

Welcome!



1 CORINTHIANS

SINNERS *made* SAINTS

~ All Church Christmas Auction ~
Friday December 3rd
6 pm. - CCC Fellowship Hall

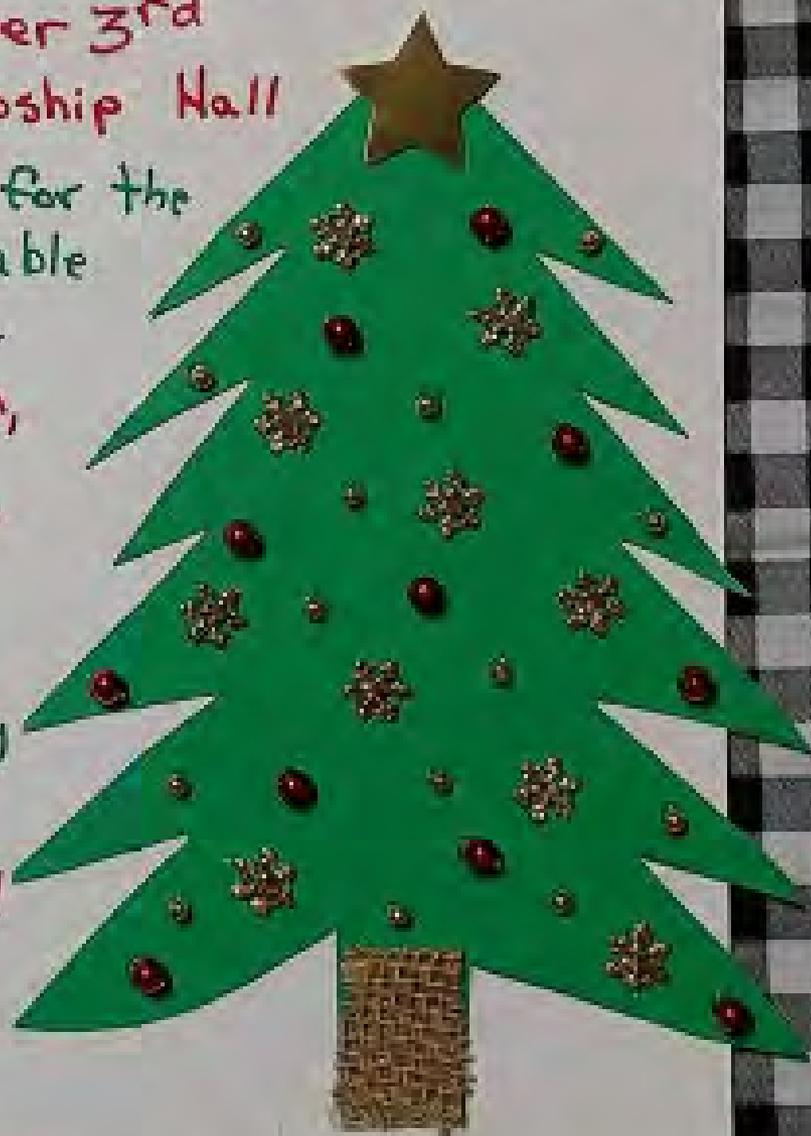
Bring finger food for the
meal. Drinks and table
service furnished...

Bring a craft item,
baked item, new or
gently used item for
the auction...

All monies raised will
go to a needy family
in our community...

ALWAYS a FUN TIME!

Sponsored by
BYKOTA class...



Background

Corinth was a city of great wealth and luxury.

Corinth was a leading commercial trade center.

The Olympic games originated in Corinth.

Background

The church of Corinth was established in 50 A.D. during Paul's second missionary journey.

When Paul arrived in Corinth he saw the most beautiful, modern city of its size in all of Greece.

Background

The most prominent site was the temple of Aphrodite, a symbol of the lust which permeated the minds of those living in the city.

Background

Aphrodite is an ancient Greek goddess associated with love, lust, beauty, pleasure, sensuality, passion and sex.



