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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."* Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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### SUNDAY

Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM

(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

**Today's lesson:**

# Ekklesia

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## What Did Paul Find At Corinth?

**Robert Turner**

*via-The Auburn Beacon—12-12-2010*

It was on his second great journey that the apostle Paul came to Corinth. What did he find during the year and six months that he remained in that important commercial center? First, he found a Jew and his wife who were tentmakers by trade. Paul abode with Aquila and Priscilla because he was of the same craft. He worked with them in making tents (Acts 18:2,3). Second, he found a synagogue of the Jews. It was the custom of the Jews to build places of worship called synagogues wherever there might be enough Jews to justify the erection of such a house. Paul went into the synagogue each Sabbath to reason with the people and to try to persuade them to follow Jesus (Acts 18:4). Third, he found strong opposition. When the people who assembled at the synagogue opposed and blasphemed, he said, *"Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles"* (Acts 18:6). Fourth, he found some who were willing to obey the gospel. Crispus, chief ruler of the syna-

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gogue, believed on the Lord with all his house, and many of the Corinthians heard, believed, and were baptized (Acts 18:8). Fifth, he found encouragement. Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia. Their arrival gave new impetus to Paul's efforts. