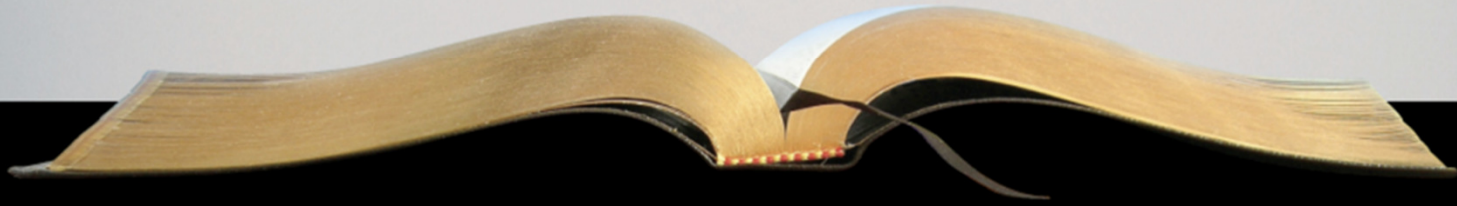


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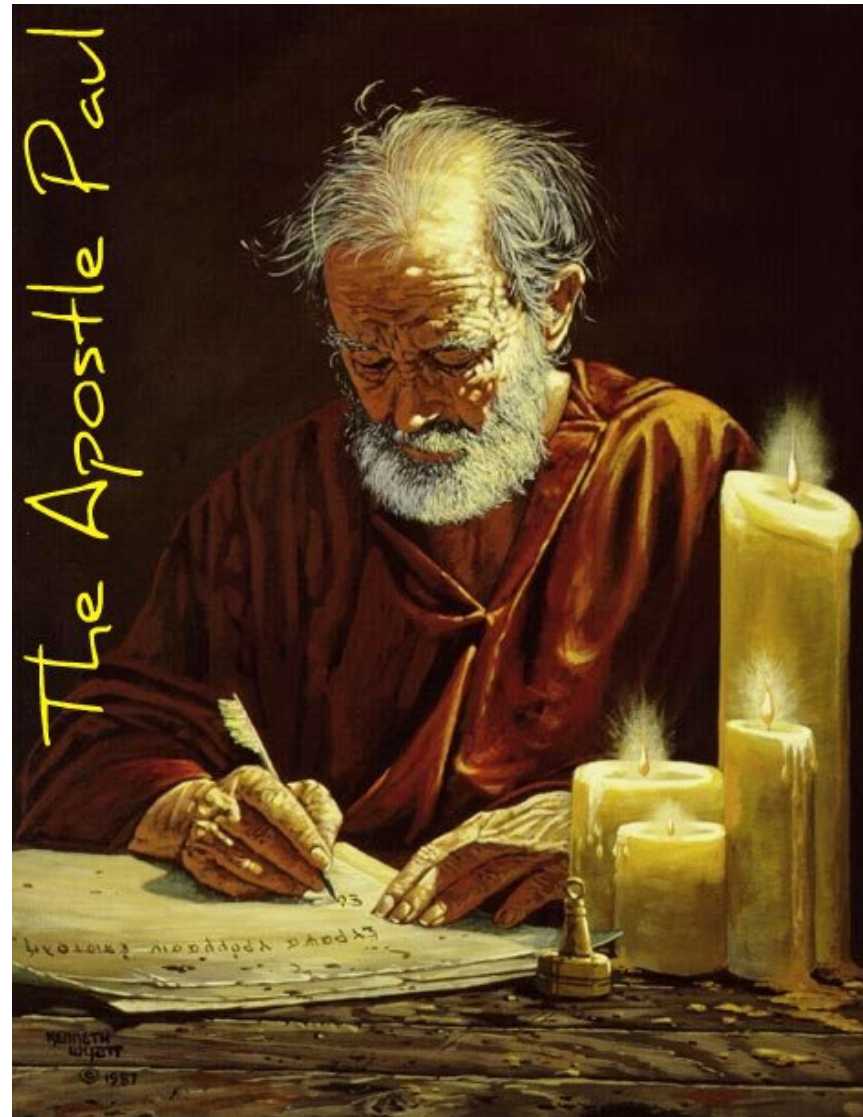
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End Divisions