GREEK
MAINLAND

GULF OF
CORINTH

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GULF

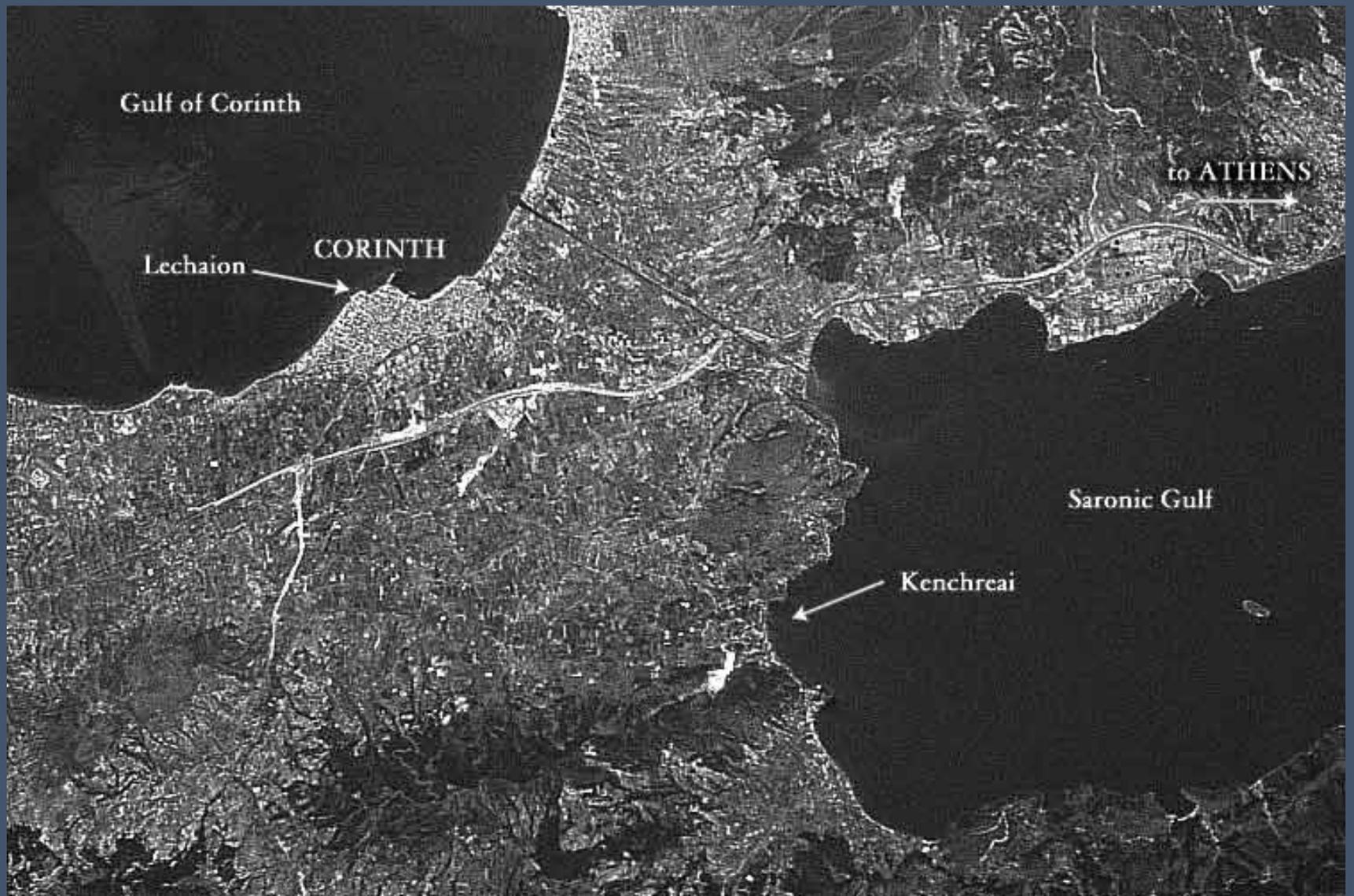
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CORINTH

