

# Dr. Paul's Letters to the Kingdom of Jesus at Corinth

## Introduction:

To the Corinthian Letters that were written by Dr. Paul over a roughly five (5) year period. He began his work there in about A.D.51 and later wrote his Letter to Rome's Kingdom group from Corinth in early A.D.59.

There was reported, while he worked from Ephesus, trouble among them in Corinth that had reached a level requiring his attention. He wrote four Letters of which were preserved two for the New Covenant by the Holy Spirit. He sent Timothy and later Titus (twice) and made a quick trip from Ephesus during the period to assist in the reforming back to what they had been taught and observed. They wanted their idea of the Kingdom and had neglected, rejected and changed to please themselves. This led to the splitting of what is commanded to be 'One Kingdom' under only Jesus' authority and rule.

During the marathon of workers involved and the correspondence, Dr. Paul has other efforts to attend to, but this one has the most need, as it is the site he chose to use for the one time contribution that would be delivered to Jerusalem brethren because of the coming famine, which from heaven they had received a warning. For about a year of this problem, Corinth was suppose to be accumulating funds for that gift and appears was not ready to do so. Paul uses the effort as a point of exhortation among them in both Letters we have. Also, in the fourth Letter (It is called the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter in the religious world), Dr. Paul is elated at Titus' report of the 'reforms' of the folks in the congregation. Almost all of them had, after much effort, reformed to the standard that was taught by Dr. Paul and his team over these five years. It was a great success and an example to Jesus' Kingdom of how to overcome many things that can split the local christians into various groups, the least of all is thinking they have a good reason to split off. They do not, if they understand to Whom the 'body' belongs. His new Way must be kept, not man's ideas.

## Introduction Questions:

- Q1 Is this the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter Dr. Paul has written to the Corinthians about their errors?  
Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_
- Q2 Did Dr. Paul write this Letter from Ephesus to them? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

- Q3 A sister in the Corinth congregation of Jesus' Kingdom made Dr. Paul aware of the big problems and some specific questions, they wanted Dr. Paul to address? Yes , No
- Q4 Dr. Paul sent Timothy and this Letter to command them as Jesus' Apostle that splitting the congregation was not an option. Their reasons were faulty and their wisdom was not God's. They were puffed-up in arrogance to consider such an idea? Yes , No
- Q5 The Letter and Timothy were not received well by the group, requiring Dr. Paul to make a quick trip to Corinth. It, too, was not successful and He, upon returning to Ephesus, wrote a stinging, rebuking Letter to them and sent it with Titus to them. Yes , No
- Q6 Titus effort was of great concern to Dr. Paul and he waited with much agony as to whether he would have success. Dr. Paul left Ephesus and went through Troas and Philippi in an attempt to find Titus, as he had heard nothing? Yes , No
- Q7 Prof. Titus found Dr. Paul, finally, in Philippi and reported how excellently and wonderfully the Kingdom in Corinth had finally responded. Reform, he assured Dr. Paul, was sincere and seeable. Not everyone was yet in complete agreement, but all were on track for complete reform and Dr. Paul could go there and complete his efforts for unity of all of the Kingdom's congregations with the contribution for the saints in Judea? Yes , No
- Q8 Dr. Paul delays his arrival and sends the 4<sup>th</sup> Letter (named 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians by the religious world) by the returning Titus. His elation is readable, and his humility is seeable for this most special Apostle of Jesus. Too, in closing the Letter, he mentions those that were still somewhat arrogant against his Words (and his authority). There will be a serious confrontation with them when he arrives to see who is correct. We know Dr. Paul stayed there about three months; hopefully all was corrected and accepted, as we do not know for sure if this tiny group surrendered their arrogance and reformed? True , False
- Q9 What can be learned about a serious effort among Christians to insure unity with compromise only around the commanded 'unity' of a single congregation of Jesus' Kingdom in each community, is a shocking lesson in today's world! Reform to Jesus' method to achieve it for His Cause in each area has to be considered as He will not accept denominating of His people, as He has explained countless times in His New Covenant. There is only 'one body' - His, which is acceptable to Him as His Kingdom! Man thinks they are as wise as God and love to have their controls and ideas designed into folk's lives and practices, whether Jesus authorized them or not. Just like the Jewish rulers were in error by their manmade inclusions, so are these

unacceptable creeds and separations of Jesus' 'one faith'?

True , False

Q10 Dr. Paul will correct several errors and ideas in this Letter and details the repeated thought that he, as Jesus' Apostle, had consistently taught these exact same things in every congregation of Jesus' Kingdom! He will repeat that phrase five times in this Letter, which prove that each congregation in each city was unified around a specific set of requirements to be an acceptable congregation of Jesus' Kingdom. Too, that unity was based on Jesus' standard and not anything men could add, subtract or avoid?

Yes , No

Q11 Dr. Paul will write that he is writing "God's Command", making clear that whether they like it or not, after all this effort to reform them, He is Jesus' only authority and they must accept it or be out of God's Grace. Thus, his fellow workers and the other Apostles and their teams and those left as local leaders, all would be teaching the same things to insure the 'unity' of Jesus' Kingdom. This was very plain among them and to the souls still out of this unique assembly? Yes , No

Q12 To further note the unity of only one congregation, Dr. Paul uses the phrase 'complete congregational meeting' in several places. They met in smaller groups on occasion, but on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week as they partook of the "Lord's Supper" (which was the reason for their congregating as one congregation), as one community of all the smaller groups. There was no accepted split off of any group from Jesus' Kingdom assembly on that day for that purpose? Yes , No

Q13 Though not part of the Corinthian Letters, it was Dr. Paul's practice to develop elders in every "city" and not in multiple congregations in a city. It, too, is the New Covenants revealed method, that was developed by each new planting of a congregation. The 'Elders' of each city all worked together to ensure the single congregation 'plan' from Jesus in each city. You will find all elders in each city are mentioned as a single group and Dr. Paul is the leading voice for that plan.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thought

Q1 Dr. Paul opens this Letter with an announcement of who is the writer and who was his assistant. He is the writer with Sosthenes' help and approval. He reminds them that he is an 'Apostle' of Jesus by God's Will to establish his authority and why they ought to give special attention to the content?

Yes , No

Q2 He was 'called' by Jesus Himself (Recall Dr. Paul's conversion in Dr.

Luke's contemporary history of the early acts of Jesus to establish His Kingdom, beginning in Jerusalem, by His Apostles and chosen leaders.), in a very confrontational way. Dr. Paul's very life was dependent upon his correct response to Jesus' call for his reform? Yes , No

Q3 A good student would go back and review, not only Dr. Paul's conversion, but his time in Corinth and the various remarks made about that time by Dr. Luke in his mentioned contemporary history. There you will meet Sosthenes, who was the ruler of Corinth's Jews. He was beaten near to death by the Jewish synagogue men, when the Roman governor told them to 'go away', in front of the governor. Dr. Paul must have healed and converted him (as he did Crispus and Gaius, that were also Jewish leaders) and had him leave with him for Ephesus, his next city to evangelize. Except for some oral history there is no other mention of Sosthenes. He is, though, here obviously known well among the congregation in Corinth or Dr. Paul would not have mentioned him in this crucial Letter to them?  
True , False

Q4 Dr. Paul, quickly, addresses to whom he is writing this Letter. It is to those in Corinth that are of a very special character. He is going to describe their: character and eternal standing with the Father and Jesus: 1) They are God's called-out people, 2) they exist (meaning 'for now, as eternity is coming!'), 3) those that continuously have lived such that they are set apart or sanctified by their relationship to Jesus and His new Way, 4) they are noted by God and man, as being 'holy' (saints), like and for Jesus, 5) Those there, that just as many do worldwide, are calling upon Jesus as their only Lord, through His unique Name. This is an exhaustive list of characteristics of every christian, which is a reminder of what they in Corinth ought to be and many there are? Yes , No

Q5 He, then, both ask for and knows that God, their eternal Father, and Jesus their Lord, extend their Grace to each of them and to all of them?  
Yes , No

Q6 Dr. Paul has ensured that those among the Corinth congregation of Jesus' Kingdom that are still faithful and correct, are being encouraged by this excellent reminder that he and the God they serve are elated over their existence and service to His Way in Corinth. Those in Corinth that are still around but slipping or breaking off are exhorted to be what God expects and rewards with the same Words. God has not given up on them, yet. The Holy Spirit's involvement is detectable in such a complete declaration?  
Yes , No

Q7 As this Letter is entirely a Letter to unite this splintering group back into a vibrant local unified single congregation of Jesus' Kingdom, It beginning

with such a cryptic beautiful opening to say “howdy” to the congregation. Is it difficult to imagine the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week assembling of all the factions for the reading and discussing of this Letter and the coming exhortations from God’s inspired representative, Dr. Paul? Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Thought

- Q1 After a recognition of what ‘unity’ is designed by Jesus to be, Dr. Paul, who began the evangelistic work there and the maturing of some of the saints, makes them aware that even with his moving to another mission site (in the Ephesus area of Asia Province), he has continually brought their welfare and growth before the Father in his regular prayers. He is genuinely happy with their continuing to be blessed with God’s Grace. This means that God continues to have some there that are genuine disciples of Jesus. God works through those that continue to respond to His gifts for their needs?  
Yes\_x\_, No\_\_\_
- Q2 All of them have been continual receivers of His Grace, even after Dr. Paul’s leaving. Because of they being ‘in’ Christ Jesus, they have been enriched in both His Word (having had it all given to them) and in Jesus’ understanding of His new Way (having also received help in keeping it all in order and clarity). It all was not only given but confirmed from heaven as being from Jesus’ Throne for His Kingdom! As they consider exactly what they in Corinth as Jesus’ Kingdom citizens had received from Dr. Paul and since (over the last year or two since he departed), they would recognize and remember the array of gifts given by the Holy Spirit among them (which was initiated and done only by Dr. Paul, as an Apostle, when he prayed and laid his hands on, apparently, most of them. The array of gifts among them written about in this Letter is massive.) for instruction, clarification, encouragement, direction, and order. It is an example of the completeness of the work of the Holy Spirit, that among this congregation, He granted so many helps for their success as a group of Jesus’ Kingdom. They were aware that the final ‘Disclosure’ was a guarantee from God to happen, and Dr. Paul is aware of the impact that has on Jesus’ called-out group. Since this Letter is the only example of the massive efforts the Holy Spirit does through the Apostles in local works, could it not be said that this Letter is an example of all the congregations in the early establishment of Jesus’ Kingdom on Earth? Yes\_x\_, No\_\_\_
- Q3 Dr. Paul reminds them that He will strengthen them all, such that they will be ‘blameless’ (does not mean that they have not nor will not sin, but that God knows them well and hears their prayers for correction and reforming

areas), until that grand Day! This they know and Dr. Paul is confirming that God is completely trustworthy, so they can be absolutely sure of their eternity with Him? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_\_

- Q4 Dr. Paul then confirms that God's Plan of salvation for men and women was designed so that all those that respond to His call through Jesus Christ are in 'fellowship' with Jesus for eternity! Fellowship in God's Plan is much more intimate than any other relationship on Earth, which the Holy Spirit taught everywhere. Dr. Paul is going to describe some of those relations in this Letter to remind these brethren of things they have neglected or forgotten. They are just as responsible of exhibiting 'fellowship' as having it, or they actually, do not have it, in God's mind? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
- Q5 Though these first two thoughts of this Letter are short, they are packed with essential elements of the mind and actions of anyone that sees themselves as an imitator of Jesus, which all Christians know is their day to day goal. This is a major difference in genuine members of Jesus' Kingdom, as It compares to any other kind of kingdom. He demands His disciples learn and reform: their talk, actions, thinking, and motives to be identical to His! No leader has ever demanded any such like goal for his citizens? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_\_
- Q6 Dr. Paul has opened with a salute to what drives Christians in their day to day interaction with each other and the world around them. We, he says, are to be a community in fellowship with the living God. Wow! What a way to plan each day? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_\_

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Thought

- Q1 Because of this Grace and full knowledge from It and Its expectations, they have learned, so, Dr. Paul, now turns to the matters at hand. He is going to approach the entire congregation as if it is a person. He, firstly, begs them in the 'Name' of their Lord. He is speaking for the true Lord, Jesus Christ. Jesus' authority and Words are now going to be through Dr. Paul. The congregation ought to recognize Jesus' authority and concern through his words? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
- Q2 There is no hesitating by Dr. Paul. He says there are two incredible problems that must be addressed and reformed among them: 1) you do not all speak the same things, and 2) you have taken it to the point that you have decided that to split Jesus' Kingdom is the best solution into your 'favorite' groupings? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_\_
- Q3 Dr. Paul is declaring that these error's correction is imperative, if they are to be honoring Jesus as their Lord! He has and always will be most aggressive about the local Kingdom of Jesus and man's ways interfering with Jesus'

- simple but firm structure. Is there any doubt that Jesus is not pleased by their denominating thinking? Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_
- Q4 He says that some foreign teaching is affecting their ability to maintain the joining of the saints in one mind. Their problem has become so greaves that their understanding is now marred by it. Thus, Dr. Paul is insisting that they should have, as mature men, taken the problems to each other to fix the situation, but they ‘desire’ to have their own group, rather than fellowship the ones not at their ‘level’? Yes\_x\_, No\_\_\_
- Q5 Dr. Paul verifies how he was made aware of the problem. He tells them that Chloe (Stephanus’ wife) wrote him about the situation. He is not wanting them to not be aware of who has discussed the issue. By Jesus’ fellowship standards, she and likely her husband have addressed the problem among them (that standard is in Prof. Matthew’s contemporary history, where Jesus declares the correct way to handle brethren when sin is evident), but they were unable to move those that wanted to split off into their own congregation, nor correct their excuse for doing so? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q6 There have been several serious problems that effect Jesus’ Kingdom and its unity over the past twenty years or so, that required the Apostles to intervene. The unity of the Kingdom and its likeness to Jesus have most often prevailed, but not always. Even in Jerusalem in its first years, a few problems were reformed that would have created division among local members. This one is no different, but it must be corrected or the Kingdom in and from Corinth would be structured differently than Jesus had planned in eternity. It is Jesus’ Kingdom, and He knows best how to insure that unity is maintained and not men’s ideas or plans. They will create a situation that will effect the unity of the Kingdom, thus, they must be confronted by Jesus’ standards? Yes\_x\_, No\_\_\_
- Q7 We do not know what began the ‘quarrels’ among them, but it is clear that those involved were ardent and not focusing on Jesus’ Lordship. They, Dr. Paul says, had gotten to the point where they did not want to continue to fellowship those with opposing views. They had reduced the fellowship of the Kingdom to personal evaluations of the various representatives of Jesus Himself. How Cephas became part of that mix is not known, but it is possible he and his team had come for a time to Corinth in his travels for Jesus. Prof. Mark and Barnabas seem to have joined him as he goes to Babylon, where he writes the north Turkey Roman Provinces, whom he had evangelized after leaving Jerusalem (recall that Dr. Paul was not allowed to go there). Silas was a member of Dr. Paul’s team through Corinth, but beyond that he is not mentioned, except in the writing of Prof. Peter’s first Letter, which was written from Babylon. There was a large group of Jews in

that area during these years. If this is accurate (No one knows for sure, as little, so far, is mentioned in outside historical records about this time.), Peter spent enough time to influence some in Corinth. Dr. Paul mentions him a couple of times, just as he does Apollos in this Letter. And remember that Dr. Paul was busy evangelizing west Acaia, and Macedonia and Illyricum from Corinth in the eighteen months he was there. He mentions this at the end of his Letter to the Romans and to the Thessalonians, so others would have been equally involved in the maturing of the new converts to Jesus' standard for His Kingdom, while Dr. Paul was busy elsewhere in the area. All this is because Dr. Paul says that he, Apollos, Prof. Cephas and Jesus were chosen to be the key reason for these men to start their own congregations in Corinth. Dr. Paul says that was the quarrel, in the end. It likely was not the beginning, but it is where the plan for division ended? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

- Q8 Their arguments strength is based upon the representative of Jesus they have chosen above the others! So, Dr. Paul's aggressive comment, "When did Christ become divided?", is the question to answer their ridiculous positions. How in the world did they let this arrogance become an accurate representation of Jesus' Kingdom Way; this is what he is hoping will jog them back to reality. They have driven the discussion to a point where Jesus' representatives are in opposition to each other! Thus, Jesus is the one that ought to be accused of setting up a Kingdom that can divide itself. Is that a possibility? Yes\_\_, No\_\_x\_
- Q9 When the reality sets in that they are sorely incorrect in their premise, he goes to the next logical place, their salvation. "Was Paul crucified for [any of] you or were [any of] you immersed into the Name of Paul?", which, again, should have shaken God's men to their core. They surely remembered that only God's unique Son, Jesus, could have been the appeasement of God's wrath for man's every sin! Only Jesus was the answer to the Plan God put together in eternity prior to any creating being started. And in their water graves (immersions) they knew they were being co-buried with Jesus, where God decreed He forgives all their past sins, adds them to Jesus' Kingdom and grants each of them the guarantee of life eternal with His Kingship 'seal', which is the Holy Spirit, if their immersion was in Jesus' Name (or authority) and they went into the water willing to reform to all God will have them reform to do. What would immersion in Dr. Paul do for you, except get you wet? Nothing! Does it seem these brothers had moved Dr. Paul, Apollos and Cephas up to a kind of god, like Jesus? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q10 He confirms that he thinks some of them actually might say they were immersed in his name. He mentions two men in the congregation whom he



did immerse and separates them from this erroring group. He, then, mentions the household of Stephanas (Chloe's husband) to the group not involved in this error. He cannot recall any others in Corinth he immersed?

Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_

- Q11 He explains that his task was to evangelize the Good News of Jesus and His cross, not to immerse people. The fact that he does immerse some and we know many others were immersed, as Dr. Luke reported, in Corinth, does not diminish the importance of one's water grave and its necessity to satisfy God's initial inclusion of that person into Jesus' Kingdom. In fact, Dr. Paul is emphasizing its importance by declaring that it was to be in Jesus' Name, only, to satisfy His calling of folks to obey His Good News. You hear It, you decide, and you that want God's salvation are immersed in Jesus' Name and there is no other way to satisfy God's call? Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_
- Q12 Dr. Paul was to be as clear and simple with accuracy as is possible in his proclamation of the Good News, so that the Message of the purpose of the cross of Christ is not misunderstood? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_
- Q13 Dr. Paul is going to present a serious argument about 'wisdom'. Man has his kind of wisdom and God has another more important and more sure kind. Dr. Paul says that the Message of the cross (Jesus': action, reason and results from it) have presented God's wisdom as far beyond man's in reasonableness. They lead to them perishing (eternally away from God in a created 'hell' for their sins and arrogance, but to citizens of Jesus' Kingdom to eternal bliss with God, which His seeable powers can easily provide. He has given His Word it will happen and no one's promise is more sure than God's. He has revealed much about this salvation, fulfilling our needs to know and understand, and not revealed just enough to assure us that it is reality without exposing, yet, the minute details of our life in heaven. Wisdom, then, is based upon reality. Did God really resurrect Jesus? Did Jesus really live and do so in purity? Did God have to resurrect Him, due to His purity? And more so, did He actually die on a cross for me and secure me a reconciliation with God, if I am willing to subject myself to His new Way? And has He provided me an adequate, detailed Plan for living in reform to a Jesus-likeness that He will accept as correct enough to prove I legitimately love, adore, and reverence Him. This wisdom is far superior to man's that cannot achieve, promise or demonstrate any of these things. They stop at death with no continuing plan or proof of existence. Which one has 'Truth' shouting from it? God's Wisdom\_x\_\_, Man's Wisdom\_\_\_
- Q14 The two quotes in the old Scriptures of God declaring how He will destroy any attempt of man's wisdom to prevail in man's understanding, set a bar for man's reason. He does not have too, but is 'wise' to submit to the far

- superior wisdom of God? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q15 As you follow Dr. Paul's reasoning here about God's superior wisdom, it is clear He has taken into account that man desperately wants to not have to submit, be subject, surrender or serve sacrificially the living God. To prove His love, compassion, Grace and commitment to His 'creation' (man in His likeness and image), He intervened in what life says is normal, as He had always planned (and revealed often) to do and displayed His solution to the problem-our sins and opposition to His Way. He delivered Jesus for our viewing, evaluating and our solution. The only correct Way is then preserved in print in the "New Covenant" for every generation to learn Jesus' new Way. Does man not demand more than these for proof? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q16 Has God's wisdom provided (whether seen, experienced personally, or read about in His 'inspired/preserved/contemporary' Word) every piece of evidence that is necessary for an accurate decision, as to whether He is the real God and wants man's eternity to be blessed? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q17 Thus, Dr. Paul says, by proclaiming Christ crucified, wisdom is clearly more accurate! And to those of the world that respond, Jesus becomes the wisdom and power of God. This reduces man's wisdom to the real foolishness it is, and reveals that God's weakness and foolishness are always stronger and wiser than anything man can design? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_
- Q18 Dr. Paul begins to summarize the argument. He wants these brethren to consider their present group. They are made up of few of the considered wise folks of Corinth. God, from among these 'wise' folks has proven His wisdom is far superior to man's, that cannot: promise, give or prove any reality (only describe it or manipulate it). More so, His Way humiliates their logic or reasoning for their ways. God's wisdom and reason for these things is His compassion for them. If they 'come to themselves', they realize He planned all these inferior wisdoms, so that they have nothing to boast about in His presence. Only He is "Wise"? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q19 'Do not forget', Dr. Paul declares, that He has designed that we are His in Christ Jesus! He concludes, to finalize the argument, that by design Jesus is God's wisdom today for we who are in His Kingdom, and also is 'righteousness'(our example to please Him), 'dedication' (our likeness of to please Him), and 'redemption' (cost paid for our reconciliation, accord to God's Plan of our salvation). Thus, the only 'right' way for a community of believers in any city to view how to interact with each other is specifically by God's 'Wisdom' and not any men's desires or ideas? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q20 Now, Dr. Paul states that his wisdom is not only from God, this Wisdom is a Mystery to man. It has been hidden from all men and the angels from the time God designed His Plan before the creating of anything. Had He

revealed this Mystery, man and evil angels would have done anything and everything possible to ensure Jesus was not crucified. They would have let Him alone, so He would have died any other way or died of old age! Thus, Dr. Paul is making sure these brethren understand that the cross was God's design for man's salvation and the new Way of Jesus' Kingdom, which cannot be altered by their supposed method of assembling the Kingdom! This 'Plan' is designed to insure all saints in every city will: be specific in their Teachings, organization, worship and concern for those outside of the Kingdom. His emphasis is contextually, still, the fact that they have gone beyond God's Plan in attempting to denominate Jesus' Kingdom in Corinth?  
Yes , No

Q21 Most folks have heard the phrase, "God's Ways are not man's ways!", here Dr' Paul quotes Isaiah 64 to illustrate that fact. Man had and has no idea of God's Wisdom, except what He reveals. So, He is expecting His Kingdom to honor that without rejecting, neglecting or attempting to out-think Him, rather, they ought to do as He specifically says to do, no more or no less?  
Yes , No

Q22 Those who 'love' Him (sacrificial submission) will hold to what He has "prepared" for them in the Design of His Kingdom, and not differently?  
True , False

Q23 Jesus and the Father are jointly on the Eternal Throne ruling and the Holy Spirit was the interacting God, men interacted with during the first years of the establishment of the Kingdom upon the Earth. Recall that His first works were inspiring the Apostle, such that, they would only proclaim the Good News and mature those that were willing to reform to God's 'new' Way (He annulled the old Way of the Jews at the cross, so that all in this new Kingdom could be one unified Kingdom. He did so perfectly and matured the Apostles, then the Prophets that were appointed by the laying on of the Apostles hands, then Evangelist and Elders in local congregations (by the same method of laying on of the Apostles hands). All this was as the growth of citizens in Jesus' Kingdom increased. (All of these early leaders were receivers of 'direct inspiration' from the Holy Spirit because there was no written standard yet. And none of them, except the Apostles, could lay hands on anyone to receive the 'direct inspiration', which insured that the Apostles had authority over any false way that might arise. Dr. Paul is here beginning that argument. Only God's Spirit actually knows God's mind and He is Who inspired all of them that Dr. Paul, as an Apostle, laid hands on, too?  
Yes , No

Q24 He explains that no 'unspiritual' men can receive these 'inspired directions' as the Spirit knows who they are and will not give them and will stop giving,

if men go an incorrect 'way'. So, you can reject a 'spiritual man but his inspired directions are from God and are the correct 'new Way! No one can redesign God's infallible Word and we that the Spirit directs, thus, have the mind of Christ? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

- Q25 Dr. Paul declares that he knows that among them in the Corinthian congregation, his words will not be understandable or doable by some of them as they ought to be. They are still fleshly and childlike in their christian life. His example is of an infant that is too young to be fed solid food. The problem is that these have been in Christ for a while and they still require milk and not solid food? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q26 He says those of them that are fleshly are evident by the jealousy they possess of other members of Jesus' Kingdom and the strife they cause others by their decisions. These live as men do in the world around them. They are, so far, unable to live as citizens reforming to Jesus 'new' Way. Dr. Paul uses another illustration, declaring that anyone that says, "I am of Paul" or "Apollos" is not being "directed" by the Spirit, but the flesh. They should be aware that Paul or Apollos are just men, who are both servants of God? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q27 They all in Corinth came to believe that Jesus died on His cross for them and established His Kingdom, in which they all became citizens, in Corinth by their Words from His New Covenant. Dr. Paul did the initial planting and Apollos watered them, but not they, but more so, God is the cause for all the increase in their reforms to Jesus' likeness? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q28 He explains that they are not important, but God, Who matures them, as they will allow, is the One that they ought to be obeying and heeding. Both of them are 'united' completely in what they taught them. That 'unity' will insure they both receive God's reward, when their service is over? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q29 He follows with a statement of the jobs that all have, as an illustration: They are God's growing and maturing garden and Dr. Paul and Apollos are God's co-workers in the business of gardening or preparing the garden? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q30 Then, Dr. Paul mentions another analogy. They also are God's building. And he is the 'master' builder, laying the foundation, which he did establish among them. Anyone that builds upon that foundation must be careful to not mis-build or redo the foundation, which was and is Christ' only Way for man to be and continue to be, reconciled with God. It might last until Judgement Day before it is tested with God's proofing fire, but their work must stand or souls are lost. Salvation is hanging in the balance for all builders? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_

Q31 Dr. Paul's third illustration is that they, as a congregation of Jesus' Kingdom, Are, also, God's Temple. It is His only Temple on Earth and is a living Temple of His Body, which has His Spirit directing It. If any of them decide to restructure that Temple, He will destroy them! In God's mind His "Temple" is sacred and just as He planned It. Is Dr. Paul still referring to those men that are wanting to denominate His Temple?

Yes , No

Q32 It, he declares, is imperative that they discern the importance of doing and building exactly as God has structured His Kingdom (which is His Temple, that includes them all). They can do things their ways, but they are deceiving themselves if they do. Their decisions would be based on their worldly wisdom! What they have to do is submit to Jesus' new Way, which seems to be foolish, so that in their reforming to Jesus' new Way, they are being wise to spiritual 'direction' or God's only acceptable Way?

True , False

Q33 Anything, outside of God's specific new Way, which they had been taught, was in God's mind foolishness. He catches them in their own cunning, and, too, that any way of man's will is worthless, when compared to His unique Way? Yes , No

Q34 Thus, it is imperative that those in the congregation do not listen to these men in their boasts of their ideas as to who is the best leader to follow. They are worldly. As you are presently is the correct new Way God desires and designed His Kingdom to be and not split to create unity in diversion. That is not as anone has 'directed'. You are Christ's now and God's! Unity is correct as things are? Yes , No

Q35 Any man that does not evaluate us as a servant or Trustee of God, has a major problem. We are entrusted with His Mystery by Him! It would not continue if we were not trusted Trustees. Thus, it does not matter to me that I am judged by you or a human court. I do not even judge myself (I just proclaim His Way through His cross). Does a Trustee by his job have to proclaim God's new Way to be continually used by Jesus? Yes , No

Q36 Dr. Paul, to this date, is unaware of any errors he has in his proclaimed Message of salvation to folks, or any accusation against him with any merit. But, that does not mean that he is correct. He is, though, under continuous 'direction' of the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit, which judges him?

Yes , No

Q37 Thus, as I am a certified Trustee, you can still count upon my Apostleship to Jesus and His Kingdom. At the last Day, you will know I am His Trustee as well. He at that time will bring to light the hidden things designed in darkness and all those things that are from good, accurate intensions of one's

heart or bad intentions. Then, He will judge each person as is correct?

Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

- Q38 There are things, thus, we cannot judge about each other, because only God knows (unless it is 'directly' revealed). He has used himself and Apollos to illustrate the Truth of this error among them. Considering one man above another is fleshly not spiritual! Considering each man, with Jesus as their Lord, by Jesus' written Standard, will keep things in good order. This assures your standard is His Standard, and not from personal arrogance or by puffed-up leadership? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_
- Q39 Dr. Paul here ask the ones that are causing denominating (as well as those being enticed to split off), who appointed them superior or what authority gives them a place to make such decisions! Then, he reminds them of an essential point: had they not been recipients of all the Lord and the Holy Spirit had gifted them (from the Good News and the gifts of the 'direct' activity of the Spirit)? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q40 So, then, Dr. Paul's rhetorical question to them is why they, thus, are 'boasting' as if they did not receive but had the 'gifts' of the Good News and the Spirit in their person and their own authority! They are appearing to already have achieved the complete state of the coming eternal reign, which is arrogance beyond even the Apostles present position? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q41 Dr. Paul, then, comments about the humble, humiliating condition of the Apostles. Truly, they are in very low conditions as far as 'leadership' is concerned in any other kingdom or government. They have no assets or property and conduct themselves as complete servants under most circumstances that men would respond to in self-preservation or in arrogant superiority to men's actions against them? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_
- Q42 Dr. Paul declares that they are viewed by men as 'scum' because of their lack of signs and actions of men's leadership and authority, but in Truth they are imitating, as closely as possible, their Lord Jesus by His example and for His reasons, a much superior leadership than any of mankind's? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q43 Dr. Paul, here, suggest to them that his written Instruction to this point was not written to embarrass them but to teach them (or confirm what they had already been taught but were not following). He felt he must treat them as the beloved children they were to him. They had not yet, as a congregation, shown maturity among themselves, except for a few, (some who he will mention)? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q44 They, after a couple of years after Dr. Paul's initial work among them in Corinth (he had worked from there for about eighteen months), had had many 'leaders', but he was the actual father initiating their faith in Jesus as

Lord. He sees it is imperative for them to regain that kind of faith, growing to imitate him in his sacrificial service to Jesus. Thus, he has sent his son in 'the Faith', Timothy to remind and retrain them in the correct Way to live to please the Lord Jesus? Yes , No

Q45 Timothy would not setup a situation to scold these weak brethren, but more so, he would refresh the very things essential to be a thriving local, congregation of Jesus' Kingdom at work in and out of Corinth. Timothy had worked with Dr. Paul for several years in several cultures and had been used to mature other congregation's they had begun. He knew the Lord's pattern of exactly what the 'New Covenant' taught concerning the congregating of Jesus' Kingdom. The most unique quality was just as Dr. Paul mentions here: "...of my ways [which is Jesus' new Way explained] in Christ Jesus, even as I teach everywhere in every congregation? Yes , No

Q46 We see here that Dr' Paul, just like the Twelve in Jerusalem, all taught the same Plan of Jesus for the people in any culture in any era. The unity Jesus had prayed for was to be through His disciples (in the contemporary history of John), thus, it was achieved by those men and Dr. Paul by the Holy Spirit 'directing' them, which was the 'Plan'. Timothy would have been trained, as well as would have other new members of Dr. Paul's team, to setup the same designed pattern God had planned in eternity, so that unity was exact and consistent. Dr. Paul had spent about three years in the desert, right after his conversion, learning (or reforming to Jesus' new Way). He began work in Damascus, then went to Jerusalem and the other Apostles and then to Tarsus for about six years (working in the provinces of Cilicia and Syria) before joining Barnabas in Antioch of Syria for about a year. This all happened before A.D.45 (roughly twelve years after his conversion). He then lead the mission team with Barnabas to Cyprus and until this effort in Ephesus, as he worked endlessly, accurately, and equally establishing Jesus' Kingdom and training locals and folks with him to achieve the exact same pattern of local congregations of Jesus' Kingdom? True , False

