WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE
Training Laborers for His Harvest
Overview of Corinth
Corinth – as viewed from the AcroCorinth
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Summary 1 Corinthians

Divisions in the Church (1-4)
Disorders in the Church (5-6)
Doctrinal Difficulties in Church
Summary 1 Corinthians

Divisions in the Church (1-4)

• Christ not divided – chapter 1
• Power of Gospel is divine – ch 2
• True Spiritual foundations – ch 3
• Ministry Stewardship – ch 4
Summary 1 Corinthians

Disorders in the Church (5-6)

- Discipline is needed – chapter 5
- Personal disputes resolved – chapter 6
- Issues about morality – chapter 6
Summary 1 Corinthians

Doctrinal Difficulties in Church (7-16)

• Marriage, Celibacy, and Divorce (7)
• Christian liberty (8-10)
• Male|Female authority and Lord’s table (11)
• Spiritual gifts (12-14)
• Resurrection (15)
Background of Corinth

Two enemies: Culture and Carnality
Paul had planted
Apollos had watered
God had given an increase
Background of Corinth

Apollos left Corinth to go to Ephesus.
Paul wrote a pre-1 Corinthian letter.
Corinth wrote back with questions.
Apollos had no desire to return.
Background of Corinth

Prosperous but corrupt city
Destroyed in 146 BC by Rome
Re-settled by Julius Caesar 46 BC
Greeks coined word *korinthiazomai*
It meant “fornication”
Corinth would be an ancient Vegas
Background of Corinth

“Trouble-shooting” letter
Problems included:
• Popularity contests  Marital issues
• Immorality  Spiritual gifts
• Court cases  Authority
• Doctrinal confusion
Background of Corinth

Paul’s purpose for writing included:

• Dealing with Carnality and flagrant sins
• Instructing about doctrinal confusion
• Strengthening the church’s hope in preparation for Christ’s coming
Corruptions of Corinth

Following human leaders
Favoring Earthly wisdom
Floundering in the flesh
Forgetting future judgment
Corruptions of Corinth
Flattering themselves
Failing to discipline
Fragmenting the body of Christ
Summary 2 Corinthians

Explanation of Ministry (1-5)
Exhortation to Church (6-9)
Vindication of Apostleship (10-13)
Summary 2 Corinthians

Explanation of Ministry (1-5)

• Suffering, but not defeated
• Sorrowing, but not despairing
• Spiritual, not carnal
• Sincere, not deceitful
• Serious, not careless
Exhortation to Church (6-9)

- Paul’s ministry examined
- Encouraged Separation from sin
- Requested reconciliation in the Lord
- Asked for cooperation in special offering
Summary 2 Corinthians

Vindication of Apostleship (10-13)

• Defending his manner
• Explaining his motives
• Asserting his merits
• Telling of his mission
Doctrine in 2 Corinthians

Biblical ministry described (3-6)
Between Death and Resurrection (5)
Substitutionary Atonement (5)
Principles for Giving (8-9)
Trinity (13:14)
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