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Gulf of Corinth

to ATHENS

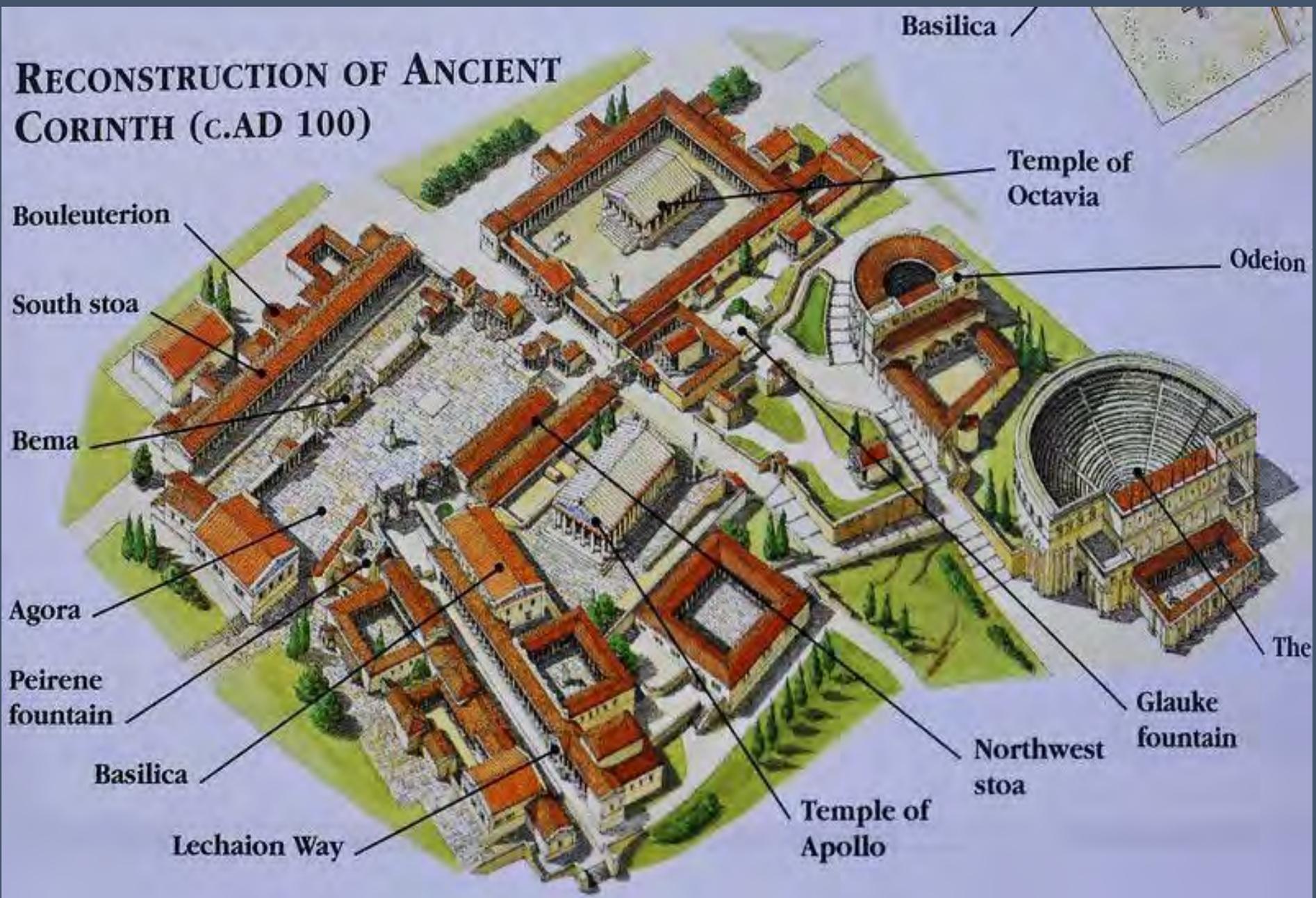
Lechaion

CORINTH

Saronic Gulf

Kenchreai

RECONSTRUCTION OF ANCIENT CORINTH (c.AD 100)



Basilica

Temple of Octavia

Odeion

Bouleuterion

South stoa

Bema

Agora

Peirene fountain

Basilica

Lechaion Way

Northwest stoa

Temple of Apollo

Glauke fountain

The

Background

Corinth was a city that celebrated immorality and the people of the city were known for their sexual looseness.

Background

The attitude of the city toward immorality involved no condemnation whatever; on the contrary, sexual immorality was celebrated and accepted as a normal part of life.

Background

The Christian view of marriage was rejected in Corinth. Because of this, it would have been difficult for new Christians in Corinth to understand that the sexual immorality that was approved and celebrated in the city was actually sin.

Background

The verb “corinthianize” was a popular term used to describe an act of immorality.

A “Corinthian girl” was known to be a synonym for prostitute.

Background

Paul actually wrote the book of Romans in Corinth.

Very likely Paul was looking out across the city of Corinth and had the city in mind when writing
Romans 1: 21-32

Romans 1: 21-32 (ESV)

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1: 21-32 (ESV)

Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Romans 1: 21-32 (ESV)

*Therefore God gave them up
in the lusts of their hearts to
impurity, to the dishonoring
of their bodies among
themselves, because they
exchanged the truth about
God for a lie*

Romans 1: 21-32 (ESV)

Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie,

Romans 1: 21-32 (ESV)

*and worshiped and served
the creature rather than the
Creator, who is blessed
forever! Amen.*

Romans 1: 21-32 (ESV)

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women

Romans 1: 21-32 (ESV)

and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error..

Romans 1: 21-32 (ESV)

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice.

Romans 1: 21-32 (ESV)

They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1: 21-32 (ESV)

foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Question

What are they practicing
and approving of?

1 Corinthians 1: 1 (ESV)

*Paul, called by the will of
God to be an apostle of
Christ Jesus, and our
brother Sosthenes,*

Question?

Who wrote 1 Corinthians?

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1 Corinthians 1: 1 (ESV)

**Paul, called by the will of
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Question?

What does the fact that Paul says he is called by the will of God tell us?

1 Corinthians 1: 1 (ESV)

**Paul, called by the will of
God to be an apostle of
Christ Jesus, and our
brother Sosthenes,**

Called

klhtho / ß kletos, klay-tos´;

one who has been invited,
to be appointed, someone
who has been asked.

Apostle

ajpo/stoloß apostolos;

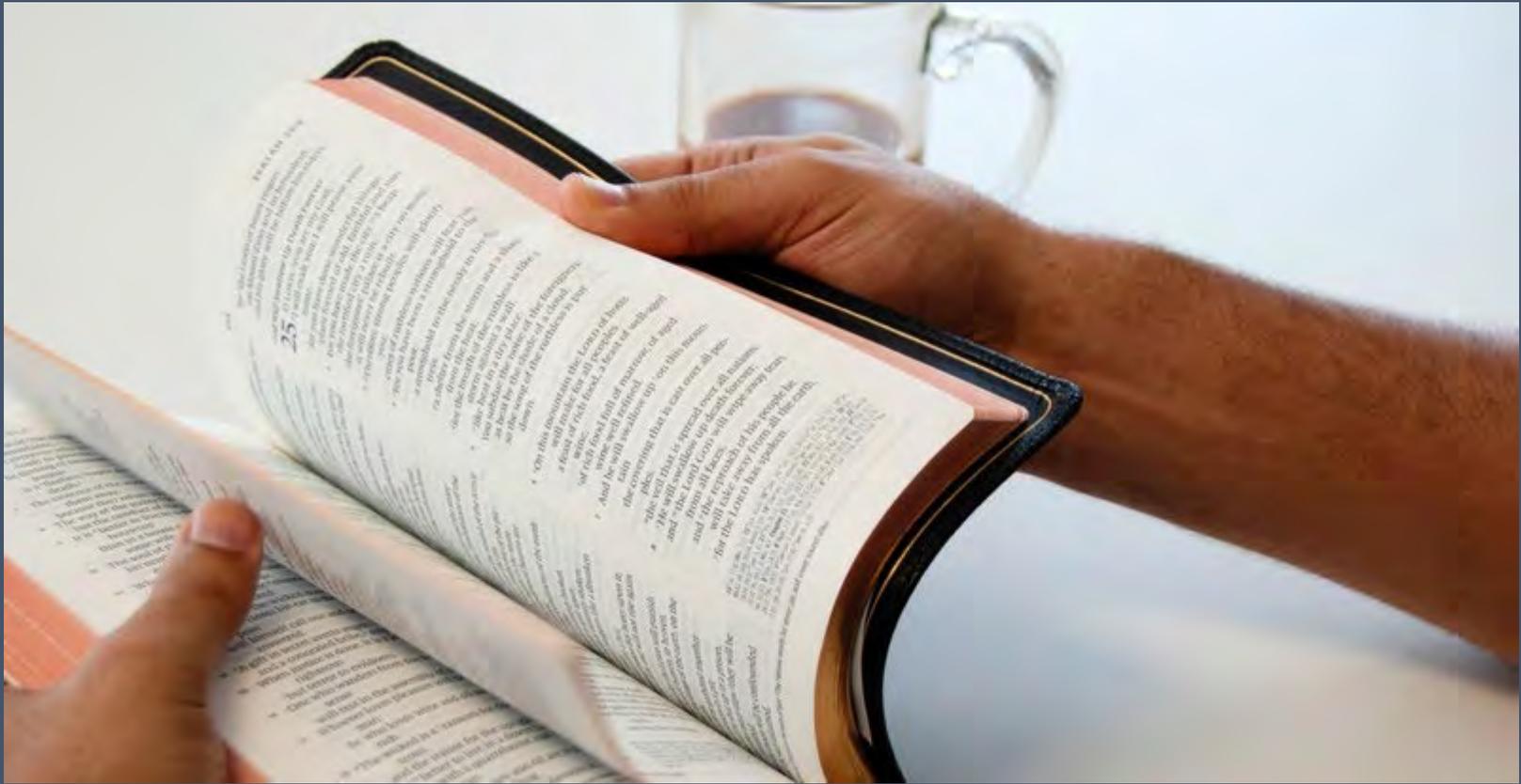
a sent one or delegate. an ambassador of a cause or country.

A representative of the Gospel.

In the New Testament sense:
one who is officially
commissioned by Christ with
miraculous powers.

1 Corinthians 1: 1 (ESV)

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brother Sosthenes,*



Please turn to:
Acts 18: 12-17

Acts 18: 12-17 (ESV)

But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal, saying, "This man is persuading people to worship God contrary to the law."

Acts 18: 12-17 (ESV)

But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint.

Acts 18: 12-17 (ESV)

But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.”

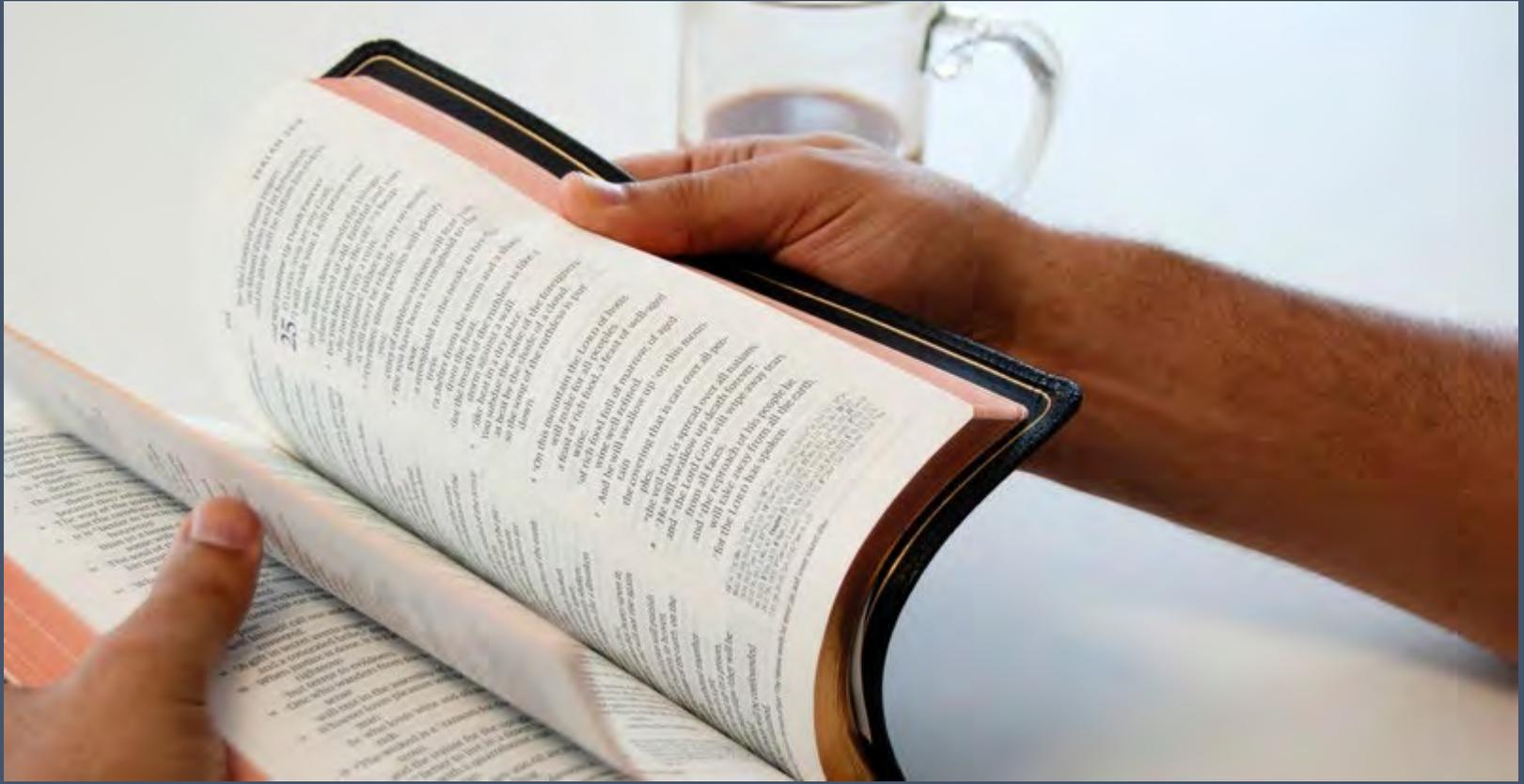
Acts 18: 12-17 (ESV)

*And he drove them from the tribunal. And they all seized **Sosthenes**, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.*

Sosthenes

Sosthenes was Paul's brother or co-laborer in Christ.

It is also possible that Paul's mentioning of Sosthenes in the opening could be an indication that Paul dictated this letter to Sosthenes to write.



Please turn to:
Galatians 6: 11

Galatians 6: 11 (NLT)

Notice what large letters I use as I write these closing words in my own handwriting.

1 Corinthians 1: 1 (ESV)

*Paul, called by the will of
God to be an apostle of
Christ Jesus, and our
brother Sosthenes,*

1 Corinthians 1: 2 (ESV)

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Question?

What do members of
Christ's Church have in
common?

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and ours:*

Question?

What does it mean to make
Jesus Lord?

Jesus being Lord of your life means that you belong to Him and He is the master over your entire life. Jesus cannot be Lord of just a part of your life.

He is Lord of all or none!

Control of your entire life must be given over to Christ. His will becomes yours. His desires becomes yours. His heart becomes yours.

Question?

What does it mean to be a
member of Christ's Church?

1 Corinthians 1: 3 (ESV)

Grace to you and peace
*from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

Question?

Where does grace and peace
come from?

1 Corinthians 1: 3 (ESV)

Grace to you and peace
from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

Question?

What is the answer for a city such as Corinth, or our society today, which is pagan, dark, and filled with sin?

1 Corinthians 1: 3 (ESV)

Grace to you and peace
*from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 1: 4 (ESV)

I give thanks to my God
always for you because of
the grace of God that was
given you in Christ Jesus,

Question?

What is Paul thankful for?

1 Corinthians 1: 4 (ESV)

*I give thanks to my God
always for you because of
the grace of God that was
given you in Christ Jesus,*

1 Corinthians 1: 5 (ESV)

*that in every way you were
enriched in him in all
speech and all knowledge*

Paul is telling them that they have the knowledge and they talk the talk, the question is are they walking the walk?

1 Corinthians 1: 6-7 (ESV)

even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Question?

What is Paul saying in these verses?

1 Corinthians 1: 6-7 (ESV)

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1 Corinthians 1: 8-9 (ESV)

who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Question?

Do we see unity or division
in our society today?

The AP logo consists of the letters 'AP' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, set against a white square background with a thin red horizontal bar at the bottom.

