

CORINTH

Fightings Within And Without Acts 18:1-11



I. The Problem Of Carnality (1:10-4:21).

- A. They exalted men.
- B. They emphasized human wisdom.
- C. They made class distinctions.

II. The Problem Of Immorality (5:1; 6:9-20).

- A. They harbored a fornicator in the church.
- B. Paul demanded discipline.
- C. The purpose was two-fold:
 1. That the guilty party might be brought to repentance.
 2. That the church might be spared contamination.
- D. The philosophical argument.

III. The Problem Of Contention (6:1-8).

- A. They were taking each other to court.
- B. Remember, the saints shall judge the world and angels.
- C. The remedy:
 1. Let those who are least esteemed judge.
 2. Take wrong.

IV. The Problem Of Family Trouble (7:1-40).

- A. God's order is monogamy.
- B. Marriage is a mutual reciprocal relationship.
- C. Advice for the mixed marriage of believer and unbeliever.
- D. To marry or not to marry.

V. The Problem Of Authorized Liberty (8:1-13; 10:14-33).

- A. There are "authorized liberties."
- B. Eating meats sacrificed to idols was such a question.
- C. Knowledge must be tempered by love.
- D. What it means to "offend a brother."

VI. The Problem Of Paying The Preacher (9:1-27).

- A. Paul was willing to support himself when necessary.
- B. They who preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

VII. The Problem Of Temptation (10:1-13).

- A. No one's temptation is unique.
- B. This fact is illustrated.

VIII. The Problem Of Divine Order (11:1-16).

- A. God's order of relationships.
- B. The veil was a matter of custom.
- C. Customs and styles change.
- D. The principle of this chapter is constant.

IX. The Problem Of Irreverence (11:17-34).

- A. They desecrated the Lord's supper.
- B. The Lord's supper often desecrated in our assemblies.

X. The Problem Of Ignorance (1 Cor. 12-14).

- A. They were ignorant over spiritual gifts.
- B. A paradox: the church with the greatest zeal for spiritual gifts was the church with the most problems.

XI. The Problem Of Apostasy (15:1-58).

- A. The importance of the resurrection.
- B. Denial of the resurrection is the end of apostasy.
- C. Paul's defense of the resurrection.