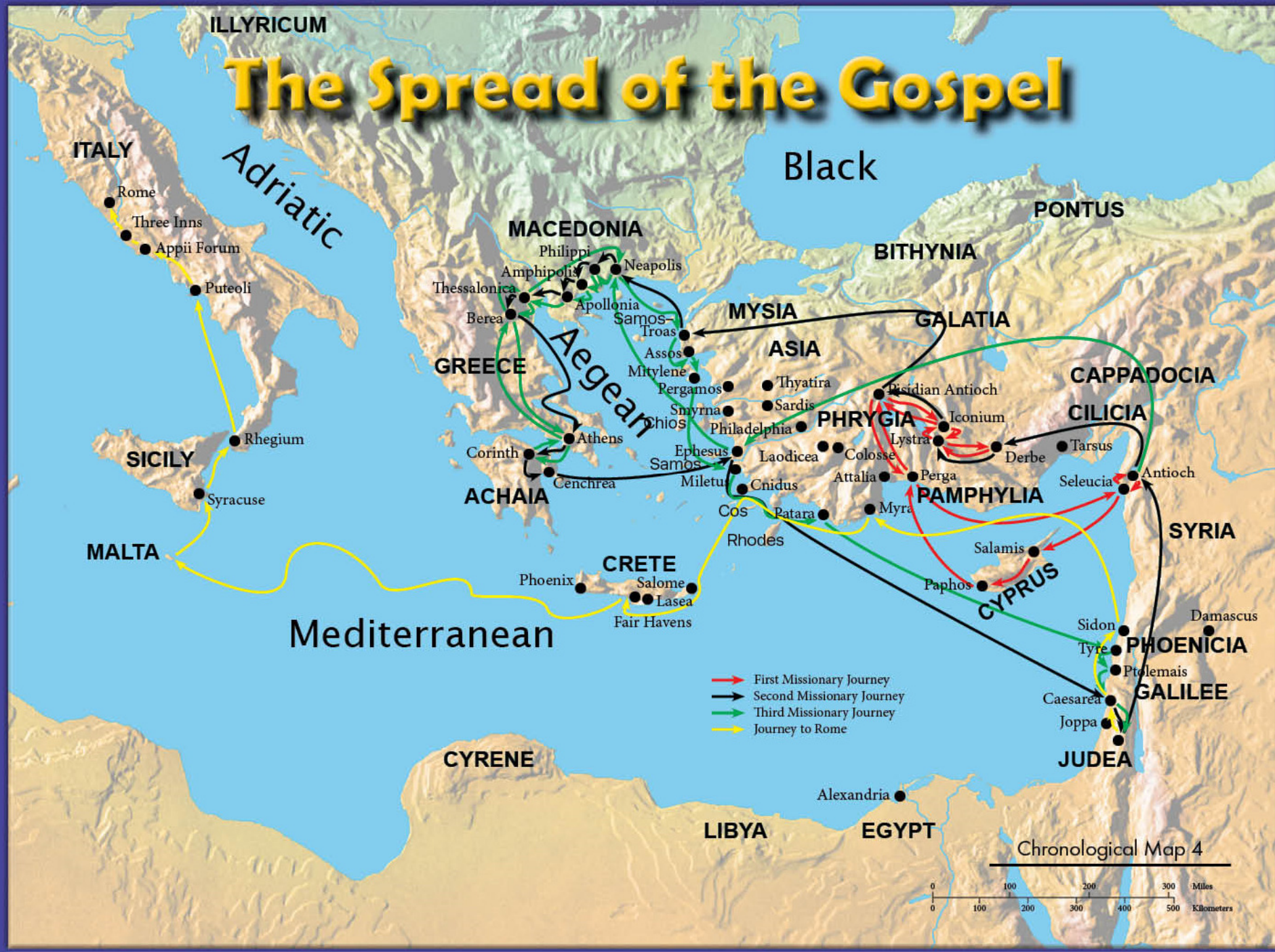
(1 Corinthian 1:1-18)