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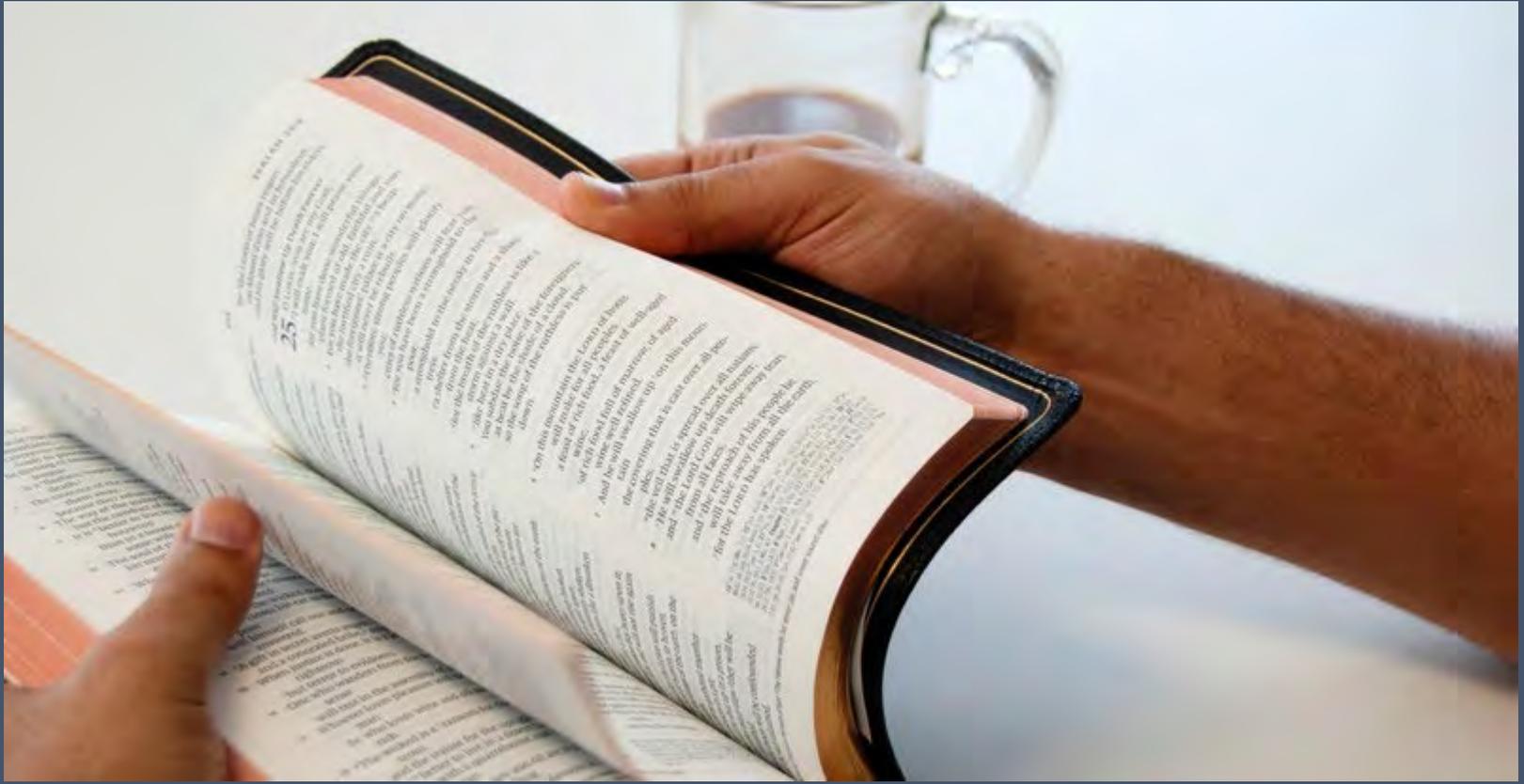
Americans are more divided than ever, gridlocked over social issues, race, gender and the economy. In this series, The Associated Press explores what divides us and how deep those

Question?

Who is the author of
division?

The word “devil,” comes from the Greek word diabolos, which is translated as, “to divide,” “to separate,” or more literally, “to throw against.”

Ever since his fall from Heaven satan has divided the world. He has divided the angels, he tempted Adam and Eve to sin in the garden to divide them from God.



Please turn to:
John 17: 20-22

John 17: 20-22 (NLT)

*“I am praying not only for these disciples but also **for all who will ever believe in me through their message.**”*

John 17: 20-22 (NLT)

I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

John 17: 20-22 (NLT)

*“I have given them the glory
you gave me, so they may
be one as we are one.”*

Question?

Do we see the division in
our society today
attempting to creep into the
Church?

We will now see the first example of society creeping into the Church in Corinth that Paul addresses.

1 Corinthians 1: 10 (ESV)

*I appeal to you, brothers,
by the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, that all of you
agree, and that there be no
divisions among you, but
that you be united in the
same mind and the same
judgment.*

appeal

Original Greek Word:

παρακαλέω

Parakaleó

To beseech, appeal, entreat,
beg, exhort, or admonish

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Question?

What is Paul begging them
to do in the name of Jesus?

Question?

