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A Practical Study of 1 CORINTHIANS: Running to Win

“Handling the Hurdles That Can Hurt You”

PART III

STUDY NUMBER SEVENTEEN – 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31

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v. 12 For even as the body is one and is having many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

v. 13 For indeed by means of one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

v. 14 For indeed the body is not one member, but many.

v. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.

v. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body,” it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body.

v. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

v. 18 But now God placed the members each one of them, in the body, even as He desired.

v. 19 And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

v. 20 But now indeed there are many members, but one body.

v. 21 And the eye is not able to say to the hand, “I am not having need of you”; or again the head to the feet, “I am not having need of you.”

v. 22 On the contrary, it is much truer that those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.

v. 23 And those members of the body which we are considering to be insignificant, on these we are bestowing more abundant honor, and our unrepresentable members are having greater presentability,

v. 24 whereas our representable members are not having need. But God blended the body, having given more abundant honor to the member which lacked,

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v. 48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.

v. 49 And just as we bore the image of that which is earthly, we shall also bear the image of that which is heavenly.

v. 50 Now, this I am saying, brethren, that flesh and blood are not able to inherit the kingdom of God; nor is the perishable inheriting the imperishable.

v. 51 Behold, I am telling you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

v. 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

v. 53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and the mortal must put on immortality.

v. 54 Now when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying which has been written: "Death has been swallowed up in victory.

v. 55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

v. 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;

v. 57 but thanks be to God, who is giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

v. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-58 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What transformation takes place at the resurrection, according to verse 42?

3. What is the difference between the first Adam and the last Adam, according to verse 45?

4. What are the origins of these two men, according to verse 47?

5. What is the promise that is given in verse 49?

6. What does Paul say about the kingdom in verse 50?

7. Why is God thanked in verse 57?

8. What are the brethren commanded to do, according to verse 58?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Death must precede life.

LESSON #2: God is the One who is giving the bodies.

LESSON #3: Adam was a “living soul”; Christ a “life-giving Spirit.”

LESSON #4: The natural is first and then the spiritual.

LESSON #5: Flesh and blood are not able to inherit the kingdom of God.

LESSON #6: All Christians will not experience physical death.

LESSON #7: The change will be “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.”

LESSON #8: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

LESSON #9: It is the law of God that reveals to us our sin.

LESSON #10: God is continually "giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

LESSON #11: We are to be "steadfast, immovable and always abounding in the work of the Lord."

LESSON #12: Our toil will not be in vain in the Lord.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWENTY-FOUR – 1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-24

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v. 1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also.

v. 2 On the first day of every week let each one of you be putting aside and saving, as he may be prospered, in order that when I come, then there may not be any collections.

v. 3 And when I arrive, whomever you may approve, I shall send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem;

v. 4 and if it is fitting for me to be going also, they will go with me.

v. 5 But I shall come to you after I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia;

v. 6 and perhaps I shall stay with you, or even spend the winter, in order that you may send me on my way wherever I may be going.

v. 7 For I am not wishing to see you now while passing by on my journey; for I am hoping to remain with you for some time, if the Lord permits.

v. 8 But I shall remain in Ephesus until Pentecost;

v. 9 for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

v. 10 Now if Timothy comes, be seeing to it that he is with you without fear; for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am.

v. 11 Let no one therefore despise him. But send him on his way in peace, in order that he may come to me; for I am expecting him with the brethren.

v. 12 Now concerning Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the brethren; and it was not all his desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

v. 13 Be on the alert, be standing fast in the faith, be showing yourselves to be men, be strong.

v. 14 Let all that you are doing be done in love.

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v. 15 Now I am urging you brethren, (you are knowing the household of Stephanas, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that they devoted themselves for ministry to the saints),

v. 16 in order that you also be putting yourselves under the leadership of such as these and to everyone who is working with us and laboring.

v. 17 And I am rejoicing over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus; because they supplied that which was lacking on your part.

v. 18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore be acknowledging such men.

v. 19 The churches of Asia are greeting you. Aquila and Prisca are greeting you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

v. 20 All the brethren are greeting you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

v. 21 The greeting is in my own hand—Paul.

v. 22 If anyone is not loving the Lord, let him be accursed. Maranatha!

v. 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

v. 24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus.

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-24 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What is Paul's primary concern in verse 1?

3. What are the Corinthians commanded to do with regard to their giving, according to verse 2?

4. Who is directing Paul's life, according to verse 7?

5. How does Paul describe his ministry in verse 9?

6. What four things are the Corinthians commanded to do in verse 13?

7. How are they to be doing all things, according to verse 14?

8. What does Paul want them to have, according to verse 24?

9. What verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Every believer has a responsibility to be giving weekly to the support of the cause of Christ.

LESSON #2: The principle of giving is in proportion to prosperity and not the tithe.

LESSON #3: Paul was never guilty of manipulating people to give.

LESSON #4: Paul is flexible in his planning so that he can be assured of the Lord's direction in his life.

LESSON #5: An open door of ministry is often accompanied by adversaries.

LESSON #6: Paul challenges the Corinthians to be alert, standing fast, mature men, strong and loving.

LESSON #7: We are to be submissive and respectful of spiritual leadership.

LESSON #8: If anyone is not loving the Lord, he is devoted to judgment.

LESSON #9: The Lord Jesus is soon coming, and are you ready to meet Him?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
