

MON) November 4**Ch. 9 - Only through God who shows mercy**

The doctrine of God's sovereignty and election recorded in this chapter gives comfort and peace to believers, but it can also be a stumbling block to unbelievers or those with weak faith. God chose Jacob and rejected Esau before Jacob and Esau were born, before they did anything good or evil. We cannot say that this sovereignty and election of God is unrighteous (v. 14). This is because a person's salvation does not depend on his efforts, but only on (.....) (v. 16).

Ch. 10 - Confess Jesus as Lord with your mouth

In order to be saved, how must we respond to the words of faith preached by verses 8-13?

- 1) Confess what with our mouth?
- 2) Believe what with our heart?

*We must read this passage keeping in mind that it was dangerous to publicly confess Jesus as Lord in a situation where emperor worship was forced upon them. Even in fear, those who call on the name of God and seek help from God will be saved.

Ch. 11 - Deep are the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

Apostle Paul understands and records God's plan and method of salvation for the Israelites and the Gentiles, and gives all glory to God. This is the only response that a creature and a sinner can give to God, the Creator and Savior. "Oh, the depth of the riches and (.....) and (.....) of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ... For (.....) him and (.....) him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen."

Ch. 12 - This is your spiritual worship.

Apostle Paul taught the doctrine of salvation that we are justified only by faith, but he also teaches that the fruit of salvation must be concretely and practically manifested in the lives of believers. Find a verse from today's reading that applies to you and write it.

TUE) November 5**Ch. 13 - All authorities are established by God**

This chapter teaches the attitude that Christians should have toward the order, laws, and authority of society and the nation. From whom does it say that all the authorities are established?

* However, this word should be considered together with what the apostles said to the Sanhedrin, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge." (Acts 4:19). Today is election day for the US presidential election. I pray that the president chosen by God will lead the nation in God's hands.

Ch. 14 - Pursue peace and mutual edification

Chapter 13 includes Paul's teaching on Christians' social life. In chapter 14, Paul teaches on Christians' life in the church. In particular, everyone who criticizes or despises a brother will stand before God's (judgment seat), and each will give an (.....) of himself to God. (vv. 10-12)

Ch. 15 - Serve each his neighbor for edification

Apostle Paul, who said that it is sin not to follow 'faith working through love' (Gal. 5:6) (14:23), urges believers to live with the heart to serve their neighbors, not themselves (vv. 1-2). What is the basis for the saints to live this way? (v. 3)

Ch. 16 - Greet my fellow workers

In this last chapter, Paul sends greetings to the saints in Rome (vv. 1-16) and sends greetings from those who are with him and are known to the Roman church (vv. 21-23). The text mentions 35 names, and the word 'greeting' appears 22 times. Write the names of people who fit the following descriptions:

- 1) The sister who ministers to the church in Cenchreae:
- 2) A couple of co-workers who gave their lives for Paul:

* How will I be remembered and called by other co-workers?

WED) November 6**1 Corinthians 1 - How is Christ divided?**

The church in Corinth was established during Paul's second missionary journey. Later, during his third missionary journey, while the apostle was in Ephesus establishing a church and serving for three years, he hears news about the church in Corinth and writes this letter. In this chapter, Paul hears from Chloe's household that there is a conflict in the church in Corinth. What was the cause of the conflict? (vv. 10-17)

Ch. 2 - Only by the manifestation and power of the Holy Spirit

Paul, who had previously rebuked the church for being divided around various leaders that they liked, reminds them of the gospel he had preached. Paul preached the gospel not only with words of wisdom, but on what did he rely? (We think that when we preach the gospel, we should use persuade with wise words, but the Bible does not say that.)

Ch. 3 - Only God makes it grow.

In this chapter, Paul compares the work of preaching the gospel and establishing Christians as a farmer (verses 6-10) and as a builder (verses 10-15). Paul, as a farmer, and planted the gospel (verse 6). Paul, as a builder, laid the foundation for (.....) (verse 11). It is God who will make this church grow and bear fruit.

Ch. 4 - Servants of Christ and those entrusted with the mysteries of God

In this chapter, Paul reaffirms the principle that

- 1) all stewards must be found (.....) to do the work entrusted to them by God, and that the judgment belongs only to the (.....). (1-5)
- 2) And as he announces that he will visit the church soon, he emphasizes that the kingdom of God is not in talk, but in (.....) (18-21).

THU) November 7**Ch. 5 - Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?**

Paul shifts the topic to the problem of incest in the church of Corinth. It is a big problem that this happened in the church. In addition, the church of Corinth easily judged and condemned the sins of people in the world outside the church, but it was silent or consistently tolerant about various problems that occurred within the church. According to the teachings of this chapter, how should we relate to someone who calls himself a brother commits fornication, is greedy, worships idols, insults, gets drunk, or cheats?

Ch. 6 - The unjust and deceitful

Here, Paul deals with the problem of lawsuits between church members (verses 1-11) and fornication (verses 12-20). It is surprising that there were such problems in the church of Corinth, and it seems that it was not much different from churches today. What are the consequences of committing injustice in the church and deceiving the saints and God (fornication, idolatry, adultery, prostitution, sodomy, thieves, covetousness, drunkenness, insults, and defrauders)? (vv. 9-10)

Ch. 7 - Remain with God in the state to which you were called

This chapter contains comprehensive teachings on the Christian life of marriage and singleness. In particular, verses 17-24 urge us to live in the state in which God's called, whether we are free or slaves, circumcised or uncircumcised, single or married. It is important to keep God's commandments and live in the place where we are, and to give glory to God. Write the words that are emphasized in verses 17, 20, and 24.

Ch. 8 - Be careful that your freedom does not become a stumbling block to those who are weak in faith.

The apostle deals with the question of whether it is permissible to eat meat (food) offered to idols. In fact, the issue is broadly about the freedom and virtue of believers. When a believer sins against his brother and wounds his weak faith, who is he sinning against?

FRI) November 8**Ch. 9 - To gain more people**

Here are additional teachings regarding the freedom of Christians (Chapter 8) related to the issue of eating food offered to idols. Paul states that, as a free man, someone who had met Christ, and the founder of the church in Corinth, he could exercise his rights and freedom. However, why did he not use these rights (v. 12) but made himself a slave to all (v. 19)?

Ch. 10 - Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God

Apostle Paul teaches the general principles of Christian life through the issue of food offered to idols. A Christian is not someone who speaks for himself and takes care of his own rights. He should not seek only his own rights and benefit, and thus become a stumbling block before the church and the saints. "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the (.....) of God. ... not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be (.....)."

Ch. 11 - Let a man examine himself and then drink this bread and cup

In this chapter, Paul deals with topics related to worship, such as the behavior of women during worship (vv. 2-16) and the issue of the Lord's Supper (vv. 17-34). What was the cause of the conflict over the Holy Communion in the Corinthian church at that time, and what was Paul's advice in response?

- 1) Cause of conflict (vv. 17-22):
- 2) Paul's exhortation (vv. 33-34):

Ch. 12 - The manifestation of the Spirit

In this chapter, Paul deals with the gifts of the Spirit, and teaches that the gifts themselves are not the key, but that it is important to establish the church correctly through the gifts. The gifts, offices, and ministries are all different and diverse, but what do they have in common? (vv. 4-7)

SAT) November 9**Ch. 13 - The best of these is love.**

The 'more excellent way' (12:31) that the apostle introduces is not some special mysterious gift of the Holy Spirit, as the Corinthians thought, but 'love.' Without love, even the best gift is of no use and is nothing. Which of the following does God desire most and is most necessary for the benefit of the community?

- 1) Tongues and the speaking of angels
- 2) Faith that can move mountains
- 3) The ability to prophesy
- 4) Sacrifice of the body by burning
- 5) Love

Ch. 14 - Do everything for edification

This chapter focuses on the gifts of tongues and prophecy, and presents specific guidelines for their use in worship. Also, more important than the use of the gifts of tongues and prophecy by a single saint is the exhortation, "What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for (.....) up."

Ch. 15 - Christ Becomes the Firstfruits

In this chapter, Paul deals with the Corinthian church's disbelief and skepticism about the resurrection. The apostle argues that such skepticism and disbelief about the resurrection of Christ shakes the foundation of faith, and that not believing in the resurrection is not believing in Christ. In teaching the resurrection of Christ, Paul says that the death came through a man, and the resurrection of the dead came through a man. Who are these men? (vv. 21-22)

Ch. 16 - If you do not love the Lord, you are to be accursed.

In this chapter, Paul concludes his letter with "If anyone has no (.....) for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come!" The key is whether one loves the Lord. The apostle does not say, "If one does not believe in the Lord." Because those who believe in the Lord love the Lord. Those who love the Lord love the church, which is the body of the Lord.