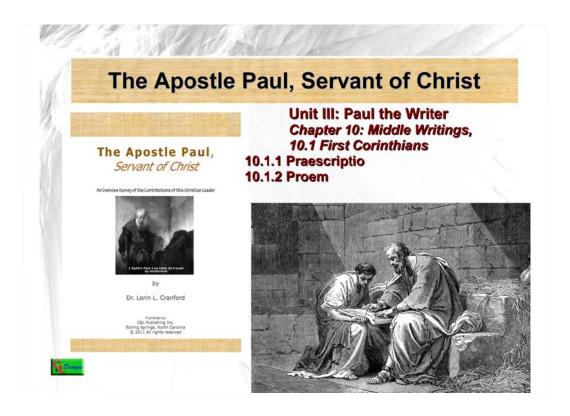


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- Session Ninety-three
  - Taken from chapter ten of the book
  - Emphasis on the writing ministry of Paul
- Learning Goals:
  - 1. Learning what Paul wrote in his letters
  - 2. Understanding how this has been interpreted

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#### Part 3: Paul the writer

## Chapter Ten: Middle Period Writings, 10.1 First Corinthians

Paul's Relation to the Corinthian Believers

#### 1. Initial Ministry

established the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> miss journey AD 50-51 Sources: Acts 18:1-17; 1 Thess. 3:6-13; 1 Cor. 2:1-5; 1:13-17; 2 Thess. 3:1-5; 1 Cor. 3:5-10; 11:2, 23, 15:1; 2 Cor. 11:7-9

#### 2. Prior Letter

written before 1 Corinthians, now lost may be partially contained in 2 Cor. 6:14-71 AD 52 (?) Sources: 1 Cor. 5:9

#### 3. First Corinthians

written from Ephesus while on 3rd miss journey to respond to questions from the household of Chloe (chaps 1-6) & the Corinthian delegation (chaps 7-16) AD 54-55 (spring time)

#### 4. Painful Visit

purpose: to try to correct ongoing problems in the church AD 55

Sources: 2 Cor. 2:1; 12:14; 13:1,2

#### 5. Sorrowful Letter

written from Ephesus after return from Corinth possibly contained partially in 2 Cor. 10-13, but most likely lost AD 55

Sources: 2 Cor. 2:4; 7:8

#### 6. Second Corinthians

written from Macedonia after leaving Ephesus on 3<sup>rd</sup> miss journey prompted by joyous report from Titus regarding the relief offering etc.
AD 56 (?) possibly only containing chaps 1-9, if 10-13 are a part of the `sorrowful letter'

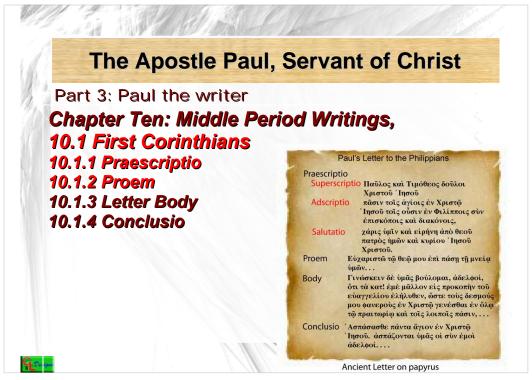
#### 7. Third Visit to Corinth

AD 57

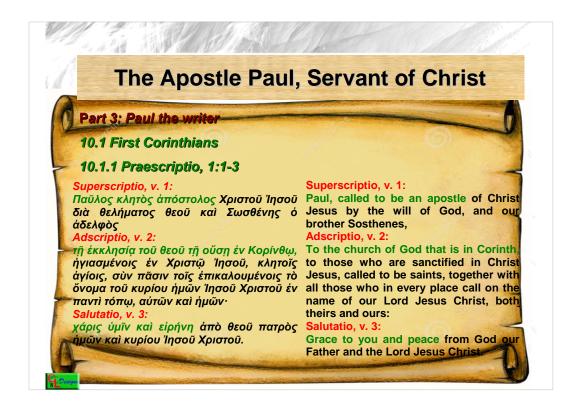
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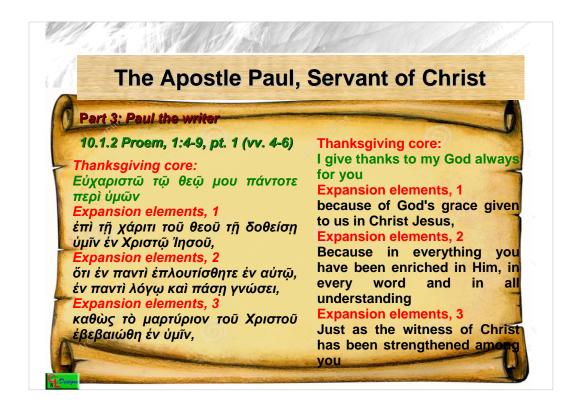


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#### The Apostle Paul, Servant of Christ Part 3: Paul the writer 10.1.2 Proem, 1:4-9, pt. 2 (vv. 7-9) **Expansion elements, 4** so that you are not lacking in Expansion elements, 4 any spiritual gift as you wait **ὥστε ὑμᾶς μὴ ὑστερεῖσθαι ἐν** for the revealing of our Lord μηδενὶ χαρίσματι ἀπεκδεχομένους Jesus Christ. τὴν ἀποκάλυψιν τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν **Expansion elements, 5** Ίησοῦ Χριστοῦ· who will also strengthen you to Expansion elements, 5 the end, so that you may be δς καὶ βεβαιώσει ὑμᾶς ἕως τέλους blameless on the day of our άνεγκλήτους έν τῆ ἡμέρα τοῦ Lord Jesus Christ. κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ [Χριστοῦ]. **Expansion elements, 6** Expansion elements, 6 God is faithful; by him you πιστὸς ὁ θεός, δι' οὑ ἐκλήθητε είς were called into the fellowship κοινωνίαν τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ of his Son, Jesus Christ Χριστοῦ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν. Lord.

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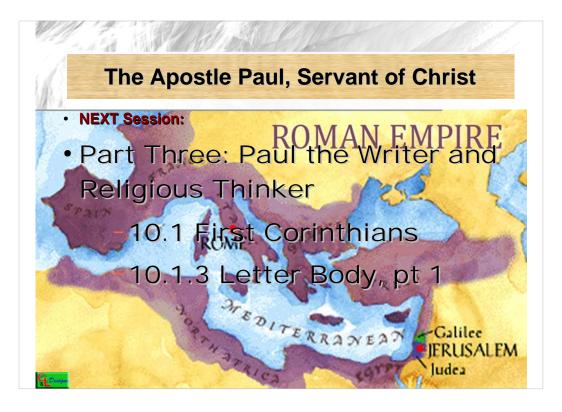
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- · What can we learn from 1 Corinthians?
- 1. Paul had a lengthy and complex relationship with the church at Corinth
- 2. He followed the standard Greek letter structure with First Corinthians
- 3. He stresses his apostles in the Adscriptio in anticipation of some issues (v. 1)
- 4. He underscores the spiritual position of the Corinthians before God (v. 2)
- 5. He gives thanks to God for the church by stressing God's actions (v. 4)
- 6. The expansion elements stress what God does for the Corinthians (vv. 5-9)
- 7. The emphasis in 1 Cor. Is much different than in 1 and 2 Thess.

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