

The Apostle Paul, Servant of Christ

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Session Forty-Three

Topic: Ministry to the Corinthians

What the study tonight is about:

- Paul's ministry to the Corinthians



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An Overview Survey of the Contributions of this Christian Leader



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- **Unit II: Paul the Missionary**
- **Chapter 7: 3rd Miss. Jorny.**
- **7.1.3 Ministry in Macedonia - Achaia**
- **Excursis: Paul and Corinth**

Paul's Ministry to the Corinthians from Acts and His Writings

First Visit	First Letter	First Corinthians	Painful Visit	Second Letter	Second Corinthians	Third Visit
50-51	52	54-55	55	55	56	57
Acts 18:1-17; 1 Thess. 2:1-12; 1 Cor. 1:1-17; 2:1-5; 2 Thess. 3:1-5; 1 Cor. 3:5-10; 13:1; 2 Cor. 11:1-9	1 Cor. 5:9		2 Cor. 2:1; 12:18; 13:1-2	2 Cor. 2:4; 7:8		Acts 20:1-3
During Paul's Ministry in Ephesus (52-56)						



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- **Session Forty-three:**
 - Taken from chapter seven of the book
 - Emphasis on the ministry to the Corinthians
- **Learning Goals:**
 - 1. Learning about doing missions from the scripture text
 - 2. Understanding how this information has been interpreted



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Excursus, Paul and Corinth, Overview

• Outline

- **1. Initial Ministry (50-51 AD)**
 - Acts 18:1-17, Paul's writings
- **2. Prior Letter (52 AD ?)**
 - 1 Cor. 5:9
- **3. First Corinthians (54-55 AD)**
 - 1 Corinthians
- **4. Painful Visit (55 AD)**
 - 2 Cor. 2:1; 12:14; 13:1, 2
- **5. Sorrowful Letter (55 AD)**
 - 2 Cor. 2:4; 7:8
- **6. Second Corinthians (56 AD ?)**
 - 2 Corinthians
- **7. Third Visit (57 AD)**
 - Acts 20:1-3

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Paul and Corinth: 1. Initial Ministry

Paul's Ministry to the Corinthians
from Acts and His Writings

Essential point:

- Established the church at Corinth on 2nd missionary journey

Date: 50-51 AD

Sources:

- Chapter seven: topic 6.1.4.2 (pp. 57ff)
 - Acts 18:1-17
 - 1 Cor. 1:13-17; 2:1-6; 3:5-10; 15:1-2
 - 2 Cor. 11:7-9
 - 2 Thess. 3:1-5

Observations:

- 18 month plus ministry
- Success with both Jews & Gentiles
- Church developed problems
- Intentional non-sophist style of ministry
- Ministry support integrity
- Ministry centered in preaching the Gospel

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	During Paul's Ministry in Ephesus (52-56)						

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Paul and Corinth: 2. Prior Letter

Paul's Ministry to the Corinthians
from Acts and His Writings

- ✓ **Essential point:**
 - ✓ **Written from Ephesus before 1 Corinthians, now lost**
 - ✓ **(maybe 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1)**
- ✓ **Date: 52 AD**
- ✓ **Sources:**
 - ✓ **Chapter seven: topic 6.1.4.2 (pp. 72ff)**
 - ✓ **1 Cor. 5:9**

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Acts 18:1-2; 19:1-40; 20:1-13; 1 Cor. 1:13-17; 2:1-5	1 Cor. 5:9	1 Cor. 1:1-13; 2:1-5; 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Cor. 5:9-10; 15:1; 2 Cor. 11:1-9	2 Cor. 2:1; 12:14; 13:1-2	2 Cor. 2:4; 7:8		Acts 20:1-3
		Paul's Ministry in Ephesus (52-56)				

Observations:

- **Possibly a fragment in 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1**
- **Prior letter dealt with associating with immoral people**
- **Misunderstanding about letter now corrected in 1 Cor. 5:9-13**
- **Issue of Christian associations with others difficult**



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Paul and Corinth: 3. First Corinthians

Paul's Ministry to the Corinthians
from Acts and His Writings

Essential point:

- Written from Ephesus on 3rd missionary journey in response to reports of Chloe's household & delegation from Corinth

