

**Copyright © 2010 Jim Reese Ministries.**

This file is the sole property of Jim Reese Ministries.

It may be copied only in its entirety and all copies of this file must contain this copyright notice.

This file may not be edited, revised, or changed in any manner. The file and its contents may not be offered for resale or incorporated in any commercial publications, recordings, broadcasts, performances, displays or other products offered for sale without the written permission of Jim Reese Ministries.

This file is made available for your personal Bible study and growth in the Christian life.

[www.jimreese ministries.com](http://www.jimreese ministries.com)

***WALK THROUGH THE  
NEW TESTAMENT***  
***WITH PASTOR JIM REESE***

**Lesson 6**

**I and II Corinthians  
And Galatians**

# WALK THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

## TEN LESSONS:

1. Overview and Relationship of the Old and New Testaments
2. The Life of Christ: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. The Life of Christ – The 4 Gospels: Part 2
4. The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles
5. The Epistle to the Romans
6. **The Epistles to the Corinthians and the Galatians**
7. The Prison Epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon) and I and II Thessalonians
8. The Pastoral Epistles (I and II Timothy and Titus) and Hebrews
9. The General Epistles: James to Jude
10. The Revelation

# INTRODUCTION TO FIRST CORINTHIANS

-Paul founded the church in Corinth on his 2nd missionary journey in AD 51-52, Acts 18:1-18



**Paul wrote his first letter to Corinth on his 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey during his 3 year ministry in Ephesus, AD 55, Acts 19 – 20:1 and 31.**



## THE OCCASION OF PAUL'S WRITING HIS FIRST LETTER TO CORINTH

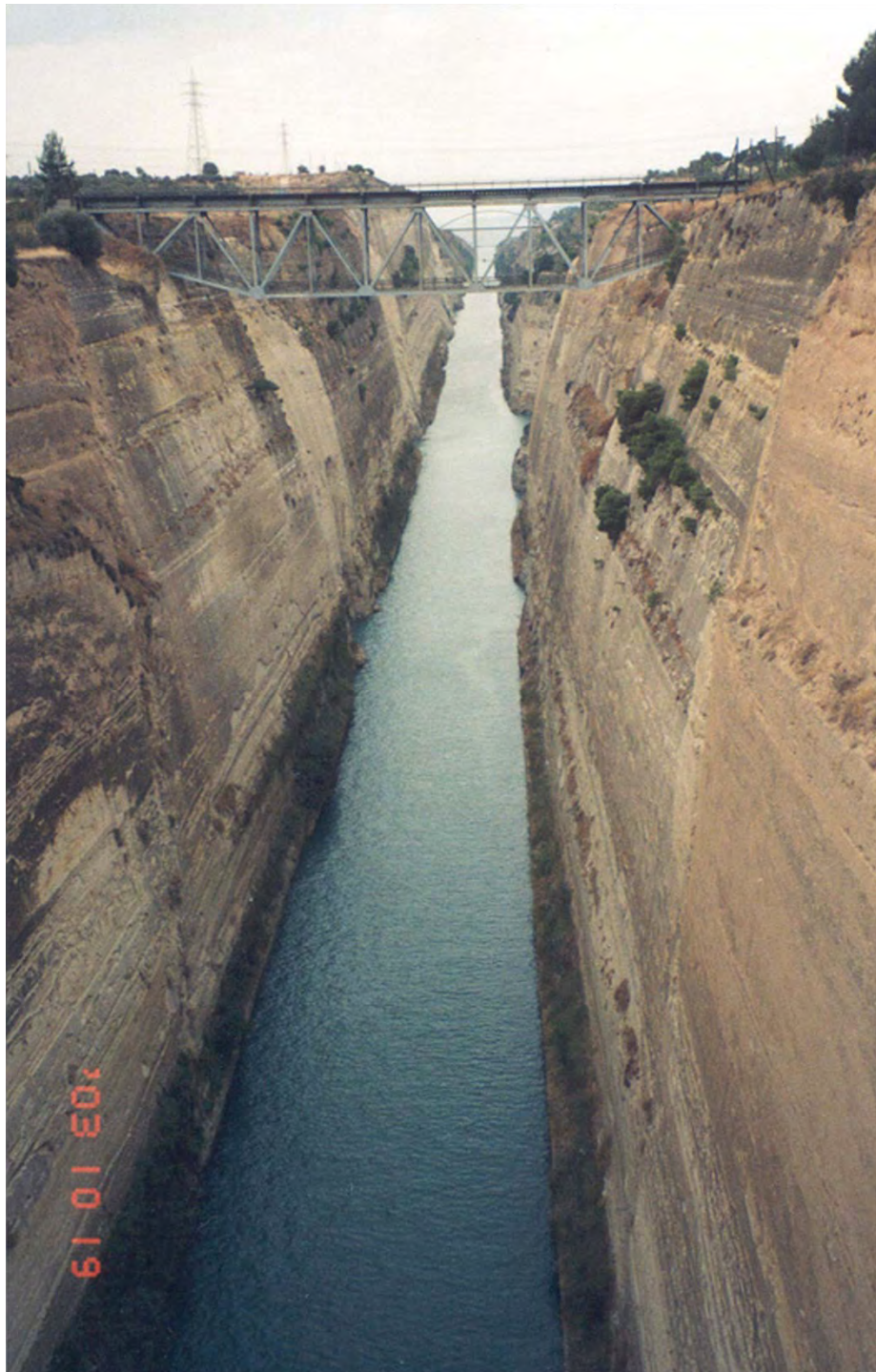
- Corinth was a seaport & major trade centre.
- Half of the population were slaves.
- On the 600 meter hill above the city sat the temple of Aphrodite with 1,000 priestess-prostitutes who catered to the citizens and the sailors passing through.
- To “live like a Corinthian” came to mean gross immorality and drunken debauchery.
- Paul ministered 18 months in Corinth before returning to Jerusalem.
- While on his 3rd missionary journey in Ephesus, he heard of the many problems plaguing the church in Corinth, so he wrote First Corinthians.