1. Paul Wrote a Letter to the Corinthian Church.



The Spread of the Gospel



Crucifixion
Resurrection
Ascension

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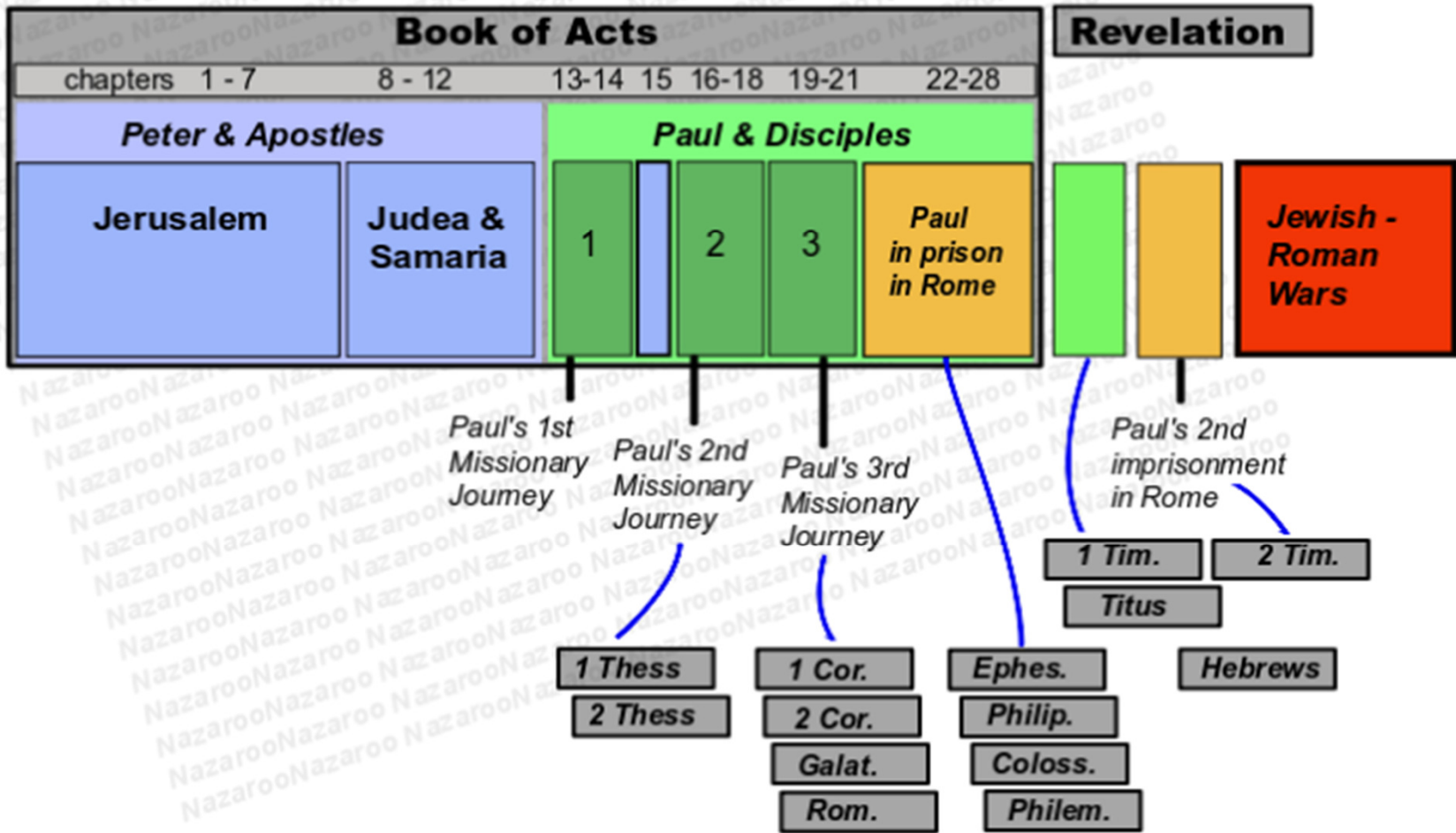
Jerusalem Council
regarding the Gentiles