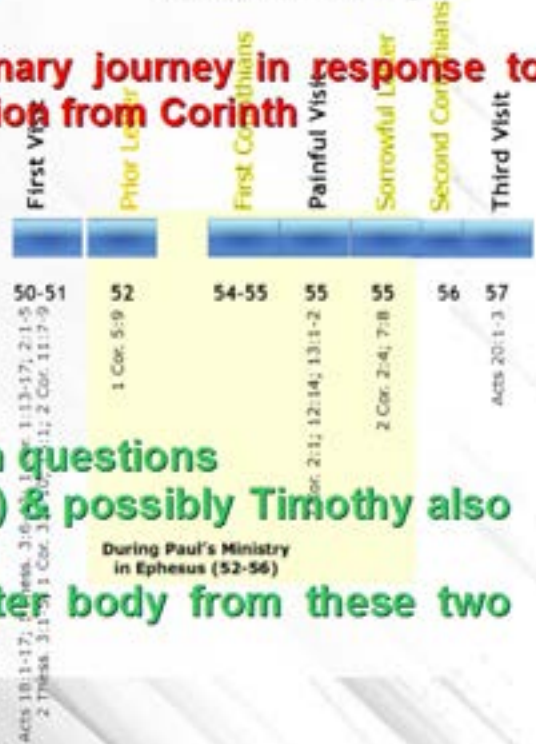
Date: 54-55 AD (spring time)

Sources:

- Chapter seven: topic 6.1.4.2 (pp. 76ff)
First Corinthians

Observations:

- Chapters 1-6: Chloe's household
- Chapters 7-16: Corinthian delegation questions
- Carried to Corinth by Sosthenes (1:1) & possibly Timothy also (16:10)
- Variety of issues treated in the letter body from these two sources



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Paul and Corinth: 4. Painful Visit

Paul's Ministry to the Corinthians
from Acts and His Writings

- ✓ **Essential point:**
 - ✓ **Made from Ephesus on 3rd missionary journey to correct ongoing problems in the church**
- ✓ **Date: 55 AD**
- ✓ **Sources:**
 - ✓ **Chapter seven: topic 6.1.4.2 (pp. 74ff)**
2 Cor. 2:1; 12:14; 13:1-2



Observations:

- **τοῦτο τὸ μὴ πάλιν ἐν λύτῃ πρὸς ὑμᾶς ἔλθειν**
- **Prior to the third visit had been this 'painful visit'**
- **Closely connected to the previous 'sorrowful letter' after visit**
- **Problems seemed to be connected to disruption of fellowship with Paul by the church, which are alluded to in 2 Cor. 10-13.**

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Paul and Corinth: 5. Sorrowful Letter

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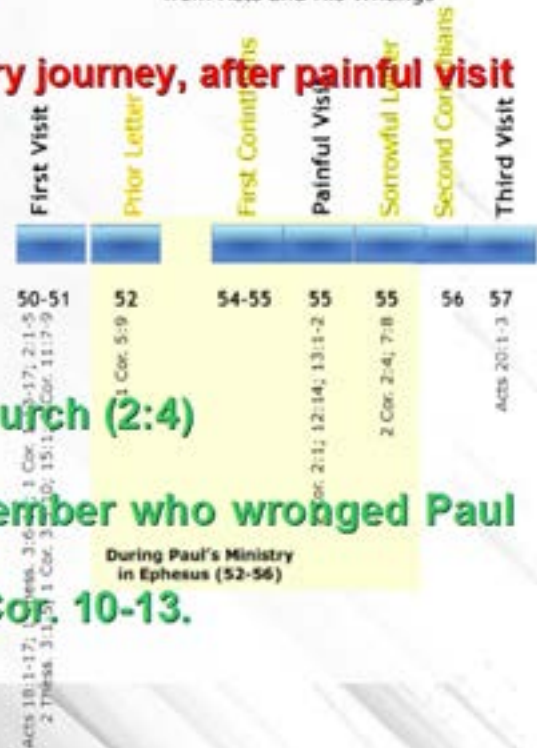
Essential point:

✓ Written from Ephesus on 3rd missionary journey, after painful visit

✓ Date: 55 AD

Sources:

- ✓ Chapter seven: topic 6.1.4.2 (pp. 75ff)
2 Cor. 2:4; 7:8



Observations:

- Blunt letter written out of love for church (2:4)
- Letter let to church repenting (7:9)
- Letter had something to do with member who wronged Paul (7:12)
- Possibly a portion of the letter in 2 Cor. 10-13.



