

1 Corinthians

Introduction



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Questions to consider...

- Why are Christians divided?
 - Do we struggle with that issue here?
- How do I experience success in life?
- What should the church do when a Christian refuses to repent of sin?
 - Is it really our place to judge?
- Why is sexual immorality different than other sins?

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Questions to consider...

- What if your husband or wife leaves you?
- As a Christian, what am I free to do, and what am I not free to do?
- What is the role of women in public ministry?
 - Why can't they talk at the Lord's Supper?
 - In fact, why do we do the Lord's Supper the way we do here?
- What kind of bodies will we have in heaven?

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Ancient Corinth viewed from Acrocorinth

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View from Acrocorinth of Ancient Corinth and the Saronic Gulf

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East Half of the Canal, Viewed from the East

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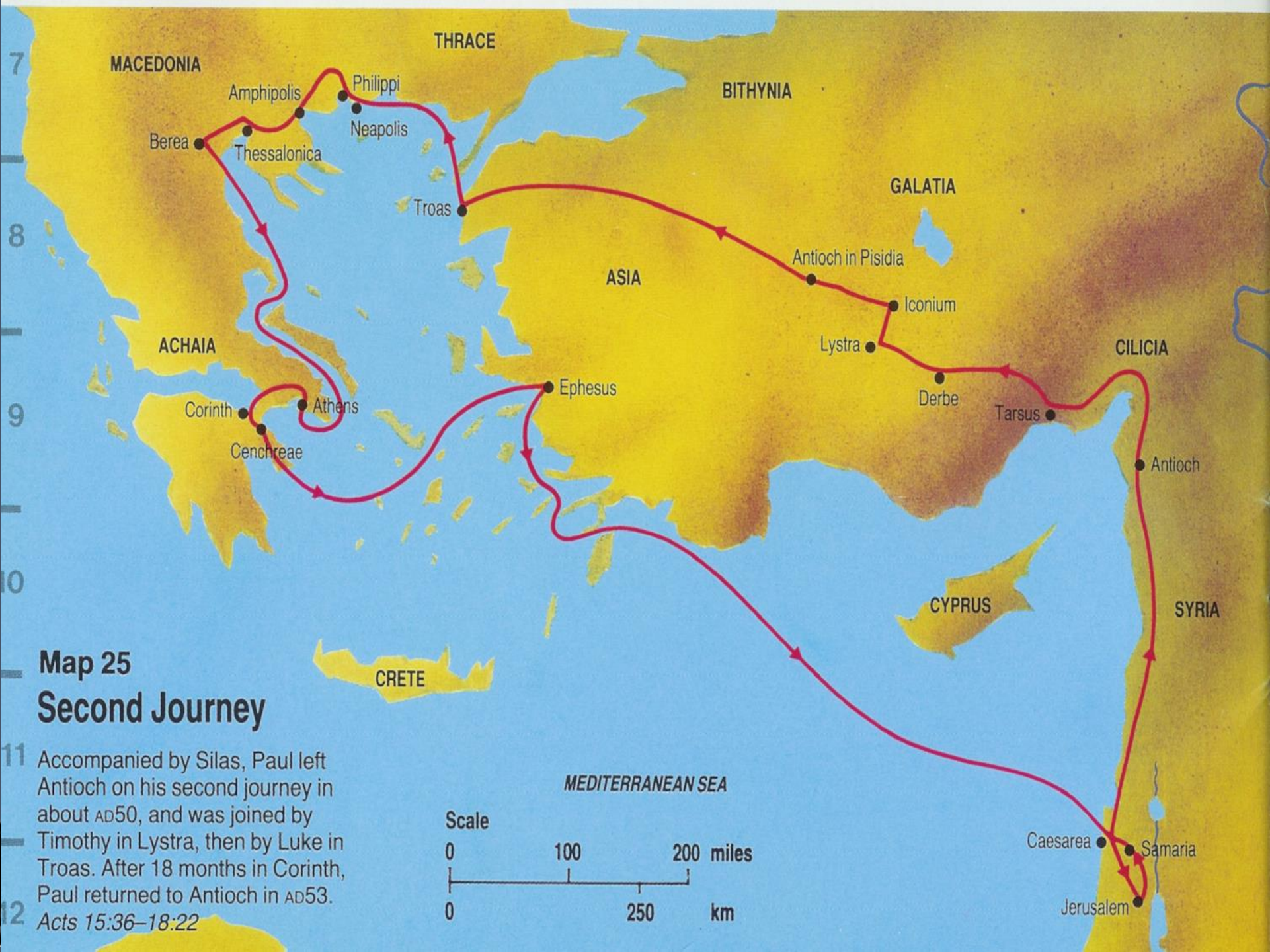