**Temple of Apollo in Corinth  
Corinthian Gulf behind**







## **The Corinth Canal**

**At the isthmus to the Peloponnese, looking west to the Corinthian Gulf.**

**The canal is 6.4 kms long.**

**Nero wanted to cut this channel 1950 years ago, but it was finally begun in 1882, and finished in 1893.**

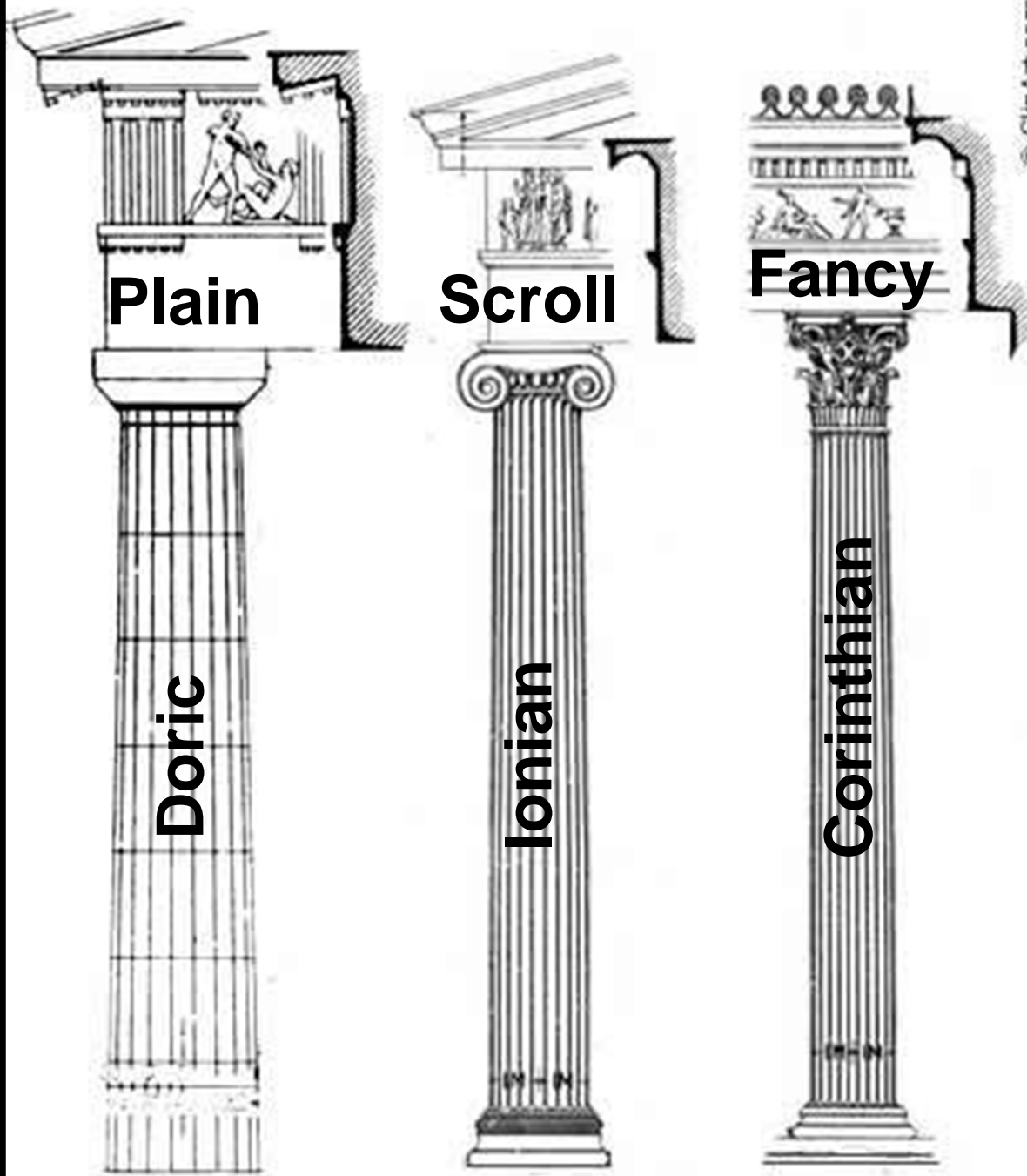
**It is 6 kms long from the Corinthian Gulf east to the Saronic Gulf.**

**In Paul's day 1,000s of slaves unloaded the ships, dragged ship and cargo overland and reloaded.**

**Capital**

**Column**

**Base**



Comparison of Greek Columns: Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian

# **The Acropolis of Corinth, 1800 high**

**On top  
was the Temple  
of Aphrodite, served by  
a 1,000 priestess prostitutes.**

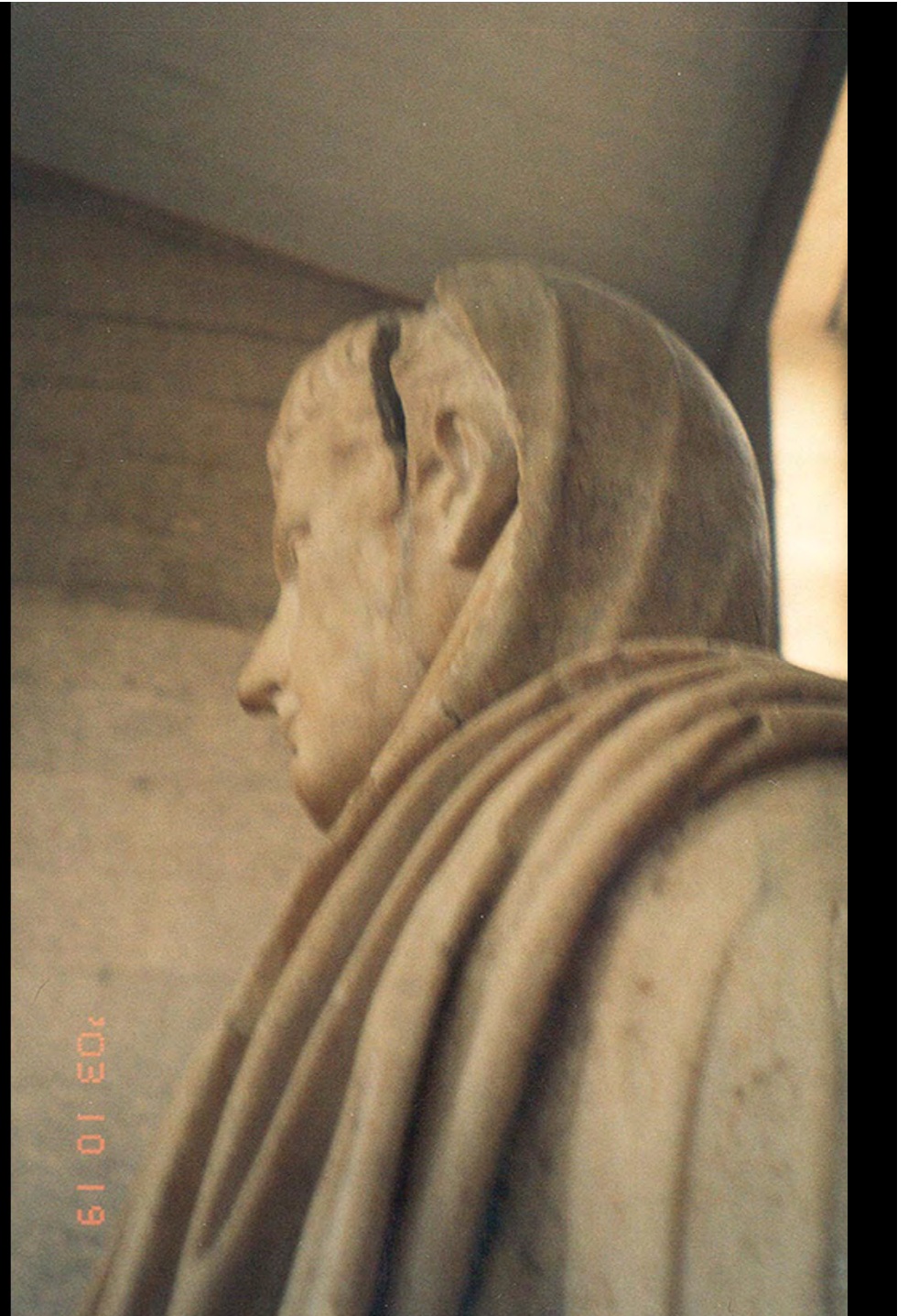
**Paul called the new believers  
to a life of purity. (I Cor. 6)**

**Ruins of ancient Corinth**

## **Museum in Corinth**

**This man had a  
a splitting headache**

**The Apostle Paul had  
a splitting heartache  
over the sins of the  
church in Corinth**



# KEY VERSES OF 1<sup>st</sup> CORINTHIANS

1:10

**“I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.”**

15:57-58

**“Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”**

# OVERVIEW OF I CORINTHIANS

MacArthur Study Bible (NASB), p.1696, revised by JR

1. Introduction: The blessings of saints 1:1-9
2. Divisions in the Church 1:10 -4:21
  - The Need for Unity 1:10 – 3:23
  - The Need for Servanthood Chapter 4
3. Immorality in the Church Chapters 5 – 6
4. Marriage in the Church Chapter 7
5. Liberty in the Church Chapters 8 – 10

# OVERVIEW OF I CORINTHIANS (cont.)

6. Worship in the Church 11:2 – 14:40
  - Roles of Men & Women in Church 11:2-16
  - The Lord's Supper 11:17-34
  - Spiritual Gifts Chapters 12 - 14
  - The Great Love Chapter Chapter 13
7. The Hope of the Church: Resurrection 15
8. Stewardship in the Church 16:1-4
9. Personal plans and Greetings 16:5-24

# INTRODUCTION TO SECOND CORINTHIANS

Paul wrote his second letter to Corinth on his 3<sup>rd</sup> missionary journey while in Macedonia, about 56 AD, Acts 20:1 - 4.





- After founding the church in Corinth, Paul heard a report about immorality in the church, so he wrote a letter (since lost) to confront sin (I Co 5:9).
- In Ephesus he heard further reports of trouble so he wrote 1st Corinthians. Paul sent Timothy to Corinth (I Cor. 4:17, 16:10-11) probably to deliver the letter, but also to minister to the Corinthian church for a while and then report back to Paul.
- Paul learned that false apostles (11:13) had arrived assaulting Paul's character and message.
- Paul went immediately to Corinth on a painful visit (2:1), returned to Ephesus and wrote a severe letter (2:4, now lost) and sent it with Titus to Corinth (7:5-16).