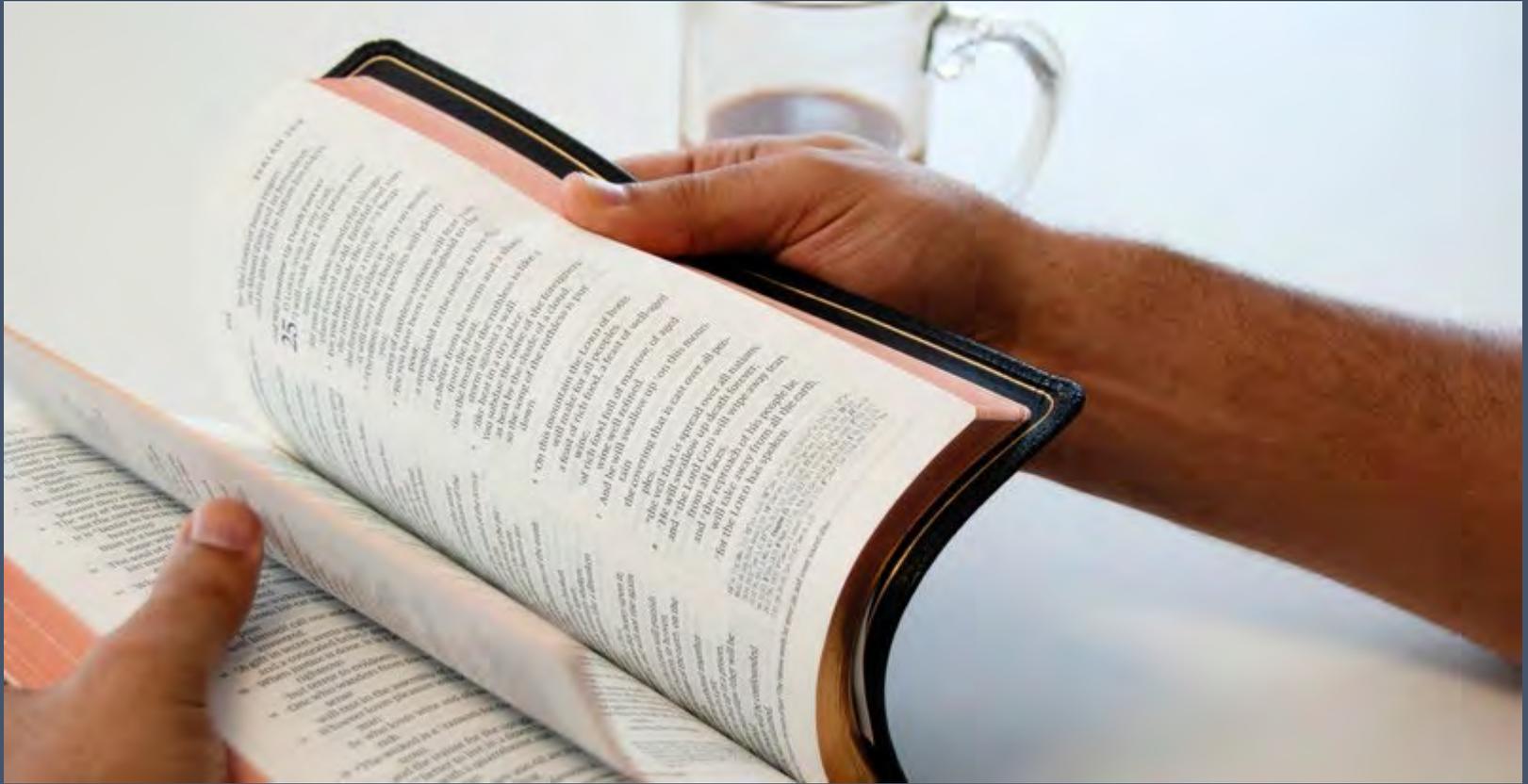
Why do you think Paul is
concerned about this?

1 Corinthians 1: 11 (ESV)

**For it has been reported
to me by Chloe's people
that there is quarreling
among you, my brothers.**

Question?

What causes quarrels?



Please turn to:
James 4: 1-3

James 4: 1-3 (NLT)

What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you?

James 4: 1-3 (NLT)

You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it

James 4: 1-3 (NLT)

*And even when you ask,
you don't get it because your
motives are all wrong—you
want only what will give you
pleasure.*

Question?

What causes quarrels?

PRIDE!!!

1 Corinthians 1: 12 (ESV)

What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.”

Question?

What is the Church in
Corinth divided over?

Question?

Do we see this in churches
today?

Question?

How many denominations
can you name?

Question?

Why does satan want to
divide the Church?

A close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in warm, golden light. The flag is draped and appears to be part of a larger scene.

UNITED WE STAND
DIVIDED WE FALL

1 Corinthians 1: 13 (ESV)

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

Question?

What point is Paul making here?

1 Corinthians 1: 13 (ESV)

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

Question?

What happens when you follow man and not Jesus?

1 Corinthians 1: 14-16 (ESV)

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

1 Corinthians 1: 17 (ESV)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

1 Corinthians 1: 17 (NLT)

For Christ didn't send me to baptize, but to preach the Good News—and not with clever speech, for fear that the cross of Christ would lose its power.

Question?

What does it mean to preach with clever or eloquent speech?

Note-it is not a good thing to do as Paul is pointing out he does not do it, however it appears Paul is concerned about this.

Question?

Who becomes the focus
when one preaches using
clever words and
showmanship?

Question?

What happens to a church when the flashy preacher becomes the object of admiration and the preacher is followed rather than Christ?

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