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Destruction
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Burning of Temple

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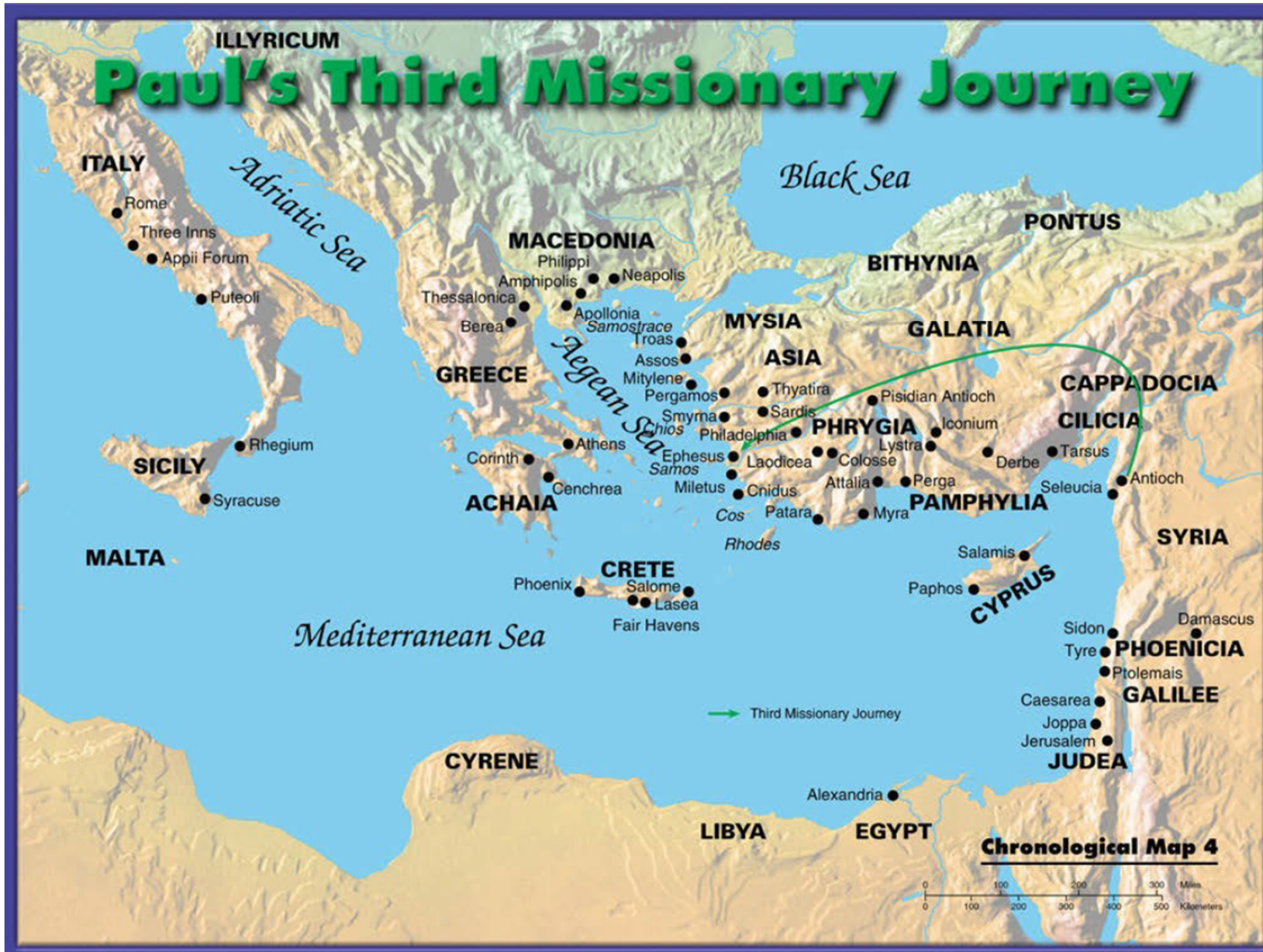


Paul stayed in Corinth for 1 ½ years.

[Acts
18:1-18]



Paul wrote 1 Cor. from Ephesus. [1 Cor. 16:8; Acts 19]



Paul's Answers Guided by the Holy Spirit.



Paul was asked some **questions** and heard about some **problems** from the Corinthian church.

[1 Cor. 1:10-11; 7:1]

2. Paul Greet the Church in Corinth.



(1 Corinthians 1:1) *Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,*

- “called” = given a job/office
- “apostle” = messenger / prophet of Jesus
- “will of God” = God’s plan
- *Sosthenes* = another servant of Jesus



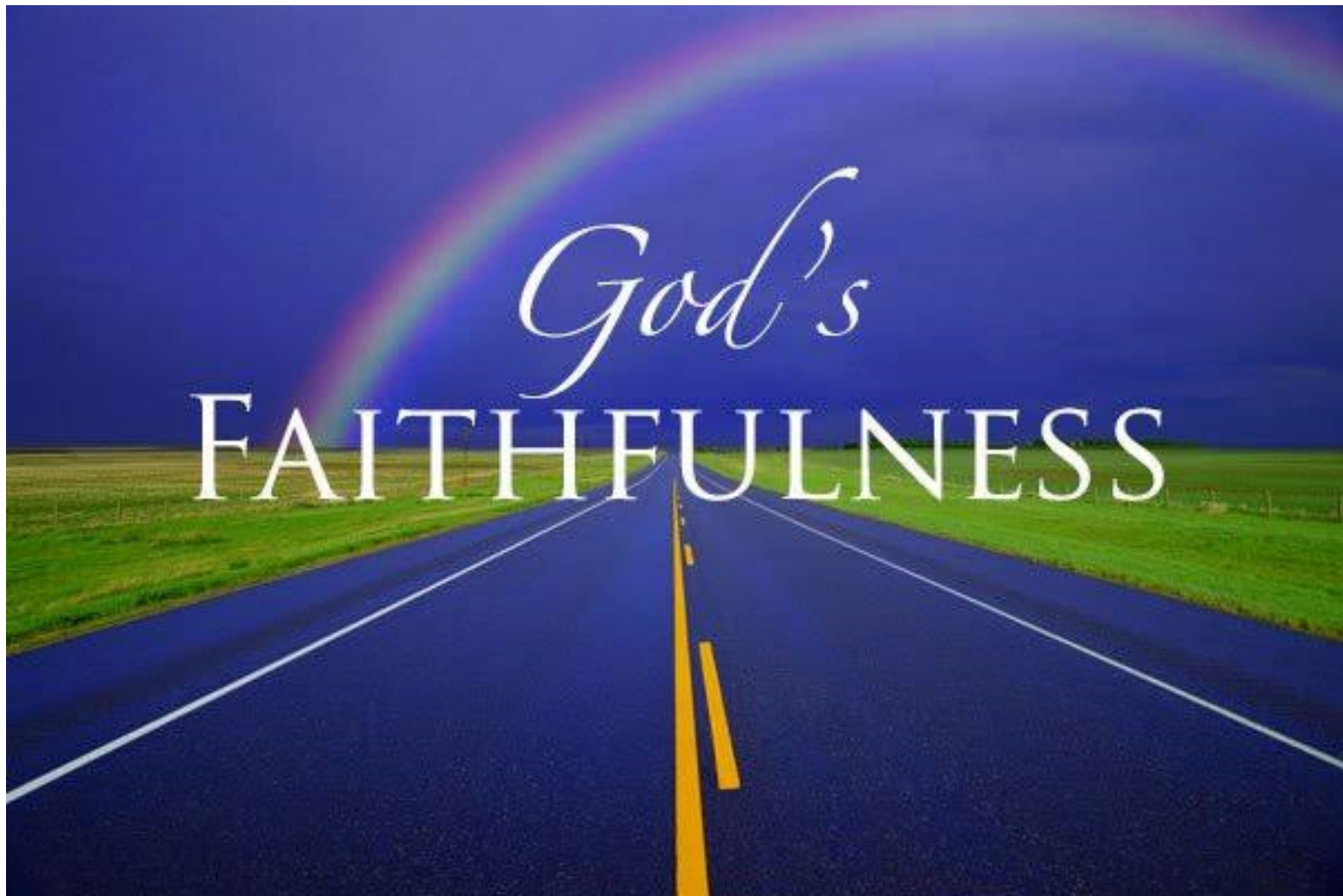
—Paul always worked with other Christians—training them—encouraging one another.