- A riot in Ephesus (Acts 19:21 – 20:1) forced Paul to leave and go to Troas, hoping for word from Titus. Not finding him, he went on to Macedonia to look for him (2:12-13).
- To Paul's great joy, Titus met him with good news that the majority of the Christians in Corinth had repented of their rebellion against Paul (7:7-16).
- Paul wrote 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians from Philippi:
  - to settle some still smoldering attitudes that could erupt again
  - to defend his apostleship (chapters 1 – 7)
  - to exhort them to give to the poor in Jerusalem (ch 8-9)
- Paul visited them the 3<sup>rd</sup> time (12:14, 13:1-2) and received their offering for the poor (Rom. 15:26).

# KEY VERSES OF 2<sup>ND</sup> CORINTHIANS

**4:7**

***“We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is of God and not of us.”***

**5:20**

***“We are Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”***

# OVERVIEW OF 2<sup>nd</sup> CORINTHIANS

Life Application Bible, Zondervan, p. 2092, revised by JR

1. Paul explains his actions 1:1-2:11
  - God comforts us 1:3-11
  - Paul's plans changed 1:12-2:4
  - Forgive the repentant sinner 2:5-11
  
2. Paul defends his ministry 2:12 – 7:16
  - Paul's ministry produced results 2:12 – 3:6
  - Paul preached a glorious New Covenant 3:7 – 18
  - Paul's clay jar, and ours, will be transformed 4:1 - 5:10
  - Paul's message is about reconciliation 5:11 – 6:2
  - Paul endured hardship in ministry 6:3 – 13
  - Paul warned about the unequal yoke 6:14 – 7:1
  - Paul rejoiced in ministry 7:2 – 16

# OVERVIEW OF 2<sup>ND</sup> CORINTHIANS (cont.)

- 3. Paul defends the collection 8:1 – 9:15**
- Paul encourages generosity 8:1 – 15
  - Paul sends Titus to facilitate 8:16 – 9:5
  - Paul teaches sowing much 9:6 – 15
- 4. Paul defends his authority 10:1 – 13:14**
- Paul's authority is from God 10:1 – 18
  - Paul challenges false apostles 11:1 – 15
  - Paul tells about his sufferings 11:16 – 33
  - Paul explains his vision & thorn 12:1 – 10
  - Paul gives final warnings 12:11 – 13:10
  - Paul gives final greetings 13:11 - 14



***5:17 “We must all appear before the (Bema) judgment seat of Christ, that each may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.”***

# INTRODUCTION TO GALATIANS

- -Galatia is a region in central Turkey.
- -Paul planted churches there during his first missionary journey (46 – 48 AD, Acts 13:4 to 14:28) in cities like Iconium, Lystra and Derbe.
- -Sometime before the Jerusalem Council of Acts 15 in 50 AD, Paul learned that his converts in the Galatian churches were being drawn away from the Gospel he preached by Judaizers.
- -Judaizers believed that besides faith in Jesus Christ, one must become a Jew and observe the old Mosaic law in order to be truly saved.
- -So Paul wrote the letter to the Galatians to strongly oppose this false teaching and to bring the Christians in Galatia back to the truth of the Gospel he had preached to them.
- -Paul evidently wrote Galatians about 49 AD, or he would have told them in his letter about the 50 AD decision the Jerusalem Council had made about this same issue.

# Galatians was written after Paul's 1st Missionary Journey AD 46-48. Acts 13:4 – 14:28





# OVERVIEW OF GALATIANS

1. Authenticity of the Gospel Chapters 1 – 2
  - Paul preached the only true Gospel chap 1
  - Paul defended the Gospel chap 2
2. Superiority of the Gospel Chapters 3 – 4
  - Salvation is by faith, not works chap 3
  - Salvation gives sonship, not slavery chap 4
3. Freedom of the Gospel Chapters 5 – 6
  - Christ gives freedom over sin chap 5
  - Christ gives freedom to do good chap 6

**You may bring up this PowerPoint lesson  
by going to**

**[www.jimreeseministries.com](http://www.jimreeseministries.com)**

**And clicking on  
“Walk Thru the NT”**