Q47 So, for Dr. Paul to say he taught the same things in every congregation over these twenty plus years in many cultures and had taught the exact same pattern, because this was Jesus' Plan for unity of His Kingdom, is not hard to understand. Also, Dr. Paul is going to use this same phrase, "...in every congregation" (or similar to it), several more times in this inspired Letter. Is there any reason for including this phrase this much in this Letter, except to be assuring this erring congregation of the kind of unity Jesus commands His Kingdom to have? Yes , No

Q48 Certain ‘puffed-up’ member of the Corinthian congregation, thinking Dr. Paul was out of the picture, were mistaken. Yes, they would initially send Timothy, who carried this Letter to them, home to daddy (Dr. Paul) but that would bring Dr. Paul, himself, to them. It was obviously a troubling time, with still little reforms, as he went back to Ephesus and wrote a third letter to them and had Titus deliver it (we do not have this letter preserved as part of the New Covenant of Jesus). So, here, even with the threat of he visiting with ‘power’ and not just words, these false leaders were confident of their hold on their control of the congregation. Dr. Paul stops here in dealing with these substandard leaders and his argument and begins to answer questions from other members of the congregation?  
Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Thought

Q1 Dr. Paul is going (now) to stop his discussion on erring leadership to begin answering several questions from some other members of the congregation of Jesus’ Kingdom, concerning some ugly practices. The first (1<sup>st</sup>) was an unbelievable situation, which he called “fornication”. This Greek word covers every kind of sexual activity people can have. It can describe both ‘in’ and ‘out of’ marriage activity by a person controlled by sexual lust. God’s Way (on this matter) was not new, as His had been taught ‘since the beginning’ of all creation. It had, though, been modified once by Moses for a time, because of the Jews evil toward women. Jesus, as you have already studied in other contemporary histories, restored the original instruction and commanded reform to that Way. In Corinth, Dr. Paul was made aware of an incredible couple that were living in adultery and attending the weekly congregation’s assembly, they held in Worship as Dr. Paul had instructed them. Their Worship was now an unexcepted gathering, due to their tolerating this adulterous couple attending It. He called it ‘Fornication’, as it was an unbelievable spectacle, being allowed by them, but not by God! This diminishing of the purpose of assembling on the first day of the week and the reasoning they had to allow it, both offended God and showed the ‘puffed-up’ attitude of some of the leadership. It had, as they assemble as Jesus’ Kingdom to worship Jesus their King as He has authorized, become impure and offensive to God! This adulterous couple ought to have been removed, taught and delivered to ‘Satan’ if they refused to reform and until they reformed, for their eternal sake; but they were not! Paul insist that they do it now, as if he were there to do it himself? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_



- Q2 Dr. Paul uses the illustration of 'leaven' to show that what ought to be 'unleavened' in their Worship has become evil and wicked, by their incorrect action (allowing these folks to participate in Jesus' Supper -the Lord's Supper) when they assemble around this special Festival. Their allowing it has made the partaking of it 'leavened' with evil allowances, which they support by their toleration of it. He is demanding they make the error right, if they want God's Grace to continue to be with them?  
Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q3 Dr. Paul, here, mentions a first 'Letter' he had written them in which he had mentioned that they must not associate (but rather deal with them) with several evil ways (6) of life. They, he says, might have not understood that he was referring to those practicing these living sins, that, were saying and acting as if they are acceptable in Jesus' Kingdom. He here is clear that they are not OK in God's mind and must be confronted about their sins and do not allow them to participate in the partaking of the Lord's Supper, until they have corrected the sinful way they live? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q4 He moves on, then, to another incredibly nonsensical problem among them . They were suing each other using Roman law and lawyers! He shows how ridiculous this is and the expected correct solution to such matters. They, surely, can internally find a righteous judge among them to assist in any such matter or just let it go! The Kingdom and Its 'fellowship', is horribly illustrated and affected by their present actions. They must stop these sick actions to please God? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q5 Dr. Paul gets into great detail about the sad state of their minds and faith by these ridiculous actions among them. They were acting as men with the world's wisdom and not by the kind of standard Jesus gave them in the area of 'fellowship'. He then extends the list of the kind of person(s) that will not be recognized nor reconciled by God, nor viewed by Him as part of Jesus' Kingdom, to include several other characteristics (thieves, covetousness, slanders, or swindlers). All these must reform their minds and lives to Jesus' new Way and are judged guilty by God until they do. Dr. Paul follows with the fact that some of those in the Kingdom in Corinth, had practiced such characteristics, but had, when they decided to answer Jesus' call, reformed their minds and lives, been washed (allowing themselves to be immersed is when the Lord seeing their hearts and minds, forgave them, and added them to Jesus' Kingdom), set apart (transferred into the Kingdom, also by God) and justified (because of Jesus' sacrifice, purity and Plan of salvation) by God's declaration of their acceptance?  
Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q6 Dr. Paul makes it clear that to be in Jesus' Kingdom is not a club but a

group of people that have genuinely reformed to the mind and life like Jesus. The reforms are necessary to be considered by God as a citizen in Jesus' Kingdom. Also, that they had received these instructions from him (and likely the 'direct' work of the Holy Spirit). Either they were not continuing to hold others to the importance of continuing reform in each and all of them or they, since Dr. Paul and his team's departure, created a substandard design of their own. It is clear that some were still observing the 'traditions' of Dr. Paul and the others would like to create their own way, thus, they created the denominating plan? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

- Q7 This 'Thought' has been about three major activities they were practicing, which prove they are out of the Kingdom's practice. Those in the congregation that practiced them or allowed them, were both in danger of being rejected by God as being in the Kingdom. These must be stopped, "Now"! This Letter was being read in its entirety to the whole assembly on the first day of the week, so it would be clear how God felt about their wicked practices? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Thought

- Q1 Dr. Paul now begins to answer some of the questions that the brethren in Corinth were not sure they understood the correct way to attend to the situations. It is important to know that it is now about two years since Dr. Paul had moved to Ephesus. It is possible that they has continued to grow in number and that the Holy Spirit had slowed His work due to the weakness in the brethren or that the substandard leaders rejected the brethren that were still attempting to hold to the standards of Jesus. Whatever the case, Dr. Paul wrote these answers to some things they asked about? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q2 Dr. Paul is going to handle the part of life that is most troublesome. The sex life in a marriage. He initially says it would be better for everyone if a man would not be intimate with a woman, but folks are likely to do so, then practice sexual liberality and that practice is offensive to God as sex is only to be active in marriage by His Standard. Each man is allowed to have his own wife and a wife her own husband, only. Their sexual activity is to be consensual and denial is not acceptable. Marriage has removed your self as most important and replaced that feeling with your mate. The only acceptable time of denial to your mate's sexual needs is if you both have agreed upon it for the specific need of some serious prayer time on a matter of concern. You then must regenerate the above sexual environment so that you do not lose self-control and seek sex outside your

- mate, which will lead to much trouble and splits? Yes , No
- Q3 Satan's ability to tempt one that does not do as is explained, is very likely and hard to control. Sex in Corinth has for years been a part of their daily culture, as they had legalized prostitution and glorified it with a temple housing a thousand women as spiritual workers for sexual needs. It seems they also gratified homosexual activity as well. Thus, in Corinth, which had a worldwide reputation as a place of drunkenness and orgy (named 'Corinthian-izing'), sexual misbehavior was actually suggested by their culture. Does our world today have a very similar idea concerning sexual activity? Yes , No
- Q4 This is interesting, as Dr. Paul is allowed by the Holy Spirit to write in His delivery of the New Covenant, some words that are not to be viewed as binding. He, also, thus, confirms that the rest is 'God's revealed New Covenant' by the statement. Dr. Paul's wish was that with all the persecutions and sexual liberty around them, that they all would be as he was: He had total control of the sexual needs he had (all folks have them). If they did, there would be little need for this kind of command. He, though, is aware that most folks are not as disciplined as he is and are going to seek sexual gratification sooner or later. And in Corinth, it is likely to be sooner. It is one of the strong urges the devil uses to 'tempt' folks. He suggest to the widows and those that have not yet married to live as he does, yet if they know that they cannot control their sex urges, they 'must' get married! He tells them why: "It is better to marry than to burn!", which means that any sexual activity outside or before they marry will be considered by God as a serious breach of their subjection to His Will or 'new' Way. They might not understand how serious God is about this activity, so in this Letter, Dr. Paul is going to be very plain for their learning and warning. They will 'burn' (in Hell) away from God, if they practice such activity and effect those round them as well. Should one go their own 'way' in this activity or not? Yes , No
- Q5 He emphasizes that next what he is writing, is not his thinking or his ideas, but more so, is now only God's Way! He says that this a 'charge' from God, which means that this is God's Command! To those that are married, is the group that he is addressing. They have, as in all times or generations, had specific commands from God as to their activity with their mates. He as their God has not only originated this activity, He has had His Plan for it since it began in the first two souls. Marriage is, thus, a very important part of His Plan for man and it is imperative that it be practiced only as He wants it done. He here states that a woman is not to separate from her husband (You agreed to this 'covenant' and must

continue to honor it-so says God!), but it might happen to be so abusive that you must. If that happens (for some legitimate reason), then you must not ever marry again (unless he dies, then you are free). She is allowed by God to be reconciled to only her one husband, if they can. Does a woman have a right to pick another mate that is a good christian in God's design for marriage, if her first husband is still alive? Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_

Q6 Dr. Paul says that the husband under no circumstance is to leave his wife, thus he, too, must honor the 'covenant' with his mate as God has designed marriage since the beginning. The same things apply to him as her?

Yes\_x\_, No\_\_\_

Q7 Dr. Paul says, "To the rest...", who are those not mentioned in these first two groups: 1) widows and those that have not yet married, 2) wives and husbands that are in Christ Kingdom. This group could be hard to define so, he defines them for the hearer or reader of this Letter (from Jesus' Throne) by his pen? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q8 This phrase ("To the rest, I say-not the Lord...") means that Jesus never discussed marriage with one mate being a christian and the other an infidel. He only discussed those under Moses Law and the design of marriage from the beginning. The Law required folks to remove their mate if they were not Jewish. So, under this 'new' Way of Jesus' Kingdom, the specific situation, which was (and still is likely), of one mate becoming a believer and citizen of Jesus' Kingdom and the other not doing so, is a very common occurrence. If the infidel desires to stay with a citizen of Jesus' Kingdom, then the christian must stay married to that mate? Yes\_x\_, No\_\_\_

Q9 Dr. Paul says that the unbelieving spouse is 'set apart' by the Lord. This does not mean that they are accepted in the Kingdom, but that they are aware of the thinking and practices of their spouse as Jesus' Kingdom. This also, more meaningfully applies to any children, both of which can become responsive to Jesus' new Way by the manner of living of the parent or spouse. These christians cannot, if they live correctly, not effect their lives for eternity? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q10 Next, he discusses the possibility of the unbeliever deciding to breakup the marriage. The threat of this happening will naturally cause great concern to the believing spouse. They are, in this case, not obligated to remain in a marriage that threatens them because of their faith and practices of 'the Faith' to stay. They have to decline that rejecting Jesus' new Way and to live as infidels for their eternity sake is a must, and in hope that the spouse might reconsider. If the unbeliever decides to breakup the marriage (and it has to only be the unbeliever), the believer

must stay the course of the Lord. Just like there is major pressure upon folks to circumcise the boys, which there is no more need to do, this also must not be given in to for 'family' sake? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q11 Dr. Paul, also, mentions that slaves have a like situation, and it is likely more difficult, as owners can take their lives due to the slave living as Jesus expects. No matter the slave's attitude or service to their masters, they could suffer much misery or death, yet they must not submit to evil activity or commands from their masters? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q12 He does say, though, that if they gain opportunity to secure their freedom, take advantage of it. They must be motivated by the understanding that slaves are actually 'freedmen' in Jesus' eternal Kingdom and all 'freedmen' are Jesus' slaves. Thus, what your state is by man's standards means very little, when one loves, submits and serves the King of King, during their time on the Earth? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_

Q13 All men were purchased by the same price: the murder of our innocent, pure Lord. That price had to be paid for any hope of our salvation. Thus, each of us are only genuine slaves to our Lord Jesus Christ! So, no matter your situation in life, it is a must that each of us with confidence and humility serve Him as He has designed for the sake of others? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q14 It may seem somewhat strange that Dr. Paul says that the Lord has an issue that He has not given His position or decision, but here is one. It seems to be a question of family control over the marriage of their children. This is a cultural idea that still has places in our time that hold to such practices. Also, there is some kind of trial going on that can serious effect one's situation. As you read through these two paragraphs, it seems that the question is about how much control a parent has over the marriage of their children. It seems to say that there is not a specific control after 'maturity' is reached, as if in this culture they had always controlled their child's marriage. Things seem to be changing and Dr. Paul believes that it would be best if no one was to marry or be given in marriage at present, due to difficulties there. It is, though, a difficult Text to discern. Their situation here, though, fortunately, is not one of major Teaching of Jesus needs. So, it does agree in every earlier Teaching concerning marriage and holds no 'Doctrine' in this area that is more than Dr. Paul's opinion about it. It is some kind of local cultural situation that we have little information about. Should we draw a doctrinal conclusion in such areas? Yes\_\_, No\_\_x\_\_

Q15 You should have notices that Dr. Paul at least three times says, "I think", which means he is using his own judgement and the Holy Spirit did not

provide him any 'direct' Teaching from Jesus' Throne. Does this not indicate that the Holy Spirit held control that the receiver could feel upon themselves, when the Spirit was at work in them?

Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_, Not sure\_x\_

- Q16 Dr. Paul now moves to another concern he was asked to clear up among these Corinthian citizens of Jesus' Kingdom. Because of the years of pagan idols and local deities, there were many practices needing much correction. The initial discussion is going to be about 'sacrifices' to idols. All religious pagan ideas require sacrifices to it, proving their loyalty to them. He says that they all have good understanding about such things, which often lead to compromise, tolerance or participation, though they know the errors in the pagan system. Understanding will produce arrogance in their allowances, but love will always produce upbuilding. There has to be a line where our sacrificial care for folks will act over our tolerance. He says that anyone who has not understood this principle is still without proper understanding? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q17 Dr. Paul concludes that their love of God is the key and He still acknowledges their love for Him. They are unsettled on exactly how to act, so their love of God will lead them to do the correct things? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q18 Dr. Paul now is more specific, as he brings up the eating of things sacrificed to idols. He states that they are aware that idols are worthless and nonpowerful in anything or power. And on the contrary, the living God is the only actual God. True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_
- Q19 Too, he declares (they know) that God is the only 'one' God! Thus, the rest are just foolishness, error, and incapable of any power of a god? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q20 Our God is 'the Father' of all things of our universe and heaven beyond. He says that we have responded to His Will. Also, he says that we have responded to Jesus Christ, who equally is our only unique source of the Father's Will. Jesus' new Way (His new Covenant) is exactly the Father's Will. This unity, along with our submission to Them, is what makes Jesus' Kingdom so righteous in Their minds? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q21 Though most know these things, there are still some in the Corinth family that are not settled upon these Truths and they partake of idol sacrifices and do so with the idols still active in their reasoning. These folks are still weak in their understanding and are defiled (sinning) by their actions and thoughts, in God's mind? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q22 He says that everyone in the Kingdom should know that food will not bring them into God's presence. They should know that they are always

there and that Jesus' sacrifice allowed God to reconcile those in Jesus' Kingdom and not any food sacrifice. Neither eating, or not eating does anything to improve your situation. This is not God's explained Way of access to Him or improves your access to Him? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q23 Now, he says, it may happen, that sometimes as you are eating there, as you are at liberty to do, you are seen by a christian with a weak understanding. They assume that your partaking of the idol sacrifices food means you also agree that it is ok with God to do so, and that you are actually sacrificing to the pagan god. The weak brother is now deeper convinced he is safe to take the sacrifice and you become a source of his destruction, instead of his upbuilding through love. This, then, is a sin you commit against Christ (misleading a brother). The answer is that to not cause this, one should be careful to not be in such a situation? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q24 Dr. Paul now begins a discussion concerning his personal rights. Too, his very special relationship to Jesus and His Cause. Did they know of many that actually saw Jesus or were converted by Him, personally! Did many of them in Corinth have his abilities to establish Jesus' Kingdom in which they were gifted by his obvious powers from heaven! His position as an Apostle is clearly known by the evidence among them! This means he has an equal right to practice exactly what all the others do. Wives, being paid or respect of his trusteeship. He and Barnabas chose not to do either, but it does not mean they are less authoritative. They are allowed to sacrifice those things for the sake of the Good News and better service to It. And he has no intention of taking advantage of them now? Yes\_\_, No\_x\_

Q25 He is not about to boast about himself and his work for Jesus and His Kingdom. He is compelled to do the work and if he does not desire to, then he still must, as he is a steward of the service to Jesus! His reward is that he does the work without taking full advantage of the allowed things mentioned. It has not hindered him as it has allowed him to work with every kind of person with an attitude of slavery to them for their salvation's sake. This secures his own salvation. Just like those that participate in athletics and win a crown, we receive an eternal, nonperishable crown from our God! I buffet and enslave myself with His new Way to insure I will not be rejected when He returns for His Kingdom? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_

Q26 Dr. Paul, now, reminds them that the entire Jewish nation at one time was under God's protective hand, when they came out of Egypt with Moses. They were all immersed and surrendered to the 'Way' God designed for

them to go. That 'Way' ultimately included and led to Jesus Christ's sacrifice and 'new' Way. He was the coming "Rock" of God?