(1 Corinthians 1:3) *Grace* be unto you, and *peace*, from *God our Father*, and from *the Lord Jesus Christ*.

God wants us to enjoy His *grace* (*blessings—good gifts*) and to enjoy His *peace*.

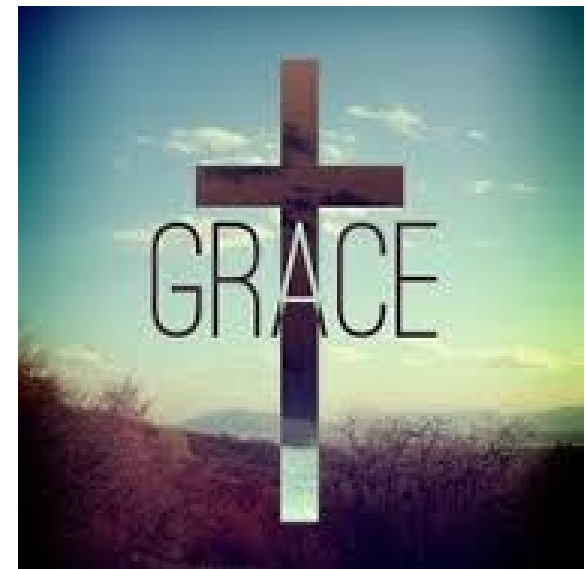


3. Paul Thanked God for His Grace, Gifts, and Faithfulness to the Corinthian Church.



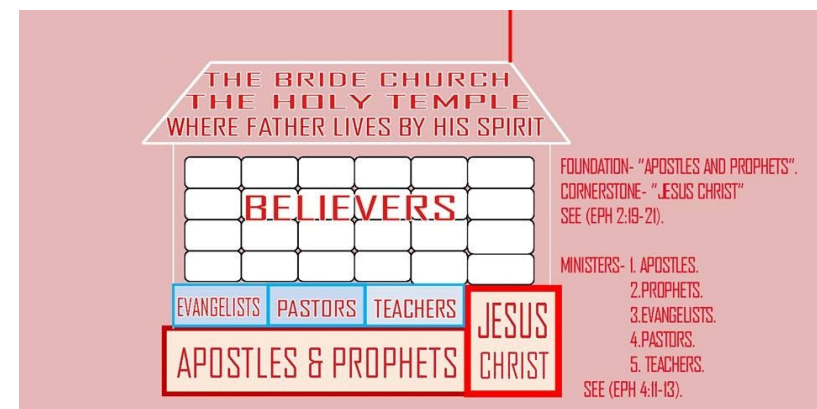
(1 Corinthians 1:4) *I thank my God always on your behalf (for you), for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;*

*God's blessings were given to the Corinthian church because of Jesus' death and resurrection.



