

⁵⁰Now this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood are not able to inherit {the} kingdom of God. Neither does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹Behold! I tell you a mystery: We will not all fall asleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵²in an instant, in {the} twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For it is necessary for this perishable to put on incorruptibility, and this mortal to put on immortality. ⁵⁴But when this perishable has put on incorruptibility, and this mortal has put on immortality, then will come about the word that is written,

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵"Death, where {is} your victory?

Death, where {is} your sting?"

⁵⁶But the sting of death {is} sin, and the power of sin {is} the law. ⁵⁷But thanks {be} to God, the one giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! ⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, become steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in {the} Lord.

15:49 ^[1] some ancient manuscripts read

Chapter 16

¹Now concerning the collection {that is} for the saints, even as I directed the churches of Galatia, so also you must do. ²Every first of {the} week, let each of you put {something} aside, storing up from whatever he might have prospered, so that when I come, there will not be collections then. ³Now when I arrive, whomever you might approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem. ⁴But if it is appropriate for me to go also, they will go with me. ⁵But I will come to you after I have passed through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia. ⁶But perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you may help me on my way wherever might I go. ⁷For I do not desire to see you now only in passing; for I hope to remain with you for some time, if the Lord would permit. ⁸But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost, ⁹for a wide and effective door has opened for me, and many are opposing {me}.

¹⁰Now if Timothy comes, see that he would be unafraid with you, for he is doing the work of {the} Lord, as I {am.}

¹¹Therefore, let no one despise him. But help him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers. ¹²Now concerning the brother Apollos, I strongly encouraged him that he would come to you with the brothers, but it was not at all {his} will that he would come now. However, he will come when he might have the opportunity.

¹³Stay alert; stand firm in the faith; act like men; be strong. ¹⁴Let all your {things} happen in love.

¹⁵Now I urge you, brothers (you know the household of Stephanas, that they are {the} firstfruits of Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to service of the saints), ¹⁶that you also would be subject to the ones such as these and to everyone who is joining together in the work and laboring. ¹⁷Now I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have supplied {what} was lacking from you; ¹⁸for they refreshed my spirit and yours. So then, recognize the ones like these.

¹⁹The churches of Asia send greetings to you. Aquila and Priscilla enthusiastically greet you in {the} Lord, with the church in their home. ²⁰All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹This greeting {is} in my own hand—Paul. ²²If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed. Maranatha!

²³The grace of the Lord Jesus {be} with you. ²⁴My love {be} with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.^[1]

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