

Read Through the New Testament in 2009

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➡ MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

○ 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 10

† AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS CHAPTER, PAUL IS REMINDING US OF THE ISRAELITE'S ESCAPE FROM EGYPT. THE "CLOUD" HE MENTIONS IS THE ONE GOD USED TO LEAD THE ISRAELITES FROM EGYPT TO THE PROMISED LAND, AND THE "SEA" REFERS TO THE CROSSING OF THE RED SEA. WHEN PAUL CALLS THE ISRAELITES IDOLATERS (SOMEONE WHO WORSHIPS IDOLS) HE'S TALKING ABOUT THE TIME WHEN MOSES CAME DOWN FROM THE MOUNTAIN (AFTER GOD GAVE HIM THE 10 COMMANDMENTS) AND FOUND THE ISRAELITES WORSHIPPING THE GOLDEN CALF THEY HAD MADE. EVEN THOUGH THE ISRAELITES HAD SEEN GOD'S PROVISION IN MIGHTY WAYS, THEY FAILED WHEN THEY WERE TEMPTED!

- IF WE ASK HIM, WHAT WILL GOD PROVIDE WHEN WE ARE TEMPTED?

- WHY DID PAUL TRY TO "NOT CAUSE ANYONE TO STUMBLE" AND "PLEASE EVERYBODY IN EVERY WAY"?

➡ TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

○ 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 11

† AT THIS TIME IN HISTORY, WOMEN WOULD COVER THEIR HEADS WITH A SHAWL BEFORE GOING OUT IN PUBLIC. TO GO OUT WITHOUT COVERING THEIR HEADS WAS A SIGN OF DISRESPECT. IN THE SAME WAY, FOR A MAN TO HAVE HIS HEAD COVERED WHEN PRAYING OR IN WORSHIP WAS DISRESPECTFUL. (MOST CHURCHES TODAY STILL CONSIDER IT DISRESPECTFUL FOR A MAN TO WEAR A HAT IN CHURCH, BUT FEW REQUIRE WOMEN TO COVER THEIR HEADS.) PAUL WAS REMINDING US THAT WE HAVE FREEDOM IN JESUS, BUT WE STILL NEED TO SUBMIT TO GOD, AND EACH OTHER (COOPERATE WITH EACH OTHER AND THINK OF OTHERS FIRST).

VERSES 17-34 DEAL WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER (COMMUNION). PAUL IS TEACHING THE CORINTHIANS (AND US) THAT WE MUST TAKE COMMUNION THOUGHTFULLY (REMEMBERING THAT CHRIST DIED FOR US), AND ONLY AFTER WE'VE LOOKED AT OUR OWN LIVES AND ASKED JESUS TO FORGIVE US FOR ANY SINS WE HAVEN'T ALREADY CONFESSED TO HIM.

- WHO IS THE HEAD OF CHRIST?

- WHO IS GUILTY OF SINNING AGAINST THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD?
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➔ WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

- 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 12

- † PAUL IS TEACHING US THAT GOD HAS GIVEN EVERYBODY SPIRITUAL GIFTS. WE HAVE ALL BEEN GIVEN CERTAIN ABILITIES THAT GOD EXPECTS US TO USE FOR HIS GLORY. BY USING THE BODY AS AN EXAMPLE, PAUL IS TELLING US THAT EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE DIFFERENT SPIRITUAL GIFTS, NO ONE GIFT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE OTHERS -- JUST LIKE YOUR HAND IS NOT MORE IMPORTANT THAN A FOOT OR AN EYE. THEY ARE DIFFERENT, BUT THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER TO FORM THE BODY. WE SHOULD DO THE SAME THING -- USE OUR DIFFERENT SPIRITUAL GIFTS TOGETHER AS PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST (CHURCH).

- WHAT ABILITIES HAS GOD GIVEN YOU THAT YOU COULD USE TO SERVE HIM?
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- PRAY AND ASK GOD TO SHOW YOU HOW YOU CAN SERVE HIM USING YOUR GIFT(S) THIS WEEK!

➔ THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

- 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTERS 13 & 14 (YES, TWO CHAPTERS. CHAPTER 13 IS VERY SHORT!)
 - USING SIX WORDS OR LESS, HOW WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE CHAPTER 13?
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- † GOD IS SO AWESOME! AS YOU CAN SEE IN CHAPTER 14, HE EVEN GAVE SOME PEOPLE IN THE EARLY CHURCH THE ABILITY TO SPEAK LANGUAGES THEY HAD NEVER LEARNED! THIS WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE SPREADING OF THE GOSPEL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD -- PEOPLE HAD TO HEAR THE STORY OF JESUS IN A LANGUAGE THEY UNDERSTOOD.

➔ FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

- 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 15

- † PAUL BEGINS BY REMINDING THE READERS THAT CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS, THAT HE WAS BURIED, AND THAT HE ROSE AGAIN ON THE THIRD DAY -- JUST THE WAY THE SCRIPTURES SAID IT WOULD HAPPEN.

- WHAT DOES PAUL SAY OUR RESURRECTED BODIES WILL BE LIKE?
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