(1 Corinthians 1:5) *That in every thing ye are enriched (made rich) by him (God), in all utterance (speaking/teaching), and in all knowledge (learning);*

[Eph. 4:7, 11-16] God has given gifts (apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers) to teach the Church so they can spiritually grow and be strong.



(1 Corinthians 1:6) Even as the testimony of Christ (*Gospel*) was confirmed (*proven and accepted as true*) in you: (7) So that ye come behind (*miss*) in no gift (*grace*); waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

*We are excited for Jesus to quickly come...
Jesus is all our hope.

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.



Ephesians 4:7

(1 Corinthians 1:8) *Who (God) shall also confirm (keep) you unto the end (...of life on earth), that ye may be blameless (perfect) in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- [Rom. 8:1, 28-39] Nothing can separate us from God's love; It is God that has justified us; no one can condemn us.
- Judgment Seat of Christ—after the Rapture



(1 Corinthians 1:9) *God is faithful, by whom (God) ye were called unto the fellowship (share/join) of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*



*God's will does not change. God always keeps His promises/Word.

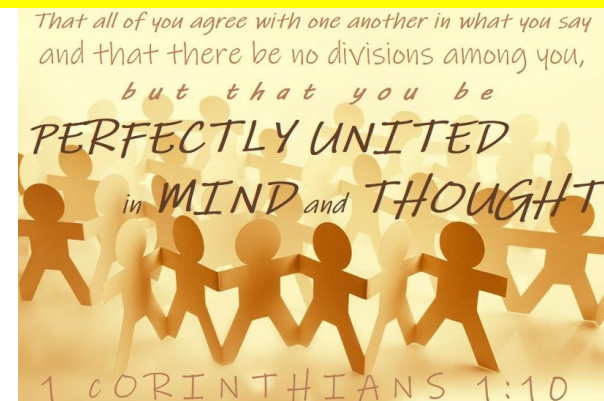
- God's will/plan
- *All that Jesus Christ has is shared with us.

4. The Corinthian Church Must End Divisions.



(1 Corinthians 1:10) *Now I beseech (beg) you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speaking the same thing (teaching), and that there be no divisions (separation) among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together (100% unity) in the same mind (thinking) and in the same judgment (decisions).*

*Unity in right teaching.



(1 Corinthians 1:11) *For it hath been declared (**told**) unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house (**family**) of Chloe, that there are **contentions** (**argue/fight**) among you.*



(12) Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas (Peter); and I of Christ.

Dividing the Body



(1 Corinthians 1:13) *Is Christ divided?* [No!]
was *Paul crucified for you?* [No!] or were
ye *baptized in the name of Paul?* [No!]

*[Eph. 4:4-6] There is **One Body...** **One Lord...** **One**
Faith (Gospel/Bible)... **One Baptism...**



*[Mat. 28:19] We are not baptized in the name of Paul or any
man; we are baptized in the name of Jesus.

(1 Corinthians 1:14) *I thank God that I (Paul) baptized none of you, but (except / only) Crispus and Gaius; (15) Lest (so not) any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. (16) And I baptized also the household (family) of Stephanas: besides (other), I know not whether (if) I baptized any other.*

*Baptism announces a disciple of Jesus, not of Paul.

**We follow Jesus' teaching in the New Testament.

5. Paul Depended Not on Man's Wisdom; Paul Depended on the Gospel.



(1 Corinthians 1:17) *For Christ sent me (Paul) not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest (so not) the cross of Christ should be made of none effect (no importance).*

*Baptism doesn't save; baptism makes disciples.

*The Gospel saves.

*Man's ideas or beautiful speaking

*Jesus died for our sins.

(1 Corinthians 1:18) *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

*Proud and unrepentant people of this world will laugh at the Gospel.

**But we know faith in the Gospel is the only way for salvation [Rom. 1:16].