Yes , No

Q27 Because of their lack of subjection and reverence to Him, He removed all of them from His care, over a forty year penalty, for rejecting Him. He only allowed two to come into the promised new land (Joshua and Caleb) with the tribes children (nineteen or under). About two million died due to their idiocy. The history and fact of their thinking they were smarter than Yahweh, Dr. Paul writes, are warnings to us that we must not desire evil things as they did! Dr. Paul list four examples of their ridiculous actions against God and His 'Way'. He makes one of them current by saying that "...they were putting Christ to the test...", meaning that these four activities were identical to the present errors in the Corinthian body! No idolatry, zero fornication, stop testing Jesus and rejection that the idea that murmuring is not an error of Jesus' Kingdom, are all reasons for rejection by our Lord Jesus?

True , False

Q28 He says these are all written by God for both warnings and instructions for those in Jesus' Kingdom. They are in trouble and God, as always, is attempting to convict them till they are willing to reform their ways, back to His 'new' Way for their salvation's sake? Yes , No

Q29 When Dr. Paul writes (which is likely being read to the entire congregation when it assembles, as one, on the first day of the week), "...unto whom the completion of the ages has arrived...", he is saying that this dispensation of a global Kingdom of Christ Jesus is to be the final 'age' before the return of Jesus. Earth's time and use will be no longer a part of the eternal plan of God. Too, that from centuries earlier men made the same serious errors about Who and How the Lord commands. It will always have the same eternal results as they reject His Way. Calamity and horror await them when He judges their eternal sentence, based on their life of rejection? Yes , No

Q30 God does not want them to be rejected (He takes no pleasure in the death of evil men), but more so, desires that they reevaluate their present situation and reform their ways to His eternal Way, which is only revealed in His New Covenant Way! He has provided them a simple system to escape Satan's temptations. They are common among all men and are revealed so you can understand completely what you ought to do to render them under control or stop doing them. God has provided His Way to accomplish these for His pleasure and your righteousness. His reason is that you can endure. Life is precious and doable His Way, if



folks in Jesus' Kingdom will submit to His new Way?

True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_

Q31 Dr. Paul now returns to the discussion about idolatry. He will detail the several things to be aware of that are errors and not acceptable. He begins with a clear declaration, "My Beloved, you all must keep yourselves from any idolatry!", which makes very good sense. To be involved with any idolatry and the living God is nonsense and likely, by your thoughts and actions, to anger God. Do not involve yourselves-run! This would prove to God your reverence and fear of Him?

Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q32 What he is about to say will require them to think carefully. He is going to build an argument around the Lord's Supper to prove his point about idolatry. The Kingdom of Jesus is centered around the sacrifice of Jesus and weekly they all come together in Worship to share what they all already share, Jesus' Kingdom through His blood. There is also a sharing of His Kingdom weekly of a memorial because of His body with unleavened bread. It was sacrificed willingly by Him for each of them in His Kingdom (Actually, for all men, but they must willingly reform their minds and lives and then allow themselves to be immersed to be added by God into Jesus' Kingdom.) He reminds them that they give thanks, each time, for this consecrated (It had been declared by God as hallowed, before time began in His designed Plan of Salvation! And, now, revealed for their participation and use for their worship and reverence to God. This event is sacred to God and was revealed by Jesus as a coming event before His crucifixion. The first established congregation of Jesus' Kingdom in Jerusalem in A.D.30, taught the memorial and all of them participated in this consecrated action as a weekly memorial for Jesus' action, until He returns for His Kingdom. Since that day, every group of christians in every evangelized city was taught that God expects them to gather around this Table in memorial because of Jesus' actions. Jesus joins them there each week.), activity. So here, Dr. Paul uses the symbol of Jesus' body in the memorial Supper as an example of what the christians partake of. It is 'one' body, as they are all 'one' body? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q33 Now, he uses Israel's worship at the Temple. It used to be correct, but now (Jesus' New Covenant began in A.D.30 in Jerusalem, as prophesied in roughly 600b.c. by Jeremiah (in 31:31f of his prophecy). There were many Jews hungry for Yahweh to fulfill that prophecy, but they did not understand that Jesus was the Messiah of the Promise (To Abraham, David and through the many Prophets of Yahweh). The Apostles,

New Covenant Prophets, Evangelist and Elders, because of the Inspiration given them by the Holy Spirit in the first century (this was written in about A.D. 57), revealed to the citizens of Jesus' Kingdom the 'new' Way and the 'annulling' of the 'old Law'.), It was of no use for worship or rules from Yahweh, anymore. Thus, here Dr. Paul is going to use it as it presently is-evil- in God's mind. The Jews still practiced the worship's but Yahweh did not accept them. He says they now worship 'after the flesh' (not in God's correct Way, thus in vain)?

True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_

Q34 He reflects upon the priest; they are allowed to eat the sacrifices made to God and in doing so, they are eating consecrated foods to their god. Is their god anything or their 'sacrifice' anything of importance to God? "No!" In fact they are offering them to 'evil spirits' and not to God! Dr. Paul says they cannot participate in such activity, period! No way they can partake of Jesus' cup and the cup of 'evil spirits'. Nor can they eat the Lord's Supper and eat sacrifices to 'evil spirits'. This will, if practiced by you, be 'testing' Jesus. Do you all think that is wise?

Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q35 So, partaking of such sacrifices means that you consider yourself to be stronger than Jesus is? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q36 He admits that all things of this kind are lawful, but they are not beneficial to them. Too, such things do not build up anyone and are not good for other brethren, thus need to not be done. So, if you purchase foods from the local market, since all things are God's, do not ask about it, as to whether it is a sacrifice, for the sake of keeping a correct conscience? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q37 He says that if they are invited to eat with unbelievers and go, they should eat whatever is presented without questioning, insuring that a good conscience is kept. If someone says that the food is a 'temple sacrifice', then under no circumstance can you eat the meal. This is as a testimony for them and a good conscience? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q38 In case they thought Dr. Paul meant their conscience was in play, he here explains that it is the conscience of the unbeliever that they have to be concerned about. They will not have a good understanding of Who God and Jesus are and you will be enabled to assist them in understanding (He had just commented about, "...no one must seek his own but more so, others..."), as their knowledge and consciences can be taught Jesus' new Way? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q39 He then explains why their conscience is not in play. Should his freedom to eat or not eat the sacrificed food be an evil thing, or is it ok

- to eat with a good conscience? If you eat, should you not pray for the meal in thankfulness to the Lord for the food (Remember, it is His!)? ‘Yes’ are the obvious answers. So, he declares they must praise God for providing food and drink when they eat anywhere? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q40 He continues to explain the thought of ‘others’ (unbelievers) by saying to not “offend” them purposely. The ‘offense’ is to not stand firm in their convictions in their presence. To not be of ‘conscience’ in their actions in the unbeliever’s presence, is an offense to them and to God. They must have correct actions or they are weak in faith. Dr. Paul, then, confirms that he always practices these things in the presence of Jews, Gentiles and members of Jesus’ Kingdom. If they do not do so, they are practicing prejudice and their advantage (salvation the others do not enjoy or know of) over them. Their salvation is Dr. Paul’s primary concern, thus, he uses every opportunity to approach them all? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q41 Dr. Paul declares that this is like Jesus’ interaction with folks, Whom he imitates, and says that they ‘must’ be as he is in these matters? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_

## 6<sup>th</sup> Thought

- Q1 Dr. Paul now begins a new section of answers. He has answered several serious questions, clearing up the mistakes they were making in their interactions. Their decisions concerning those situations were mostly mixed with the world’s view of corrections. Dr. Paul has revoked any such input to be pleasing to the Lord. Now, he will tackle some other issues, by beginning with a statement of encouragement. He is singling out those in the congregation that are responsive to his Trusteeship from Jesus. They, he is aware, trust, obey and teach the ‘traditions’ he brought to them for eighteen months. Dr. Paul both taught personally and through his team. They that still held to those ‘traditions’ were to be commended. “. . .just as I delivered to you all.”, is the key phrase. It means that there has been no changes or neglect by some of the Lord’s Kingdom there, because they held firmly to Dr. Paul’s inspired Teachings. Thus, these brethren, among those in Corinth that wanted things to be done ‘their’ way, were still a catalyst for unity in Christ. (It is important to not forget that this Letter was being read to the entire congregation, when they came together on the first day of the week.) In every group for many reasons, folks will not grow or mature easily to hold to the ‘traditions’ taught by the first century leaders, teachers or

Inspired Words of the Holy Spirit. Yet, as here in Corinth, there are some hungry to please God by their service and sacrificed submission to His new Way. These deserve to be commended, as it is easier to split-off and have a 'purer' group than to love patiently, like Jesus does us. The idea of correct "fellowship" that Jesus' Way teaches, is learned not natural. Some have maintained it in all this dis-order? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q2 Dr. Paul begins here with a foundational Truth that all know is fact. The order is God's design from the beginning of our universe and as He set it up. This is the natural order of things. We know that Christ is equal to God in every way, but there is a natural order in which He is under (but not inferior in any power or wisdom) the Father. Woman has that same relation to man. And in that natural order, there can be errors made in interactions that reduce or destroy the natural order of things, such that, God cannot organize the local congregation His new Way?

Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q3 The subject is prayer when congregating. No man ought to have his head covered by any kind of cover when addressing God in prayer. And women must have their heads covered. This seems to be a minor thing, but Dr. Paul does not make any exceptions. He says that women are as if they have a shaved head if she does not have her head covered. He comments that a woman if sheared of her hair in some places, is looked upon as an evil woman, so to not be viewed that way they must be covered. Man's reason for not covering, is his being like God and as His reverence to his God holds a special place in the natural order of all things. The place of women in respect to men, is as the woman began from God's design. She was not from the earth as man, but from man's body. Why? God has order and design in the way He wants folks to act. She is to respond to man as He designed things. They must remember that they came to be to be a help and comfort for men and not themselves. So, like the angels, she is to serve them in God's design and order (God has revealed many special things about women and their service to Him, through their life, relations to men and their families in His Word. They are humbly and gratefully to live by them on Earth, and not by cultural standards). If they reject the many teaching of how and why they are to serve God through their daily lives toward men, they breach their relation to Him (There seems to be some in Corinth that had begun to act in incorrect ways.). As far as equality is concerned, Dr. Paul then says that women are as important as men in God's mind, but they are not ever above the man in natural order. Dr. Paul is confident that they in Corinth can judge if anyone is out of God's

- natural order, and correct anyone that is out of line? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q4 Dr. Paul, then, goes back to the issue of hair. As forceful as he was on the explanation from heaven, he admits that in some places the issue can be divisive. That ought never to happen in the Lord Jesus' Kingdom because unity in Christ is of much more importance than coverings. Thus, the issue has not been made a point of congregational unity in any place Dr. Paul has begun a congregation? Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_
- Q5 Next, Dr. Paul says this issue is not one that they ought to be commended by, because their actions during their coming together as a congregation on the first day of the week. He says that when they come together in their Worship assemble, they are not coming together correctly! Due to the quarrels among them (he already attended to them), it is obvious that the leaders of the factions use this time to express their ideas and goals. They would split up in groups to have meals prior to the partaking of the Lord's Supper. Some did not get to share in the meal and some seemed to be near drunk. The neglect or rejection of the ones with little or nothing to eat, is an abomination in respect to why they are 'suppose' to be gathering as one united congregation of Jesus' Kingdom on the first day of the week. They are showing their lack of expected fellowship given by Jesus and total disregard of the reason for the God-revealed Worship of the Kingdom of Jesus to meet. Dr. Paul in dismay says they ought to eat at home rather than come together and act disrespectful to God and His Way! Their actions are a disgrace to God and must stop now! Does it seem that the denominating in Corinth had developed to a point that internal problems were becoming serious before God? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q6 In this severe rebuke is the reason for the brethren to assemble as one congregation each week. They did so, as taught by Dr. Paul, to Worship, because God commanded them to do so, each week. The reason was to thankfully participate in the Lord Jesus' Supper. He would join each group of christians globally for the meal. The meal was simple: only unleavened bread and wine (or unfermented grape juice). This Supper was designed in eternity by God as the weekly Festival for Jesus Kingdom. All christians in all cities were to come together as one united body of Jesus' citizens in each city to worship their King. This was why, earlier in the Letter, Dr. Paul had written that the Lord's Supper was 'consecrated', meaning God had established this meal as hallowed in His mind; and just as the Jews had special Festivals three times a year in the place He chose for their undertaking, this weekly designed memorial to Jesus' as our Lord, Savior and Righteousness, was

to be observed by all citizens of His Kingdom until He returns to take us home with Him. They had, by their arrogant actions, completely destroyed the consecrated meal and its reason for being observed weekly. Is it any wonder that Dr. Paul condemns their actions? Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_

Q7 There are several contemporary historical accounts of Jesus, during His last Passover meal with His twelve Apostles, announcing the beginning of this 'new' Festival. The disciples had not yet been given clear understanding about It and it did not begin until the first day of the week after the establishing of the Kingdom on Earth in Jerusalem (This account is in Dr. Luke's second contemporary history about the acts of the early years of the spread of His Kingdom by the Apostles and other, working with the Holy Spirit.). The first congregation in Jerusalem was taught about this Supper with Jesus, as Dr. Luke reported. There are a few other places where the Lord's Supper is mentioned as being a serious consecrated event for the Christians to honor Jesus weekly. Dr. Paul is, though, the writer in this Letter (mentioning It three times) who gives the clear, complete, accurate 'Plan' of God for the weekly observance of Jesus' Supper with His citizens. Does God need to give these instructions for the Festival many times, or is once sufficient, as He did the Law of Moses? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q8 The principal reason for the Lord's Supper to be established is God's 'Plan' for a weekly observance of all the saints in all communities to pay homage and reverence to His Son, Jesus. Every soul is to attend in honor of Jesus, because in His brief time on Earth, among the Jews, He exhibited God in the flesh. He lived perfectly, purely, prophetically, and personally, exactly as God is and would live upon the Earth. He died just as He lived: His reason for coming was to rescue any and all folks that had and will honor, praise, glorify and magnify God. He provided the only acceptable (by God and Their Plan) 'Way' to appease God's wrath against man's sins by death on the cross in A.D.30, outside Jerusalem. His death removed Satan's hold on death. Until Jesus' death, which was God's perfect sacrifice (His Son), death, as God's penalty for sin (beginning with Satan's, Eve's and Adam's: 1) brought death to all things but especially to mankind), 2) cursed the Earth with all kinds of impurity (from bacteria to tornadoes, etc.), 3) allowed the great 'Tempter' to rule over most souls and in a sense seem to control mankind's destiny (all die!). Jesus corrected all this and more, back to God's good order. Jesus' death stopped the effect of evil by subjection and surrender to His 'new' Way (designed in eternity prior to any creating and defined clearly for all generations in His 'New Covenant')

with mankind). The cross of Jesus was God's most secret "Mystery" (He did not fully reveal its worth to man or angels until after establishing Jesus' Kingdom, because had the evil powers known the Plan and Purpose of Jesus' cross, they would have allowed Him to die of old age, instead of murdering Him on a cross, unjustly.

This is all to be taught to man and Jesus' Kingdom. The Kingdom is to memorialize His 'Body' and 'Blood' in memory of His majesty, magnificence, murder for our eternity and His method of mercy for our sins, and do so weekly as a Worship until He returns to establish the eternal Kingdom for His Kingdom that has existed on the Earth, globally.

He attends each Supper on the first day of the Week, as He said He would, spiritually. It is His Supper, not the Kingdom's?

Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

- Q9 Dr. Paul reminds them that he, while among them in Corinth for eighteen months, taught and had others teach the reason for the Feast. It was explained and emphasized to them. They, he feels, need a severe rebuking for their lack of maintaining exactly what he told them. This account from the New Covenant (Dr. Paul's Letters to the Corinthians- both of them- are a part of that Covenant), is the only account that explains the design and the purpose. Motives and attitude toward the memorial in Jesus' honor are also clearly revealed. It was and is not a casual 'get-together' but a 'consecrated memorial Meal with Jesus' and is to be continued correctly, locally and weekly, until Jesus returns for His Kingdom? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q10 His first point is that it is not his idea, but more so, the 'Lord's'! This makes it certain that Jesus' authority has determined what this Worship is about. Neither he nor they have any say about its design or purpose. They, as he, must follow any and all revealed instructions without fail, neglect or additions. This is Jesus' Supper! Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q11 He reviews the moment Jesus announced the establishment of this Supper. In all four of the contemporary histories that reveal Jesus' three and one-half year ministry across Palestine, on His last night on Earth, while partaking of the Passover meal with His twelve-to-be-Apostles, in the middle of the meal, He announced that the Supper was coming and that He would eat in the Meal after It was established. He even said what was in the 'Meal': 1) unleavened bread, and 2) fruit of the vine (wine or grape juice). He tells them what they represent: 1) His body, and 2) His blood. But Jesus stops there with details. It will be taught by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles in the first congregation in Jerusalem and practiced and taught throughout the world as new

congregations begin. There is only one complete explanation concerning this special time with Jesus. Dr. Paul, here, reveals the necessary design and purposes to the observer each week? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q12 As each element (the Bread and wine) was offered, a prayer was given concerning that item and its meaning. Each item was distributed among those present that were in Jesus' Kingdom. All was done as a memorial, in memory of Jesus' willing sacrifice for their salvation. This was to be the center of why they all come together on the first day of the week and all were to participate in taking each item. This was to be done weekly until Jesus returns for His Kingdom? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_

Q13 For anyone to restructure, redefine, substitute or neglect this Worship from exactly the way Jesus designed It and explained It, was guilty of sin. Therefore, it is a sober, concentrated worship in memory of Jesus' death for us. It is imperative that those partaking give it their undivided attention. It is also special, as Jesus is spiritually in attendance at every such weekly service worldwide of His Kingdom (not religious groups). God will condemn the partaking of anyone that does so without a proper understanding and without prejudice. This Worship action was designed in eternity before time began, and it is as God expects. Those in Jesus' Kingdom must not miss this community service. Just as not praying or studying God's Word daily (letting God talk to you) also condemns you, so will missing this 'breaking of THE Bread' with Jesus. They had several in Corinth that did not partake weekly or correctly, and many were dying, ill or dead because of their practices (out of God's Grace). Do you think this review by Dr. Paul, mixed with the clear rebuke/warning, due to their neglect or changes, was enough to inspire them to reform back to the Way he had taught them in the time he was there? Would you have? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q14 He declares that God is not harsh or overbearing, but more so, He expects all of them to discern how serious this is in His mind and act with reverence. This will please Him and keep them separated from an already judged world! Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q15 For them to enjoy the discipline of the Lord in this matter, too, they must never practice 'self' but 'fellowship of others' principles and thus, wait on each other as the body ought and not as the world does. It is better you eat at home than to neglect brethren, so do so, then come together to partake of the Lord's Supper as one community? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q16 Dr. Paul is planning to come to them in the future for gathering the contribution for the Jewish Christians in Judea. He will, though, do an unexpected quick trip from Ephesus after the poor response by



most in Corinth with Timothy's trip from Ephesus and this Letter. Dr. Paul will make a third trip to Corinth, but not until Titus and Dr. Paul's third Letter (we do not have a copy of it preserved by the Holy Spirit, thus, it is not a part of Jesus' New Covenant) had been sent and worked through them by Titus. So, his reference to coming, mentioned here, is referring to the expected later trip and the picking up of the funds to take to Jerusalem? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

- Q17 There may have been some other less important things Dr. Paul wanted to touch upon, but he chose to wait until he arrives in a few months. He has to finish up in Ephesus, see everyone is contacted and understood about the contribution for Judea, appoint folks, see to the local leaders, organize the team that will stay behind and the one that will join him in Rome that is to travel with him to Spain. Along with the growth and development of several community congregations in every city in Asia (around Ephesus) to insure unity and correctness are clear for folks to learn exactly how and what Jesus desires and has designed, Dr. Paul has every reason to desire to put off some minor things. When he did finally travel to them from Philippi, about a year later, he stayed for at least three months and obviously, cleared them up, then? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Thought

- Q1 Dr. Paul turns here to another subject. As you read through the Text, it appears there was much confusion about the Holy Spirit's involvement with the people in the congregation. He wants them to understand completely and begins by declaring he will clear up the confusion? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q2 He reminds them of the time in the past where they were involved with idols. He refers to them, during that time, as 'Gentiles', meaning he is addressing non-Jews in the congregation. Those idolaters had gods that could not talk, as now in this congregation of Jesus' Kingdom, He (God) does. It is important to recall that only by the 'laying-on of an Apostle's hands' was given to various members of the congregation the various tools of miraculous nature. They had not known of or about Jesus except by the work and Words of the Holy Spirit, being taught among them in Corinth. Dr. Paul had used those tools while there to teach them? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q3 After this brief opening, he declares that the Spirit has many tools to give folks to use in the congregation or for non-believers. But there is only one

Spirit doing the enabling and distribution. There are also many ways to serve folks but there is only one Lord (Jesus ought to be the only One receiving honor from them). There are, also, many different working of the miraculous powers, but only one God (ought to be receiving the glory for giving them), who works among the members of the congregation. Recall that Dr. Paul began the Letter with an expression that suggest they had many with miraculous powers by his hand, working among them. The works they were capable of doing, were suppose to be for the benefit of all (seems they were claiming places of authority and power by them), and God was to benefit by many coming to Him for reconciliation through Jesus. They are out of line and taking the glory to themselves, due to their 'puffed-up' attitude and abuses toward each other (Jesus' body)?

Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

- Q4 He is now going to list nine special 'gifts' or 'tools'. Who provided them to them for God's use for souls? Did they all, as he has mentioned earlier, not 'received' them from the Spirit? Was he, Dr. Paul, not the source of Jesus' distribution of those 'tools'? They would have to admit that "Yes" was the answer to all these questions, that they need to always, humbly, keep in mind that they received them and they were not their usual powers, as they use these 'gifts' of their God? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q5 Also, these are all 'revelations' from the Holy Spirit. Should they not reverently receive them for His use and not their glory? They (many of them in Corinth during Dr. Paul's time there) have exercised the 'tools' in their area and among the congregation. As we will soon see, they were still doing so when they all came together, but it had become a mess, unorderly and arrogant. Not as things were taught and expected by God. Things must be restored to the correct Way. This group was splintered and had decided to form at least four denominating congregations of Jesus' Kingdom, which Dr. Paul condemned in his opening, Is it not, then, clear that as this group gathered this first day of the week for their 'Worship', the reading of this Letter from Jesus was for their reforming to His new Way and not continuing the rupture they desired? The Spirit was their source of all their powers and near being removed from their use, as their actions were outside of Jesus' new Way. Dr. Paul is insuring that they are aware that everything they have is from the one Spirit from God!
- Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q6 Dr. Paul list nine powerful miraculous 'tools; the Holy Spirit gives and has given among them in Corinth. This was as they gathered and the Spirit worked among them. They would say as they were moved, " The Spirit says,...", or something like that, as God's Wisdom would clear up

revelations. Or when God's revelation needed more understanding. The Spirit would even expand miraculously someone's faith or some advanced knowledge of God's new Way to clear folk's knowledge. They had to, as Dr. Paul always did, make it clear these 'gifts' were, at that moment, from the Spirit. They could have sessions where, through them, the Spirit taught for hours or minutes as He felt were needed for the group. If folks were there who spoke only foreign languages, the Spirit could provide some with previously unknown languages and even interpreters, so everyone could understand. These were powerful 'tools' from the Spirit, but they were abusing the use or saying they had Him when they did not, in some way, as we will soon see. The Grace of God is the ultimate source of such 'gifts' and these were about to lose or had lost God's Grace by their arrogant actions and lies (for power and authority). They were receivers of a wonderful help from the Lord, which seems to be the way of establishing good, solid, correct leadership (by compliance to Jesus' new Way) in every congregation, as the Apostles move about and establish more congregations? (Remember that there was very little written inspired Letters at this time and few were circulated, yet. Dr. Paul is later in this Letter going to declare to these brethren, that all that he writes, is God's inspired Command!) Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q7 Unlike the 'speechless' idols they had held to, the Holy Spirit is One God and He alone provides all the 'tools' they had been gifted with from heaven to insure their correct understanding of Jesus and His 'new' Way (His New Covenant). He is emphatic that He (the Spirit), Himself provided all these as He feels they all are needed and to whom He desires to give the 'tools'? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q8 He, now, keys on the word 'one'. One Spirit as been their source of the many spiritual 'gifts' to many different brethren among them in Corinth. Here, Dr. Paul will declare that 'one' body best describes the many members of the congregation, just as a real body is made-up of many different working parts. He says that Christ is set-up that way in every congregation. He proves it by stating that through the one Spirit all are taught the same entry into Jesus' Kingdom, as all had to be immersed to gain entry by Jesus. Everyone, therefore, is part of His 'one' body, whether Jew, Greek, free or slave! All of them drank from the 'Water of Life' provided by the Spirit. So, his emphasis, here, is on the fact that they are all 'One' from Jesus' perspective and are not individual or separate kinds? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_

Q9 He uses the physical body as an illustration of his point. It is not any single part, but actually, made-up of many parts. They all are important

- and part of the 'one' body. If they declare that they are a 'foot', and since they are not a 'hand', they are not part of the body, is that in reality an intelligent declaration? Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_
- Q10 He illustrates the precept again, saying that if an ear said the same thing about not being an eye, would the declaration that they are not part of the body be just as ridiculous? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q11 If the entire body had to be an eye, how could it hear anything. If it were all an ear how could it smell anything! Thank God, He did not make a body as one part but as many parts. This is what He desired, the many make the 'one' body? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q12 In the physical body, the eye cannot say to the hand that it does not need the hand, nor can the head say it to the feet, but rather the parts that appear to be the weakest are of more need, and we give more honor to the less honorable parts. Also, our unrepresentable members are more presentable, while our presentable members have no need?  
Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q13 God, in His design of the body, gave greater honor to the lacking member, with the intent that there would be no division in His Body?  
Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q14 Then, Dr. Paul concludes, the "Body" members should have identical care for one another. If one is suffering, the whole 'body' sympathizes with them, or if one member is praised, then everyone rejoices with them? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q15 He declares that they are Christ Body! And they are individual members of it by Jesus' design. He, then, explains the kind of work God has designed for the members of Jesus' Body (Apostle, prophet, teachers, workers of miracles, etc.). Did God not give all members His tools to do His work to His glory among men? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q16 He points out that not everyone has these special tools from the Spirit, nor do they all have the same tool, yet they all ought to 'strive' (give great diligence to achieve) for the "greater gifts"! They, likely thought he was going to encourage them to these grander tools, but he was not?  
Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q17 Dr. Paul, still working hard to restore this congregation to what they ought to be, while he is being read in their first day of the week assembly (Worship), now gets to the real reason for their serious breach of Jesus' new Way. They have, in many of them, arrogantly, lost their greatest success. Their 'love' of Jesus and His Way is gone, though it was there in each of them. The wonder of Jesus' new Way is that they can reform and restore their lives and minds, if they want to do so. Dr. Paul will

- exhort them to do so? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_
- Q18 No matter the 'tool' or 'gift' of the Spirit they had, there is a far superior one that they all had (or the Spirit would cut of their 'tool's' power) and are about to have removed. If I can speak in the languages of all men and angels, I am actually, just a clanging cymbal or a noisy gong, if my true motivation and reason is not LOVE! Were they acting righteous, but inside were not giving glory, honor and praise to God? Yes\_\_\_,No\_x\_\_
- Q19 If he had the 'gift' of Prophecy, and knew all the Mysteries, and had all understanding, and has all the Faith, enough to move mountains, but he has no LOVE, he is nothing of any importance or value! So, even if you use them all for good things, and God's LOVE is not your reason for the actions, you are of no value to God? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_
- Q20 Even if you give away all your possessions, or sacrifice your body (or life) to immortalize your memory by men, and the motivation driving you is not LOVE as and toward God for His glory, praise and honor, there is zero being accomplished. No matter the effect upon mankind, your sacrifice is of no significance in God's mind and view of it, because you did not do it in LOVE? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_
- Q21 So, all power, authority, supposed truth, or praise of men or duty to them all pale and are of no righteous worth, if the LOVE of God is not the genuine, highest, and central motive you have for using any 'gifts' given by the Spirit. He is never slighted or fooled by wrong reasons, motives or incorrect methods? Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_
- Q22 Dr. Paul has defined two things about Love: 1) If you do not have LOVE (and you must always act within the boundaries of LOVE) as you goal or motive, you are of no ultimate worth to God, 2) If you do not possess LOVE in your mind or life you must reform to it. It is learned and maintained by you, but must be just as It is taught in God's New Covenant. If you have actions you do and they are not both from a heart (yours) of Love and to turn lives to LOVE of our God, they are worthless and driven by false and poor motives? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q23 Now he provides sixteen characteristics of God's kind of LOVE. These are not for reading, although, reading them is necessary. These are to be learned and practiced (You must be a 'doer' of His Word!) toward all men by you! They allow Jesus to be seen in you in your daily walk on Earth. If you do three or four of them, then you must reform to the rest to please God! He has all of these characteristics and has displayed them in Jesus (Who 'fully' declared or revealed what God in the flesh would be like for our example. He was a perfect, sinless example of them, and our daily goal for us to reform too? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_

- Q24 He separates these first twelve to be studied, evaluated and discerned individually, as to how they were all illustrated and taught by Jesus, so that a disciple of Jesus, that is committed to His Kingdom, can have the correct motivation and instruction of what the disciple (or citizen) is to be like, daily. To not learn, examine yourself and reform about yourself, means you do not possess LOVE or understand God's new Way! These brethren in Corinth had problems in many of these areas of God's definition and examples of His LOVE. Was Dr. Paul declaring these for their benefit and for them to begin to reform? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q25 If you study, "...love waits with patience...", and view the meaning from your knowledge, it will be distorted and wrong, but if from Jesus' instructions in His New Covenant and His example, you will have an accurate understanding and can reform to what God has declared. Should you go through all twelve of these characteristics of God this same way to be pleasing in His mind, or do you also have to practice them, when learned in Truth, also, to please Him?  
Just learn\_\_\_, Must learn and practice\_x\_\_
- Q26 Is there any of these twelve that you can neglect or not reform?  
Yes\_\_\_, No\_x\_\_
- Q27 Next, Dr. Paul list four aspects of LOVE that are to be the complete and common motivation and understanding of each Christian in the Corinthian congregation. These four motives will correct all that presently are seeable in the misunderstanding of how Jesus' Kingdom is to act and what should have been their reasons for their actions toward their fellow citizens of Jesus' Kingdom. If they reform to: believe all of God's Way, hope for the coming reward in heaven and endure the world's abuse in this life for His glory and do not back-off, slack-off or give-up, LOVE will see them through their lives? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q28 Let us use this imperative self-examination named LOVE to see if we, like the Corinthian congregation Dr. Paul's Letter is being read too, have these characteristics. Since the entire congregation is gathered for this reading, those that have not practiced LOVE among this God-like fellowship and those being abused by them, are all in attendance. So, consider what should have taken place that day, if the Message from God (which Dr. Paul will insist he is giving them, "If a man thinks he is a prophet or is spiritual, he must acknowledge that I am writing to you all God's Command!", in two paragraphs from this one.) was read out-loud among them (and It was!) and then the speaker(s) went back to review each of these points from God by Dr. Paul's pen. They would say, "Now, we must consider each of these points and whether we are living

in LOVE or our old ways. Let us begin: Have you and do you wait on others with much patience or not? Do you practice kindness, as Jesus did, with your brethren and all others, and if not why not? Are you jealous of others and their position or wealth and wish it were you instead of them? If you have a better standing than most folks, do you boast about it as if you deserve to be better than others? If you see yourself as better or of a quality of leadership above folks, are you not puffed-up, if in self-interest you announce it? Did Jesus display any of these or was He always a Servant to all others, even in His rebukes to some in errors? Are you rude when you deal with others, even if they are in error or just disagree with you? Why? It is not displaying God's likeness, which you received yourself, in your rudeness? Can you remain being selfish, if you are like Jesus in your practice of LOVE as He lived It? Are you irritated by folks instead of tolerating them or serving them anyway? Did Jesus not example this daily with His own disciples? Do you hold on to mistakes or errors of others and use them to assault them because you hold on or hold up their mistakes? Can this possible be a trait of Jesus? When someone is caught in a action of error, do you feel a sense of joy that they messed-up or got caught, or do you reach-out to them in comfort and empathy as the fellowship of Jesus always does? Do you not, rather, rejoice that someone has reformed to Truth, which makes the angels rejoice? So, should we not congratulate their success in reform and overcoming, than be a reminder of their lack of correctness? Do you practice Jesus' likeness in not bringing up unlikeness to Jesus in the way folk are living or do you constantly have to talk about the errors even after corrected, which because you bring them up, you are not showing Jesus' kind of LOVE to your brothers and sisters? Brethren may smell, look, talk, dress, eat, or live in ways that are unlike us, but they all belong to Jesus, just as you do and are His slaves, just as you are. LOVE has to be learned and practiced by them and you, and done just as Jesus demonstrated and taught. Are you, for His sake, going to repent, reform or correct these errors in your character and begin to LOVE in His new Way?" This would be a likely application lesson of the Text written by Dr. Paul, since He is representing Jesus as a Trustee of His New Covenant. His conclusion that, "...LOVE never dies.", means to them that it is learned and reformed to and to be practiced for their entire time upon Earth? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_