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Paul and Corinth: 6. Second Corinthians

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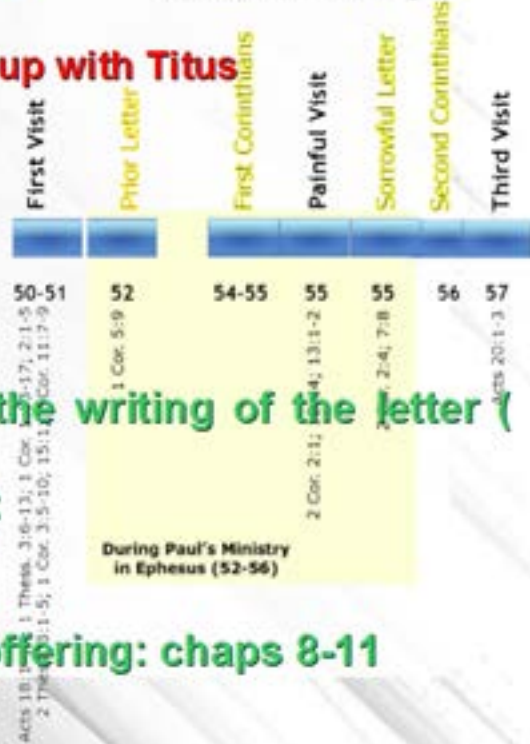
Essential point:

- Written from Macedonia after meeting up with Titus

Date: 56 AD

Sources:

- Chapter seven: topic 6.1.4.2 (pp. 77ff)
2 Corinthians



Observations:

- Good report from Titus prompted the writing of the letter (2:12-13)
- Letter centers on Paul's apostleship:
 - His conduct of it (1:12-7:16)
 - His defense of it (10:1-13:10)
- Letter contains instruction of relief offering: chaps 8-11
- Very insightful glimpse into Paul

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Paul and Corinth: 7. Third Visit to Corinth Paul's Ministry to the Corinthians from Acts and His Writings

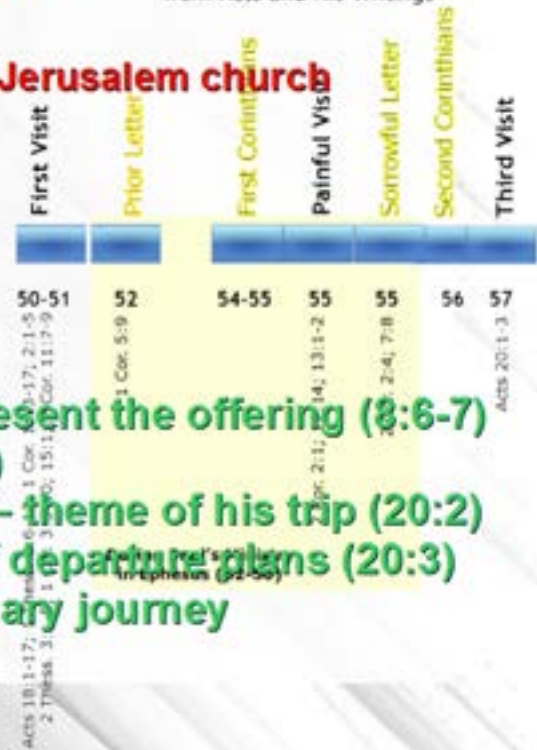
Essential point:

- ✓ Mainly to collect the relief offering for Jerusalem church

Date: 57 AD

Sources:

- ✓ Chapter seven: topic 6.1.4.2 (pp. 77ff)
 - ✓ Act 20:1-3
 - ✓ 2 Cor. 13:1



Observations:

- Titus to have the church ready to present the offering (8:6-7)
- Spent three months in Corinth (20:3)
- παρακαλέσας αὐτοὺς λόγῳ πολλῶ – theme of his trip (20:2)
- Assassination plot forced change of departure plans (20:3)
- 'Turning around' point of 3rd missionary journey



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- **What can we learn from Paul's Corinthian ministry?**

- ✓ 1. Make conclusions only from a 'full' picture.
- ✓ 2. Don't give up on a church filled with problems
- ✓ 3. Don't let hostility toward you destroy your love for the church
- ✓ 4. Use every possible means of communicating to the church
- ✓ 5. Don't be afraid to confront the hard issues in the church
- ✓ 6. Trust God to direct the church with or without your presence.



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- **NEXT Session:**
- **7.1.4 Return trip**
- **7.1.4.1 Trip to Troas**
- **7.1.4.2 Ministry in Troas**
- **Acts 20:4-12**



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Thank You for Coming!
Gracias por venir esta noche!
Until Next Week!
Hasta la próxima semana!
Have a safe trip home!
Tener un viaje seguro a casa!



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