Paved Road Leaving Corinth for the Port of Lechaion

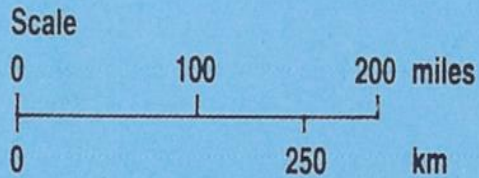
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Map 25 Second Journey

Accompanied by Silas, Paul left Antioch on his second journey in about AD50, and was joined by Timothy in Lystra, then by Luke in Troas. After 18 months in Corinth, Paul returned to Antioch in AD53. Acts 15:36–18:22





“You know that when you were pagans, *you were* led astray to the dumb idols, however you were led.”

1 Corinthians 12:2

Temple of Apollo

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Agora of Corinth with the Temple of Apollo in the Background

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Temple of Apollo with Acrocorinth in Background, Viewed from the North East

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THEME:

“Living together as individuals in one body by having the mind of Christ”

1 Corinthians 1:10, 2:16



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PURPOSE

To address the problems in the church, and to answer the questions of the Corinthians, so they could live lives worthy of the calling they have in Christ.



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- I. The wisdom of God is to have the mind of Christ and allow no divisions in the body (Ch.1-4)
- II. Maintain purity in the body by judging sin in your midst (Ch. 5-6)
- III. Instructions on matters of interest to the church (Ch. 7-10)
- IV. Instructions for the orderly meetings of the church (Ch. 11-14)
- V. Instruction on the resurrection (Ch. 15)
- VI. Instructions on giving, and final exhortations (Ch. 16)

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I. The wisdom of God is to have the mind of Christ and allow no divisions in the body (Ch.1-4)

- A. Being of the same mind and having no divisions (1:10-17)
- B. The word of the cross is power and wisdom (1:18-31)
- C. God's wisdom IS to have the mind of Christ (2:1-16)
- D. Divisions can lead to loss of eternal reward (3:1-9)
- E. The wisdom of the world is foolishness before God (3:18-23)
- F. The wisdom of God causes us to be faithful servants (4:1-13)
- G. God has given us wise examples to follow (4:14-21)

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II. Maintain purity in the body by judging sin in your midst (Ch. 5-6)

- A. Judge immorality and practice church discipline (5:1-13)
- B. Judge within the church; avoid outside lawsuits (6:1-11)
- C. Judge yourself: Glorify God in your own body (6:12-20)

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III. Instructions on matters of interest to the church (Ch. 7-10)

- A. Divorce and remarriage (7:1-16)
- B. God's calling for our lives (7:17-24)
- C. Singleness (7:25-40)
- D. Christian liberties (8:1-11:1)

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III. Instructions on matters of interest to the church (Ch. 7-10)

D. Christian liberties (8:1-11:1)

1. Food sacrificed to idols (8:1-13)
2. Paul's rights as a worker (9:1-18)
3. Sacrificing our rights to win others (9:19-27)
4. Israel's example is our warning (10:1-13)
5. All things are lawful, but not all are profitable (10:4-11:1)

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IV. Instructions for the orderly meetings of the church (Ch. 11-14)

- A. Headship and head covering (11:2--16)
- B. The Lord's Supper (11:17-34)
- C. Spiritual gifts and their use (12:1-31)
- D. Love is the greatest gift (13:1-13)
- E. Tongues and prophecy (14:1-25)
- F. Orderly worship in the assembly (14:26-40)



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V. Instruction on the resurrection

(Ch. 15)

A. The Gospel and the resurrection

(15:1-11)

B. The hope of the resurrection

(15:12-34)

C. The resurrection body

(15:35-49)

D. The mystery of the resurrection

(15:50-58)

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VI. Instructions on giving, and final exhortations

(Ch. 16)

A. The collection for the saints

16:1-4)

B. Final exhortations

(16:5-18)

C. Final greetings / closing remarks

(16:19-24)



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Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

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Perfect Tense



The Tense of Completed Action

“... to **those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus,**
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The perfect implies a process, but views that process as having reached its consummation and existing in a final state.



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Sinners

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

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I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, . . .

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1:7-9



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“seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”

2 Peter 1:3



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Blameless

- that which cannot be called into account or arraigned before a judge
- implies absence of charge or accusation
- hence, free from reproach



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“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 1:6



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"If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering."

Matthew. 5:23-24



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