Q29 Dr. Paul, now, explains that prophecy and understanding of God's new Way, as they are presently receiving them, will 'pass away' or change form (not instructions or commands, but in form). Also, the ability to

receive foreign languages from the Spirit, will cease or no longer be necessary and not given anymore. In these present 'gifts' or 'tools' from the Holy Spirit by the laying on of an Apostles hands, there is only partial Teaching, as they come to or from various receivers of the 'gifts'. Soon, what has been provided in parts to them will be available in a complete, perfect 'Tool' (He is speaking of the written New Covenant, which some men had begun writing by God's direction and Words. To this point in time, inspired Letters had been written by: Elders and Apostles to the Antioch congregation, James, Galatians, 2nd and 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians, Professor Matthew's account of presenting Jesus as the 'King of Kings'. These guided by the Holy Spirit Writings, were part of the 28 Letters the Spirit would write through these men in the first century and then preserve for all time in Koine Greek (until He returns for us) for easy translation in all languages, thus, providing a complete, perfect 'tool' (God's New Covenant), that all men could be equal in Jesus' Kingdom and united in their practice of living in His new Way. The rest will be finished over about forty more years by various inspired writers. Until the completion of them, and distribution (about A.D.100) to the various congregational leaders for teaching, the Holy Spirit continued to work through direct 'tools' or 'gifts' to men and women, as He felt they needed instruction. Also, Letters like this one to the Corinthian congregation were written and presented as God's written Command, as Dr. Paul will very soon say this is. Does he then indicate that all their partial 'gifts' will change form to the written permanent one-the written New Covenant?

Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

- Q30 He makes a quick illustration from childhood compared to an adult to show what the 'complete' instruction from heaven's Throne will be like compared to the present form that is being given through the Spirit's direct inspiration? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q31 He used looking into a mirror as another way to view things. You see an image in a mirror, not the 'real' thing. And that usually is not clear, but when the New Covenant is completed, It will be all clear for our proper understanding and unity. He says that we are presently understood perfectly (by God) and then we will be enabled to understand just as clearly? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_
- Q32 LOVE is still his topic, and he applies this short subject of the coming New Covenant back to the fact that even 'in parts' of the complete: faith, hope and LOVE are still the more important things to grasp and learn and practice (because, as he has explained, the 'in part' 'tools' or 'gifts' are all going to be removed from the Kingdom's use, when the perfect,



complete New Covenant, presently under His direction and authority, finally arrives for the Kingdom to use as Its Source of all Truth-God's Word.), to be pleasing to God. And among these three essential new characteristics we are commanded to practice, LOVE is the one of greatest need? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q33 Once again, Dr. Paul, as their inspired leader and first teacher, gives them an imperative instruction. It is not over the other things from his instruction, but of major and very serious importance. They 'must' at the core of their lives in Christ pursue LOVE with a passion to learn and practice LOVE as their second nature? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_

Q34 Dr. Paul now feels the listener has a clear understanding of the thing that is most important and how they ought to work to insure they all exhibit the correct character of Jesus toward each other and develop the weak areas of their character in respect to LOVE. Here he is going to discuss two 'gifts' or 'tools' of the Spirit, that they have received. They all ought to strive zealously for the 'gifts' from the Spirit, as they are helpful in the work in and out of the congregation. He feels, though, that to have the 'tool' of prophecy is the best one to have. Being able to speak as an oracle of God is of special honor and persuasion, that is completely directed by the Holy Spirit and it effects the eternity and salvation of a soul. This 'gift' is also often completely directed for a need in a person that the Spirit only is aware that they need. Thus, they are His conduit for the eternity of a soul. Does 'prophecy', therefore, when directed by the Spirit not have special effects? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q35 He now compares the 'gift' of being able to speak in a foreign language to prophecy. The 'tongue speaker' does not speak anything understandable to men (unless they speak the language), but rather only to God (Who understands all tongues). You are speaking His Mysteries, which you cannot even understand. But, the one that can prophecy brings Words of God that: edify, encourage and brings good cheer to men (They can understand the words and instruction, since the Teaching from God by the Spirit through the 'tool' you have been given is in their language.) Is there a seeable difference in the two 'tools'? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q36 Too, he says, you are the only one being strengthened by the effort, while the other 'tool' strengthens the entire congregation (They, thus, when they assemble [all come together], they also listen to inspired Messages from the Lord, though, they are assembled [on the first day of the week] to worship, honor and remember Jesus' sacrifice for them until He returns. They had Jesus' authority to do this in addition to the Lord's Supper.) with God's Teachings as each person in attendance receives the

- Spirit's prophecies? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q37 Dr. Paul would like them all to speak in foreign languages but would much rather that they all could prophecy. Anyone that can prophecy is of greater use than someone that speaks in a foreign language to the congregation, unless they are 'gifted', also, with the 'tool' of interpretation of what they are saying in the foreign language. He uses, as an illustration, how much better it is if he comes and 'teaches' in several ways the Spirit might use him to do so, compared to coming and speaking in a foreign language that most will not understand. If he is not able to translate the Message into their language, how can they be edified by it? They could not be, right? Yes\_\_\_, No\_\_x\_
- Q38 He concludes that unless they can understand what he is saying, he is of no help to the congregation, thus, prophecy is, also, teaching and not just foretelling the future, as we use the word today? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q39 His next illustration is of inanimate 'tools' (not from the Holy Spirit) and the sounds they make. If used for announcing specific things, like 'Attack!' in a battle, they have some usefulness, but to just making sounds without order, they are of no use. It seems some were just presenting disorder, seemingly using foreign languages in total unintelligible statements (possibly not even inspired, as the Holy Spirit is in no way disorderly), which Dr. Paul, here, is saying must stop? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q40 That there are many languages, which all are very clear and understandable to those that use them well, is not in question, but if I do not understand clearly, then using a foreign language makes you a 'barbarian' to me or me to you (a barbarian was a person that knew a small amount of Greek but not enough to be properly understood nor could understand when spoken to in Greek). Since the highest goal of edifying the entire congregation, should be your goal, your zeal for 'gifts' must be used to correctly edify and not upset the congregation. Orderliness will help the congregation abound in the good things of God, which is His design for His Kingdom in every place. Though this is a calm way to scold the brothers and sister that were out-of-line, do you think it had an impact as to how they acted toward each other and God when they assembled each first day of the week to 'Worship' our Lord and God? (At least some of the congregation) Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q41 This being the object of Jesus Kingdom Plan (The local community of christians coming together into one 'Worship' assembly each week to receive edifying through the help of the Holy Spirit for their 'tools' He gives them), it is imperative that he who is going to speak, first pray to

ask for the 'gift' to interpret God's Message. You, if you pray in the foreign language do pray from your spirit, but your mind does not understand the language of the prayer. So, Dr. Paul says, how ought I to better serve them than to ask for my being able to interpret the language before I speak to them. This will result in me praying in my spirit, as well as my mind, and singing in my spirit and my mind. (Thus, this indicates that they would be mentally aware that they are enabled to interpret. Too, for the first time Dr. Paul makes the reader aware that 'singing' was also allowed [authorized by God] and was assisted by the Spirit, during their assemblies!) This would make them be at their best in the sense of 'edifying' the congregation, instead of disorder by their present activity? Yes , No

Q42 This will result in the understanding of a visiting 'inquirer'. If you speak in languages, he will not understand your thanksgiving to your God and Lord Jesus and be unable to say, "Amen!", to the Message. The others, likely, too, will be unable to respond to your thanks, because they do not understand the language. Then Dr. Paul declares that he can speak in many foreign languages, but would rather speak 'five' words that they understood and are edified by than ten thousand words in a foreign language, if no one could clearly understand? True , False

Q43 It seems clear that the 'Worship' gathering of the entire congregation across Corinth was still being attended by the majority of those in Jesus' Kingdom. They, though, were very close to the unacceptable decision to split Jesus' Kingdom. Also, it is clear that when they all did meet to 'Worship', as required by Jesus' command, through the Apostle Paul's Teaching, since he had left for Ephesus to begin working that area, they had developed many very serious breaches of 'Worship' protocol, which were not in accord with Jesus' new Way and needed correcting immediately. He was sending this Letter from Ephesus with Timothy, which they completely, as a congregation, thought was not worth their efforts. Why had he not come himself, was he afraid to come? It is important to remember that this was in the early A.D.50s, only twenty years after the beginning of Jesus' Kingdom on Earth, and many here were 'Gentiles'. They responded correctly to the Good News, but were still after about three or four years, very immature unto Jesus' new Way, which Dr. Paul and his team had taught them, as they did every other congregation that they established (about 20 years of planting). Also, they may have had a copy of: James' Letter, Dr. Paul's Galatian Letter and the two Letters to the Thessalonian congregation, but may not yet have understood their authority. (Dr. Paul explains their authority as

being, "...that which is perfect..." in this Letter) Dr. Paul, also, in this Letter, is about to declare that what he writes "is" the 'Command' of God, which indicates that they had not accepted that as the Truth, yet. All this, and more, have made this course of action by the Holy Spirit through Dr. Paul's pen, mixed with helpers to restore their lack of reform protocol, an appropriate method (over several years, including a coming quick visit by Dr. Paul, and two more Letters-one of which we have not had preserved by the Holy Spirit as part of the New Covenant-with those final two escorted by Professor Titus to assist their reform to correct Kingdom actions and Ways. Can one, then, understand how all this so quickly needed much assistance by knowing brethren in great patience, so that the saints in Corinth could 'come to themselves' and be a useful key to the continuing plan to evangelize their world and maintain unity of the existing Kingdom of Jesus, as He designed It? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q44 One of their largest challenges was to mature Jesus' Way. It requires, for many, that their initial goal of living, was from their complete confidence in whatever Jesus says, without argument, discuss, grumbling, or rejection of any Teaching from His New Covenant. Those Teachings were given by the inspired team of Dr. Paul, and also, by the 'gifts' or 'tools' from the Holy Spirit after Dr. Paul (or maybe Peter, since he is mentioned in the Letter twice) prayed and laid hands upon many of them. The abuses mentioned and discussed by Dr. Paul, so far, were a result of their immaturity and becoming 'puffed-up', which began to splinter the unity and even denominate under certain perverted leadership. Thus, Dr. Paul is now challenging them to 'think' more maturely. If they honor the directions that he has been providing them from Jesus' Throne, and respond as citizens of His Kingdom, reform will be done among them and correction will be complete. Any willingness to dishonor, reject, neglect, or continue in their present errors will not be acceptable by Jesus. The reason for saying that, "...they must be children in wrongdoing...", is to suggest they all can reform these various mistakes and be viewed by the Lord Jesus as children (growing, but immature) and not held accountable for growing pains. But, to be clear, nothing he has, by inspiration, informed them to correct can be left as is and are imperative to a complete reform and restoration of Jesus' "Plan" of what is expected to be done to please and represent Him, and to be unified with all the other congregations across the Roman Empire and beyond? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_

Q45 He uses an old Jewish Scriptures to explain that the important thing is

“obedience” and not language use, as the authority of the Lord Jesus is His Word not their ‘gift’! Languages are a sign for unbelievers who might visit, but prophecy is for the folks in Jesus’ Kingdom to heed carefully, accurately, and completely. If the entire congregation in the city (usually had smaller groups throughout each city working, praying, singing, and studying together [which were lead by qualified evangelist or leaders], which all came together-assembled- on the first day of the week for Worship, because this was Jesus’ command.) The actions of the worshiper allowed in Worship, were each one ‘authorized’ by Jesus through His New Covenant, which was orally taught until the written Text was completed and distributed. It, then, became Jesus’ only authority on Earth, as the ‘gifts’ or ‘tools’ began to die-off and Apostles died (all gone by A.D.99ish). Prophecy given during these Worship periods, were to be heard, explained and done by each christian there. To downplay that important Truth or confuse folks with all kinds of craziness by immature converts, must be stopped? Yes x, No \_\_\_

Q46 His illustration of what will happen if a visitor comes and everyone is shouting in languages and in confusion, is very much needing to be stopped , so they will not leave saying, “There folks are nuts!” If he comes in and you all are prophesying orderly and explaining it, they will ultimately say, “God is truly with you!”. Dr. Paul is only describing their chaotic activity and not the content of the language Messages, which he will detail how to insure order, next? Yes x, No \_\_\_

Q47 He emphasizes here that whether all of you have a: Teaching from the Spirit (a Psalm, a new Teaching, a revealing of something coming) or a foreign language, all are to be correct translation (not their own interpretation). The goal of all these is to edify the congregation. The Holy Spirit, Who knows the heart and mind of every person, chooses what and who will reveal these to the congregation. They are all to be carefully explained, completely revealed, just exact as they are revealed and reformed to by all that hear them. These are directly from the Throne of Jesus and have His complete authority. Thus, He is assessing, addressing, and directing His congregation(s) (for each and every member) for their best presentation of Him in their communities, work sites, friends and families, as well as their worship of Him. All must be exactly as He has revealed to please Him and to continue the unity, He designed for His Kingdom in all generations and cultures, which He declares, will powerfully effect your generation?  
Yes x, No \_\_\_

Q48 Dr. Paul insist that in the assembly of the entire congregation, all actions

are for edifying the rest that are there. They, obviously, were still having a community assembly for worship, which he had taught was a must each first day of the week to 'Worship' Jesus, in which He attended. He mentions that 'visitors' "come in" to confirm the assembly. Has there been any authoritative command or directive that allows folks to stop or change that assembly to 'better' or 'different 'actions' to please themselves? No! Were not the chaos and disorder in Corinth's assembly, which he addresses, enough to see that no changes for purposes or actions to please men were allowed by Jesus, because this time weekly is His special time with His Kingdom?

Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q49 He now gets to specifics about activities in the Worship time. There are not to be over two or three languages spoken there, during the Worship, anymore! Too, if they desire to speak, they must do so in order and not without an interpreter of the Message revealed. If there is no one to interpret, the ones wanting to speak in languages are to be silent (It would be a sign from the Spirit that the 'tool' is for another setting by the speaker and not the assembly.) If they have an interpreter, then they may speak in order (not over or interrupting each other) for orderliness and clear Messaging from Jesus' Throne. Those having a language will be speaking to God themselves but without an interpreter, they are to remain silent? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q50 Those that prophecy, are also to be orderly and monitored by those that can verify the Message is from God and not made-up or exaggerated. If one is prophesying and another man receives a Message, the first one must sit down and be silent. He says that every man can prophecy, one-by-one (in order), so that all can be taught and encouraged by the Spirit's involvement and revelations. He declares that the spirit of all prophets are subject to the prophets and not out of control. God expects them to maintain control of their time when these 'tools' are being used in His Worship, He is a God of order not chaos? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q51 He then covers one more detail that had become a problem in Corinth. The women in attendance had taken over some time, exercising the Spirit's 'gifts' while they were in the congregation's assembly to Worship! He first explains that this is out-of-line and across the entire world, it is not allowed by God in any place the Kingdom assembles. The women are to be silent during that time and wait until another time at home to discuss any problems or thoughts. The word used by Dr. Paul-silent- is the same Greek word used a few sentences back, when he told the foreign language speaker to be 'silent', if a second speaker has a

word. Here, she is to remain in a subjective and humble character and not take any authority in the Worship assembly. At home, work, teaching among the women and children, serving needs, or evangelizing are different than the Worship assembly in God's Mind, and this is one of the requirements for His kind of 'orderly' service. Man's or women's view or attitude are not of concern as it is His worship time. He sets all standards for our time on Earth to please Him and so He does His special time of Worship. He obviously feels that during that time, if women are also allowed to speak, His order is being opposed or He would allow women to speak and lead a part? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_

Q52 He is insistent that they remain silent and in subjection to God and their men, while at this assembly. He calls any breach a disgrace by the female offenders?? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q53 Dr. Paul, seems to recognize that in an open society like Corinth, women are not naturally 'subjective' and have to learn to deal with themselves in living that way to please God. The fact that he, here, says, "Did God's Message come 'from' you or did It come 'to' you all...", is to say they need to get over their arrogance or being puffed-up attitudes and subject themselves to God's Will and Way. Also, he says that it "only" came 'to' them and 'none' from them. Here he is also emphasizing that the declarations of God's new Way (or New Covenant) does not take into account their ideas of 'good' service or worship, but more so, only 'come' to them from Him (as He has revealed His eternal Plan). They have no say in His new Way at all, except submission. Thus, personal or social 'orders' of various cultures have no authority or freedom to displace His new Way? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q54 The conclusion of this very frank discussion is finalized by this statement: "If anyone (male or female) thinks they are a prophet or spiritual, then they must acknowledge that I am writing God's Command! If they want to be disagreeable, so be it, but this is God's New Covenant Way, period! So, Dr. Paul was insisting this is God's Way in all congregations around the world and they in Corinth for unity and submission would have to adjust back to what he had taught while there? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q55 His last exhortation on the matter is saying that prophecy and foreign language use in the Worship is authorized by God, but by these necessary reminders that you have allowed to become changed, those are errors; and you reforming to the correct protocol is essential and required to be pleasing to our God and Savior Jesus in His Worship assembly of His Kingdom, weekly? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_

## 8<sup>th</sup> Thought

- Q1 Now, Dr. Paul is going to review how far they have come in their life for Christ Jesus. He wants them to recall that it was he, who evangelized in the beginning with the Good News of Jesus and His Kingdom. They had accepted It as Truth and reformed to be pleasing to Him and became His Kingdom in Corinth. He says that they are still standing in Jesus' new Way. They are still saved by Jesus for the awaiting of His return to take all His Kingdom home to eternity. This will come to be, if they continue to hold to the Message he had delivered to them? True , False
- Q2 Dr. Paul, here, is leaving their eternal fate up to them, as they have received God's new Way already. If they now decide to reject or neglect any of the Message or New Covenant, they would be acting in an incorrect way and have done a disservice to Jesus, which would mean all they have accomplished would have been in vain? Yes , No
- Q3 Dr. Paul, now, begins a review of the Message he had given them over the time he was with them in Corinth. He begins with the very first and most important things he revealed to them. That was that, Jesus had died for our sins in the manner that the Scriptures said He would. He was buried and on the third day after, He was resurrected, also, as the Jewish Scriptures proclaimed He would? True , False
- Q4 He proceeds to include more essential things he evangelized to them. There were multiple witnesses to the resurrection of Jesus from His tomb! His return from death was not hidden but witnessed by many after the three days in the tomb. The ones Dr. Paul mentions are not a complete list, but they are a chronological list: On that day(His resurrection), Jesus appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve (Jesus appeared to the Twelve, but Matthias was not yet an Apostle, so Dr. Paul is being very accurate, as Matthias became an Apostle (and was added to the Twelve later) years before this Letter was written)? True , False
- Q5 Jesus, then, appeared to over five hundred disciples in Galilee in one gathering. Then, to His brother James in Galilee also. By the time Dr. Paul wrote this Letter (in the mid A.D.50s) some had died but most were still able to testify that they witnessed Jesus after He had been resurrected? Yes , No
- Q6 After forty days upon Earth, after His resurrection and working with various disciples in various areas, Jesus gathered some disciples with the eleven Apostles and His family in the Garden area near Jerusalem, where



He ascended to heaven to be coronated and take His Throne (with His Father) of His Kingdom. Here, Dr. Paul notes that the Twelve were there to witness the ascension and that he had explained this to them, when he began his work in Corinth about three years earlier?

Yes , No

- Q7 Dr. Paul concludes this list of those that witnessed Jesus after He was resurrected with his own witness of being with Him after His resurrection. Dr. Paul had witnessed Jesus resurrected about three years after He was ascended to His Throne. He, too, spent three years in the desert of Arabia, being retrained for his Apostleship, and had several revealed conversations with Jesus at points in his work for Him, including in the beginning of the work in Corinth? True , False
- Q8 He relates to the readers, that his 'birth' into Christ was a rebirth that was of a distorted one, as he had been a persecutor of Jesus' Kingdom and a murderer of them, because they would not "recant" their confidence and knowledge of Jesus Christ as God (which he hoped these in Corinth would remember)? Yes , No
- Q9 He says in reality his past should have scarred him as the least of the Apostles, but in truth, he has outworked them all, so far, in the spread and development of Jesus' Kingdom. The reason why is simple. He has concentrated (with no fear) upon the needs of a sick and dying world, as Jesus did and God's Grace has worked continually with Him. His Grace has in reality done the work and has had the success, and not him? Yes , No
- Q10 His conclusion is that it actually does not matter who the initial 'proclaimer' is or was, because they had subjected themselves to reform to His Truth and new Way, thus, God's Grace is the real teacher of them? Yes , No
- Q11 Dr. Paul, here, begins to discuss another problem among them in Corinth. He has set it up by mentioning what he had proclaimed, upon his arrival, several years earlier. Religion is a funny thing. Folks can be religious without any understanding of the religion they claim to be a part of. These were that sort of person. They had decided that there was not going to be any resurrection of those that were in Jesus' Kingdom and there was no such thing as a 'general' resurrection and judgement of folks that had denied Jesus as God's Son and King of kings. They just 'liked' this kind of religion above the others around them, but felt it went to far when it suggested a resurrection to another world. Dr. Paul, then, gives an answer to their pitiful idea of religion without a resurrection and declares than there is for certain going to be a

resurrection. His first and only absolutely necessary understanding they must hold to is that Jesus was the first and unique resurrection from death that was witnessed by hundreds. To deny it as a reality is not only ridiculous, it is an insanity for someone in His Kingdom?

Yes\_x\_\_ No\_\_\_

Q12 What they are saying, by announcing that there is no resurrection, is that Jesus was not resurrected! Do they hold that to be true! Of course not! If they actually do declare that, then, the entire Good News that Dr. Paul and others had proclaimed had zero merit and is untrue and their idea of religion is, also, untrue. There is no Kingdom of Jesus?

True\_x\_, False\_\_\_

Q13 Besides this, he and others are all false witnesses of God, since they proclaim that according to God, He has resurrected the 'Christ', Who, He did not raise, if the dead are not able to be resurrected?

True\_x\_, False\_\_\_

Q14 Thus, if the dead are not able to be raised out of death, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, then your 'Faith' is a lie and you all are still in your sins before God! And we must not forget that all of those that have died thinking they were 'in Christ' are lost (no hope of forgiveness nor eternity)? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q15 He concludes that this conclusion would, thus, make those that hold to such a religious situation, the most pitied people on the Earth. To have hoped in Christ for their time on Earth, and nothing beyond life, is just plain insane? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_

Q16 He now brings the reader or hearer back to 'reality', "HE HAS BEEN RESURRECTED FROM THE DEAD!!" He, further declares, Jesus is the 'Firstfruits' of all those that have ever died! This establishes, by the many witnesses of His resurrection, that His resurrection from death was of the highest priority and purpose of anyone ever raised from death (of which there have been only a few confirmed)?

Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q17 In case they had forgotten why death came into the world God created, it was by the first man's dishonor and rejection of God and His severe warning, "Do not under any circumstance eat of this tree, as that would cause 'death' to come into the world!" And the man, Adam, did eat anyway. He was the third in this world to SIN against God, because the devil (the serpent) and the woman were first and second. He, in God's Plan, and mind, was of greater significance. God penalized their sins with serious punishments, but Adam's failure marred all mankind by his. Man does not receive a mark against themselves at birth, because

even baby girls receive this punishment. Death comes to all. No one escapes this punishment. Men and women at any age share the results of Adam's sin (death). God determined the punishment for his dishonoring and rejection, which obviously was much harsher than the other two guilty sinners (which God has the power, wisdom and knowledge to determine). Adam's sin began death to mankind and all living things (Earth was cursed) as God's punishment for his unique sin. He was expected to courageously reject the sin but did not. He chose to go his own way rather than God's Way. Dr. Paul will in several of his coming contemporary histories concerning Jesus, discuss the sins that the devil and Eve did in the Garden, but here he is discussing only Adam's. His first point is that death came into the world by a man (Adam) and that resurrection from death is also by one man-Jesus? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_

- Q18 Dr. Paul says that God's Plan from the beginning, before any creating began, was that when (not 'if') man sins, He will establish the punishment-death- to all that live (at conception). So, Adam, being the first man became the sinner that was given God's great punishment. Mankind was punished by Adam's sin. Yet it was just death not judgement. God had already established that children up to nineteen were not responsible for their sins (As He had developed this, as part of His complete Plan in eternity, before any creating began.), and, thus, can enter heaven at death, if they die early in life. So, death was because of Adam's sin (not Eve) by God's declaring His punishment. Yet, God's judgement for the eternal destination of each soul was only based upon the person's sins and their responsibility of them. If they are a child, up to certain ages and kinds of sins, they are not responsible for them. He will judge them not us. In every human's life, he or she will sin against God. When each one is "of age" (it will vary), they will sin against God and/or His Way (or Will). They, then, by their sin, of which they are now responsible, do not die as a penalty, but are out of God's Grace and Mercy and must be "Reborn", to and by, His 'new Way, or they will die an eternal death. The death of a person marks the close of opportunity to be pleasing in God's mind, and then His judgement by His Truth (the New Covenant). The destiny for eternity is then announced-Heaven with Him or Hell without Him. He is the only power that could conduct such a serious judgement, design a Plan to appease His wrath toward mankind's sins, and provide for eternity (not for a week, year or generation), a living paradise or complete separation from all things. Dr. Paul's point, here, is that in Jesus all are alive after death. Each will

- die and be resurrected? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q19 He declares that Jesus was the ‘firstfruits’ of the resurrection of those in the Plan that God (Father, Holy Spirit, and Word) designed in eternity prior to any creating by Them. After a while, Jesus will return to take those that are or have been in His Kingdom to join in a glorious, wonderful resurrection? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q20 There will be a specific “END” to all things in our universe, one day! God has already predetermined that moment, that nanosecond, when all things as we know them, will terminate. This will begin the events to determine who and where all souls go for eternity. Judgement, conducted by Jesus and His New Covenant, is first. The universe and it being completely dismantled and removed will have already happened. Too, each soul that has lived since Adam will receive an eternal new form. It will not age but will be eternal. It will be you in God’s given new form. Then in this ‘end’, those joining Jesus and God for eternity will be assembled as God’s eternal family and the others, that never wanted to be a part of God’s Way, get what they desired for eternity, by their thoughts, statements, actions, and motives while they lived upon His given, adequate, revealing Earth? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q21 Jesus at this moment, will return all rule and authority to God. Too, Jesus will completely remove all authorities of any kind in heaven or on Earth. They will render all to Jesus (under His total authority and rule). Then, ‘death’ will be rendered pitiful, harmless and removed for all souls. These are what Jesus came to overcome, so that a real Kingdom of subjected, sacrificed, serving souls could be rewarded with the bliss, through their love, service and trust of Jesus, that was provided in the ‘Way’ to God’s eternal promised home. Our eternal God and Father would at that moment be all in all? True\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_
- Q22 Dr. Paul says it is obvious that the ONE that allowed all things to be subject to Jesus’ power and authority, was not! And at this point would receive back His control. Even the Son, Jesus, is to be under subjection to God? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q23 Dr. Paul has established the reality all men must consider: Jesus conquered death, and death is man’s greatest enemy, because no one can stop death. God designed life, so that death is not in our reach to control or stop. It is coming to each person. You would think, since that is true and everyone knows it, that to have been given tangible, historical real evidence that there is a method to conquer death, folks would embrace it instead of developing ridiculous ideas to deny that we will all be resurrected from death, one day! Thus, he asks the Corinthians if being

immersed because death is now conquered and defined as beatable by Jesus' resurrection, if their being immersed makes sense, unless there is a resurrection coming? Yes , No

Q24 He backs this argument up with himself. He had personally witnessed Jesus in conversation after His resurrection and he had performed many miracles that are completely unexplainable if He is not resurrected! He in his fourth Letter to these Corinthians in about a year, will refer to a time that he was raised to what he called 'the third heaven', which is beyond the sky and universe! This is to him all the proof he needs. So, is it any wonder that he tolerates the possibility of being killed every day, because of what he teaches, of course not! The truth be told, Dr. Paul declares, he dies (He is crucified with Jesus-he is daily dead) every day and allows only Jesus to be seen in him, all day long. He was (in Ephesus) put in an arena with wild animals to kill him and he escaped (God did it not Dr. Paul)! With all this proof, should we, "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we all die anyway!"? Yes , No

Q25 The conclusion by Dr. Paul is that if you associate with bad folk or nonsensical ideas they conger, you will corrupt your 'good' morals. Or you might say, "Stop toying with childish silliness, now!" There is no reasonable way to reject the considerable evidence that Jesus was resurrected. Some among them in Corinth were trying to create a following of such senseless ideas, it is sin, and they must avoid them, as they do not understand God. You shame your very reason for your life, if you enjoy or entertain such ideas. God will get you? Yes , No

Q26 Dr. Paul notes that there will someone who will continue to question the fact that God will resurrect everyone, and ask, rhetorically, how are the dead raised and with what kind of body will they raise. Dr. Paul suggest that these folks are not reasoning with wisdom, because all know that if you sow anything, until it dies and germinates, it will not live. Also, it would be foolish to sow a plant and expect it to grow, rather, you sow a bare seed, like wheat or such things. It is God that gives that seed a body and as He has desired. Too, each seed has its own body. All flesh is not the same: men, cattle, birds, and fish. Heavenly bodies and earthly bodies are very different and splendid in their body designs by God (sun, moon and stars-which are all different)? Yes , No

Q27 Now that this is understood, we can discuss the resurrection of the dead. The 'body' is sown in decay and is raised (resurrected by God) in immortality! Also, in humiliation (no power of its own) and raised in wonderful splendor (God's choice)! It is sown in weakness (no control

of its own eternal fate or destiny) and resurrected in great power! He sowed it as a physical body and resurrects them as spiritual bodies (by His Plan, design and goal for eternity)! Sometimes a simple view of how life works reveals God's power and nature and this argument is of that simplicity, order of things, and the power behind it all?

Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q28 In God's design of things from the 'beginning', He created and designed the first man (Adam) a particular way, but it was all to be a living soul (He gave the clay life or it would have been a sculpture only! He, also, designed the last Adam (Jesus), as a 'life (eternal) giving' spirit. One was for living upon Earth and the other forever in eternity in heaven or (as they choose) in Hell, both of which are part of the Plan from the beginning. You cannot miss this because man at death turns back into "dust" and the 2<sup>nd</sup> One (Jesus) is of spirit! (Jesus at His murder, cried to His Father, "Father, into Your hands I give My spirit for safe keeping!") All of us wear the character and motives of the one of dust or the One of spirit. All your life you will wear the body of dust and then all transform to the body of heaven (God's design and Plan)?

Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q29 We will one day all wear the predesigned heavenly body! It is clear that 'flesh and blood' cannot and will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Neither can mortality inherit immortality. He beseeches their close attention to a 'Mystery' of God's Plan and design. The Day God stops 'time' and ends the universe's part in His Plan, not everyone will have died before that Day. But, everyone (alive or dead) will be transformed into their imperishable and immortal 'clothing' that God has prepared for eternal living! This will fulfill the prophecy, "Death will have been swallowed up in victory!", and, "Death, where is your sting!" Thus, all living on Earth will have been destroyed and the new eternal beings are now set for their eternal destiny, which no longer includes another death? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_

Q30 He states that sin is the reason for death, being man's present fate and the Law of Moses is the measure of how to define sin and God's wrath because of it. Then, he extols God for His Plan of reconciliation to get control these things, through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ! Is this lesson on the 'resurrection' clearly to address their errors and reconfirm their confidence with a complete understanding of what happens at the resurrection on the last Day by God's Power? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

Q31 This, Dr. Paul concludes, ought to result in them being completely confident in 'the Faith' of Jesus (which he has explained). They ought,

now, to rejuvenate and strongly rebound in the efforts of Jesus' work (instead of the ridiculous childishness they are having among them), because if they are now going to respond to this Letter with some maturity, they are assured that their efforts are not in vain but for glory and eternity's sake? True x, False \_\_\_

### 9<sup>th</sup> Thought

- Q1 The Letter is about done. Dr. Paul has covered a lot of ground in It. They, as an audience on the first day of the week, as they all gather together from across the city in Jesus commanded 'Worship', have heard their congregation: rebuked, encouraged, challenged and commanded by what Dr. Paul says is, "„God's Command!", which he as one of Jesus' Apostles (He explains the Holy Spirit's work with him in the early part of the Letter.)? Yes x, No \_\_\_
- Q2 He has brilliantly finished with the discussion about the resurrection. First, Jesus' absolutely genuine, witnessed one by many folks, and an Explanation, then, of the 'general resurrection' and many details they either did not know or had neglected, which had caused them to begin their childish fighting and foolishness. He explains the resurrection, as it was, a part of the Good News, beginning with the facts of Jesus' believed crucifixion. This kind of discussion should have revived most of those that were caught up in the problems and strengthened the congregational foundations? Yes x, No \_\_\_
- Q3 Now, he will finish his last point, the collection for the needy brethren in Judea and Jerusalem. It had been around twenty years since the last assistance from Antioch's congregation, which tied the Jewish Christians to the gentile ones, and for the last year or so, Dr. Paul was exhorting all the congregations to once again assist them in Judea. He had informed Macedonia, Galatian and Asian congregations about this special need. The funds were to be accumulated in Corinth with representatives of the various areas and delivered, then, to the elders in Jerusalem for distribution to any and all needy brethren. This trouble in Corinth was a serious problem for that plan that Dr. Paul had begun. There were many good faithful members in Corinth but also many arrogant members. His Letter was a method of Jesus to mend and get folks united in His Cause again, and exhort them to fulfill this plan. So, here he, lastly, mentions the previously established plan. The instructions are clear and concise: 1) Since they already meet every first day of the week in worship of Jesus, God authorizes during that time that a contribution may be taken

for the assistance to the brethren in Judea. Dr. Paul had commanded the Galatian congregations to do the same thing? Yes   x  , No     

- Q4 2) Each one of them, if and as they are prospered during the week, is to put into a congregational special fund for those in Judea, whatever assistance they wish. This fund is to be set in the local treasury for this purpose over the year. When he arrives in Corinth and the others from across the Empire arrive, he will write letters of introduction for those traveling to Jerusalem with the fund? Yes   x  , No
- Q5 In the letters, he will express the kindness of their gift to the Jewish christians. He mentions that he is not presently planning to go with them, but he might? Yes   x  , No
- Q6 He makes them aware that he will soon be coming to Corinth after he goes to Macedonia (Philippi). He plans to stay for a while, as he will then move on to new areas to evangelize. He will likely stay for the winter before he leaves. He will stay for three months (Dr. Luke's history informs us), clears us the problems in Corinth, writes the Letter to the Roman congregation, puts the contribution together and goes to Jerusalem with a team and the funds. There will be a quick trip to Corinth, a third Letter and Titus sent to Corinth before Dr. Paul arrives. Titus handles the problems well and finds Dr. Paul in Philippi, where Dr. Paul writes his fourth Letter to the Corinthians, which Titus takes back for his second tour in Corinth. This all happens in a few months and before Dr. Paul comes to Corinth for the third time. He seems to now have everything corrected and is back on his schedule?  
Yes   x  , No
- Q7 Dr. Paul is still in Ephesus as he writes this second Letter to them. He has a great opportunity that he has to see through. This is, as we have observed about him, the major motive he has. His service to Jesus has developed in him to the level that he is motivated by what motivates Jesus. He has to do whatever Jesus would do for the sake of one souls' eternity. His opportunity, thus, has to be about saving souls, whatever it is? Yes   x  , No
- Q8 In the roughly three years Dr. Paul worked in and around Ephesus (in the Asian province of the Roman Empire), he had incredible success. His only job was to evangelize so that each soul would have an opportunity of having heard and made a choice of Jesus' Kingdom or not. He had an excellent team around him, a wonderful, zealous plan to saturate this area, the Grace of God as his partner, and a complete understanding of how to train any converts to the exact same likeness and look that all the other congregations which were a part of Jesus'



Kingdom, back to the first one in Jerusalem, had. The ‘unity’ was amazing among them. Even the Jewish converts were now viewing the other ethnic folk as brethren in local congregations. Every problem that arose in congregations, was handled locally and zealously, so that unity was maintained (When Jesus is the only “HEAD” in it, all it unified.). Besides all this, the local and regional efforts to evangelize for Jesus were in every place still going well and continued to saturate their areas with God’s good works (not man’s). Yes, Corinth was a major problem, but it was just one city, the others were not affected by the errors of Corinth (and those that were, would be able to use the corrections of Jesus, that were found in the Letter to correct any development of the errors. Remember that Dr. Paul mentions several times that he had always taught exactly the same things in every congregation he had established. Thus, his teams taught the same unifying things to please Jesus and be correctly identified as His Kingdom. Also, the other Apostles would be teaching the same unifying things that they all taught. This was Jesus’ designed Plan from eternity and His prayer before He went to the cross as He prayed for unity among His followers.). The major Corinthian problems were: 1) An idea that congregations could split over disagreements and personal dislikes, 2) Arrogance among them wanting to be a leader with wisdom of the world’s methods, 3) Continuing to use local idolatry for pleasure, entertainment, and leadership, 4) A lack of LOVE as God has and expects them to learn and display to others [all], as well as use patiently in interactions with others, 5) Sub-standard leaders that talked down Jesus’ deity and His Plan for His Kingdom eternally. Now, Dr. Paul has dealt with all of it and with Stephanas and his family to enforce and retrain the house groups throughout the city, he hoped for their reforms to the ‘common Faith’, that all the other congregations enjoyed? Since we know that Stephanas carried the Letter back to Corinth, and that Dr. Paul had to make a quick trip from Ephesus to Corinth and that Dr. Paul wrote his third letter then, which was a tough letter, after he returned to Ephesus (because of the lack of reform toward their errors and no concern for his ‘opinion’ in his second Letter)! He, then, sent Titus with the third letter to work with them, which he did and had tremendous results. Dr. Paul did not hear from or know what the results were by Titus’ efforts and left Ephesus, still deeply concerned, for Philippi. He was still unaware of how things went in Corinth, after he arrived. Titus found him there and reported the joyous news of the reforms of most of those in Corinth! Dr. Paul will send him back for preparation of Dr. Paul’s arrival (for the organizing of

the contribution for Judea, preparing for moving to Spain, and the Letter to the Roman congregation and any last-minute needs for clearing up some hardheads), with the fourth Letter, in which Dr. Paul shares his elation for their reforms. He names several specific reforms, Titus had mentioned to him. This fourth Letter is usually called '2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians', because the Holy Spirit did not preserve the first or third letter, he wrote them, as part of the "New Covenant" of Jesus' Kingdom. Is the reason for their lack of reform due to their lack of understanding that Dr. Paul was Jesus' Apostle and to be received as if Jesus was speaking or writing them? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q9 He was not sure Timothy would, again, come there after stops at other congregations, because he had been so rudely treated by them the last time. But, if he does, they need to treat him much better, as he is doing Jesus' work, just as Dr. Paul does. So, even though he was sending this this Letter of Jesus' authority, in concern to their problems and questions, he was comfortable that Timothy would speak the same things and they ought to accept his words? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_

Q10 He also, had tried to insist that Apollos come to clear the air about their nonsensical idea that they can split over views of different evangelist, but Apollos said he could not come at this time and would attempt to do so later. Does Dr. Paul think that he is the only one capable of correcting them or is useful by Jesus to help them reform their errors? Yes\_\_, No\_x\_\_

Q11 He is here closing with five imperative instructions each of them must be sure they constantly have: 1) Each of them has to stay alert! They are to use his Jesus revealed words of this Letter to evaluate, confront, and reform any (this includes their own life in Christ), that are doing or saying error, 2) They are, in doing so, never to consider any compromise of 'the Faith'! It is the standard they were taught that Jesus has designed for His Kingdom. If they are to remain in a right position with Him, they will never demean, neglect or reject His Way! This is their New Covenant from Him, 3) Sometimes christians are confronted and have to just stand there and take abuses. Strength is measured in Jesus' likeness, not man's idea of strength. It is necessary to understand the difference and it is imperative that Jesus' Kingdom have His kind of strength for the sake of others, 4) That strength must be seen in them constantly and under all situations. It is only learned, if Jesus is your source of strength, 5) Everything they do among the lost, the congregation, among those that disagree with you (your reactions) and those that are zealous for Jesus' Way, or those that are in need, must all be by LOVE, as Jesus

demonstrated it and taught it. Are these five things, Dr. Paul's answer to their being able to correct anything they are needing to reform to please Jesus? Yes\_\_x\_\_,No\_\_\_

- Q12 He here says that Stephanas and his family fully understand these things, as he completely recommends them as a source of accurate likeness to Jesus. He says that they understand how and what he is saying in this Letter. They, obviously, had Dr. Paul's inspiration, as he would not easily have commended folks to be sought as right leaders. He was certain of their ability, equal to his own and was attempting to direct folks in the Kingdom to Jesus' kind of leaders. He also, suggest that there are others among them in the congregation at Corinth. There was some split in the community congregation (which he commanded be restored and reformed), as these were not well received by some house groups. He has commanded that this be resolved, and unity be restored, or Jesus will not continue to give His Grace to those rejecting unity as He designed it to be. Stephanas' family were among the first converts in Corinth (calls them 'firstfruits') and says their continuing serve to Jesus ought to be honored and leadership sought by all. He is very happy that they came to Ephesus and made him aware of things and brought some help for Dr. Paul's needs from the congregation. They are your representative, so submit to their leadership. Should those in Corinth that are attempting to split off a group of Jesus' Kingdom, reform to unity around the leadership of Stephanas' family? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q13 He declares that the congregations of Jesus' Kingdom all salute them as brethren. They, thus, need to reform to these essential declarations from Jesus, if they want to be in unity with them (There are, after these 2+ years in Ephesus, at least nine communities with growing congregations of Jesus' Kingdom that Dr. Paul has planted and developed.). They all are in unity with Jesus' new Way, having been taught it by Dr. Paul's team? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q14 Aquila and Prisca were a family that Dr. Paul had move with him from Corinth and was working in Ephesus. (Sosthenes was another worker recruited in Corinth, who Dr. Paul recognized in his opening remarks, because many would know him from his synagogue leadership before his conversion.) They were well known among the congregation in Corinth. He was passing on their greetings to the congregation. Dr. Paul was staying at their home in Ephesus, not having funds for a place of his own. He worked all day and night in and around Ephesus: evangelizing, maturing christians, and training new leaders (men and women) for the evangelist and elders to lead Jesus' Kingdom upon his leaving. Every

member of his team, too, had and was receiving this training (OJT) by him. They were capable of producing a complete congregation, just as he could. He, in this Letter, has said six or seven times, that he has always taught the identical things that are essentials in the Kingdom that will lead to a correct 'unity' under Its Head, Jesus. So, would not having Dr. Paul around still produce Jesus' Kingdom correctly (Do not forget that the Holy Spirit was working, also, with all congregations through inspired men and women in them.)? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_

- Q15 This family also had a group that gathered at their home frequently as one of several (which in Corinth was one of several that now had decided to split into multiple congregations) in Ephesus. In Corinth Dr. Paul structured several home groups as it was in Jerusalem and probably Antioch, and now in Ephesus. The way we know, is that, Dr. Paul says that in Corinth these groups all came together on the first day of the week to Worship, and honor Jesus. So, these home groups are mentioned several times in Dr. Paul's Writings. They did not purchase huge facilities to house their meetings, but rather used what is available in the cities they are working in, but they did all assemble each week. In Ephesus Dr. Paul used a schoolhouse for training for two years. We do not know if they rented or bought it or if it was donated by someone who was converted. In Jerusalem, many years earlier, they used 'Solomon's Porch' (a large covered area in the Gentile section of the Temple) and house to house for nightly work, but likely met at the Porch for the weekly Worship, as it was available to all Jews use. We are not made aware of where the congregations would meet to Worship, but that several did and why. God does not have to reveal His instructions but once for them to affect everyone's and every congregation's way of service or worship. This Letter to the Corinthian congregation is the most complete concerning the things to do in Worship and what is commanded for folks to do. It, thus, becomes Jesus' standard for a lot of congregational instructions for all congregations in any culture or era, as He has designed His Kingdom to be in strict unity for the world to see. The home groups, like Aquila and Prisca, had all kinds of meetings for a part of the large congregation, as several others did in Corinth. Stephanas and Chloe seem to have a similar situation in Corinth with Titus Justus. We have no idea how many homes were used in each city, but it is sure that no building were built to accommodate the congregation across the entire city. Too, we are certain that the entire congregation assembled for a weekly 'Worship' about Jesus (which He attended spiritually.) The

defining of abuses in the first Corinthian Letter at their congregational Worship help establish the correct way to conduct it, in Jesus' mind. Such families, then, maintained their homes as 'way-stations' for needs in the congregations? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

- Q16 He suggest that they in Corinth ought to greet each other in the same way, regularly, which their present splitting ideas would not allow, shamefully for them. In fact he calls for a sacred kiss! One that shows real affection, care, and fellowship, and not a peck of politeness! God will know their hearts? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_
- Q17 He wants them to realize that he himself has written this Letter for their discernment and reform, such that as Jesus' Apostle, they ought to readily comply to His new Way. Each point has to be corrected to achieve a regained proper relationship with their Lord and King-Jesus Christ? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q18 He finishes with a last exhortation, expecting them to begin their reforms immediately! Why? Because of their tremendous affection of Jesus. If they do not have such affection for Jesus, then they can expect to be accursed by Him for eternity, which He will be justified to do, because they took no actions to reform errors, He mercifully gave them in His Letter (remember Dr' Paul told them that what he was writing was :God's Command"), through Dr. Paul's pen? Yes\_\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q19 He concludes with another encouragement that is and ought to be all christian's motive: "Our Lord has come!". Every word in this short exclamation has great meaning and ought to have a serious impact upon these saints. This is to get them quickly in action to reform? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_
- Q20 If they comply, they can be confident that Jesus Grace will be with them, but if not, it will not? True\_\_x\_\_, False\_\_\_
- Q21 Dr. Paul's last word to them is that he has 'agape' for each of them, not affection only. He is compelled to do and say Jesus' new Way, which is always God's love (agape) toward His Kingdom. His Truth is never vague. It is, though, sometimes not what you want to hear, nor what you are thinking is Truth. The only thing you must do, still, is to reform to His Will, and He and the teacher of Truth love you, hopeful of your subjection to His New Covenant. Does this seem to fit Dr. Paul's emphasis throughout this Letter to the Corinthians and to those that receive it as contemporary history for any reader, speaker, or student of It? Yes\_x\_\_, No\_\_\_

This completes the first half of the study of the Corinthian contemporary history, written by Dr. Paul from Ephesus. The second preserved Letter was also written by him, but from Philippi after Titus found him and relayed the results of the concentrated efforts to reform the congregation there. Good studying.

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