

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 06 Jun..... 1Cor 1-3 Promoting Church Unity
- 2) 13 Jun..... 1Cor 4 Encouraging Church Leaders
- 3) 20 Jun..... 1Cor 5-6 Practicing Christian Morality
- 4) 27 Jun..... 1Cor 7 What Should I Do?
- 5) **04 Jul..... 1Cor 8-11 What Can I Do?**
- 6) 11 Jul..... 1Cor 12 & 14 Spiritual Gifts Today
- 7) 18 Jul..... 1Cor 13 Expressing True Love
- 8) 25 Jul..... 1Cor 15-16 Believing in the Resurrection
- 9) 01 Aug 2Cor 1-2 The Integrity Factor
- 10) 08 Aug 2Cor 3-5 The Faithfulness Factor
- 11) 15 Aug 2Cor 5-7 The Reconciliation Factor
- 12) 22 Aug 2Cor 7-9 The Long Distance Factor
- 13) 29 Aug 2Cor 10-13 The Improvement Factor

INTRODUCTION

- What causes more problems for a church? Sexual immorality, church disunity or abusing the liberty we have in Christ?

Passage	Comments
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v10:23,29 ...All things are lawful – BUT not all things are permissible or expedient..... Say What? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Example. We may be able to drink & eat things others can't, but we must consider offending them • v10:31 Principle of doing all things for God's glory and everything else will fall into its proper place • v10:33 Principle of winning people to Christ by not seeking our rights, but seeking the welfare of others
Chap 11	<p>Cultural issues, cream rises to the top & dying early</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv3-16. Women and head covering is cultural. It is not a shame in our society for a woman to be bald • vv17-19. Disunity & heresies can be a good thing. Without problems we wouldn't know who the good ones are – Creams Rises to the Top after churning • vv20-34. Sickness and early death resulted from a flippant disregard for what is sacred and holy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ God has the right to take us home early if we defile His holiness.....1Cor 3:17; 5:5 ♦ Is this sickness/death a onetime occurrence or a reaping what they sowed or a James 5 situation?
One Time Occurrences	<p>God Sometimes Invoked a Punishment Only Once as an Example for Others to Take Note and Beware</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who committed idolatry in violation of Commandment #2 were slain.....Exodus 32 • Man cursed God in violation of Command #3 and was stoned..... Lev 24:11-16 • Man picked up fire wood on Sabbath in violation of Command #4 and was stoned Num 15:32-35 • Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit and died immediately at Peter's feet..... Acts 5:1-11 • Corinthians took lightly the communion table and some got sick and others died1Cor 11:30

CONCLUSION/APPLICATIONS:

- God may be a personable, loving Father to us, but we should also recognize his holiness & not be flippant with our devotion to Him

NEXT WEEK:

1Cor 12 & 14 – Gifts within the church. What gift(s) do you have? What gifts exist today – some, all, or none? How can we tell? Are there other gifts? (see Rom 12 and Eph 4)

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You face no temptation that is not common to man. 1 Cor 10:13

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Chap 8	<p>More on the Liberty we have in Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul spent more time on issues regarding church disunity and abusing the liberty believers have in Christ than on sexual immorality • Sexual immorality is easy problem to fix – STOP IT • Offending others with our liberty, however, needed some additional explaining on how to put others first • We sin against Christ when we cause His sheep to stumble, even unintentionally v12-13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Principle of Self-Denial for the sake of others
Chap 9	<p>Paul was an Apostle – especially to the Corinthians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • v1. Paul defends his Apostleship • v5. Apostles have the right to marry. This defeats the argument by Catholics who avert their church clergy from marrying (priests, nuns, bishops, cardinals, etc.)
Apostolic Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Specifically taught by Jesus Christ Acts 1:21; Gal 1:12 2) A witness to His Resurrection Acts 1:22; 1 Cor 9:1 3) Able to give the Holy Spirit Acts 8:14, 18; 10:44; 19:6 4) Called by Jesus Christ Luke 6:13; 1Cor 1:1; Gal 1:15 5) Able to work the “Signs of an Apostle” Acts 5:12, 15, 16; 19:12; Rom 15:19; 2Cor 12:12 6) Able to proclaim and establish doctrine John 17:20; Eph 3:5; 2Peter 3:2, 16; Jude 17
Chap 9 (cont)	<p>Paul's use of Liberty</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv11-14. We should strive to take care of those who take care of us spiritually – Pay them their dues • vv19-22. Paul became a “slave to all” so that he may save some..... Can we do this? HOW? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Absolutely – “Do as the Romans do” from a cultural perspective where it does not violate the conscience or God's direct commands ♦ Example – In Europe it is culturally acceptable for Christians to drink wine, but in America it is more of a stumbling block for many • vv25-27. The Christian walk is a disciplined lifestyle
Chap 10	<p>More issues with our Liberty in Christ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-11. The Jews that suffered through the Exodus were our examples of how NOT to behave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Do not lust after evil things v6 ♦ Do not be idolaters v7 ♦ Avoid sexual immorality v8 ♦ Do not toy with God..... v9 ♦ Do not complain/murmur against God v10 • v10:13. No excuse for sinning – Escape routes exist