

1 Corinthians 16

King James Version (KJV)

(This Book was written to the Corinthians when Paul was in Philippi)

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. (Paul collected offerings from the people and sent the money to Jerusalem. He never took a cent for himself. He made his living as a tent maker)

²Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. (Collect the tithe before I get there. I'm only coming to teach)

³And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. (Appoint trusted persons to watch the money. Paul always used more than one person to keep them honest)

⁴And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me.

⁵Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia: for I do pass through Macedonia.

⁶And it may be that I will abide, yea, and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whithersoever I go.

⁷For I will not see you now by the way; but I trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. (Paul traveled according to God's will)

⁸But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost.

⁹For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries. (Adversaries - church clicks, gossip groups at Ephesus. They kept trying to split the church into denominations. Paul didn't approve. There is one Jesus Christ and only one Word of God)

¹⁰Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do. (This is Timothy, a student under Paul)

¹¹Let no man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren.

¹²As touching our brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time. (Apollos was upset because they had named a church after him. He had always taught the Word of Jesus Christ)

(The people had perverted his teachings by changing them; and by adding their own "interpretations")

NOTE: (The same thing happens today with all of the denominations. The result is that Christian people are Biblically ignorant)

¹³Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. (Stand fast as a man of God. Stay true to the Word of God. Do not tolerate spin doctors and their interpretations. Throw them out)

¹⁴Let all your things be done with charity. (But do it with love; tough love when it is needed; and charitable love otherwise)

¹⁵I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,) (They love the Word of God)

¹⁶That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with us, and laboureth. (Accept them as part of the Ministry of Jesus Christ)

¹⁷I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied. (They helped with the ministry)

¹⁸For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

¹⁹The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. (It was common for people to hold church services in their house. They would read the Bible - chapter by chapter, verse by verse)

NOTE: (It's a shame that Christian churches don't teach that way today. Instead, they read one or two verses from the Bible; and then go on to preach a sermon that was written by some preacher. The result is that the people remain Biblically ignorant)

²⁰ All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss.

²¹ The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand. (Normally Luke was the scribe for Paul. This letter was written by Stephanas; and Paul signed the letter with his own hand)

(Paul's writing was big because he never fully regained his sight after he was momentarily taken to the Third Age and returned back to life)

²² If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha. (Greek & Aramaic – Anathema = cursed; Maranatha = Our Lord has come and will return at the end of days)

(The Jews refuse to acknowledge that even unto today. They are still waiting for the Messiah)

NOTES: I disagree with Paul's "fire and brimstone" attitude. If not for the grace of God, there went he. Good people are being misled. They are not "cursed". We will teach them during the Millennium)

(Paul was a Bible teacher; not a prophet. His job was to teach the word of God; and he did that very well. But like this verse, he sometimes interjected his own opinions. It's up to the reader to differentiate between these verses to know the difference)

²³ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (grace = unmerited favor)

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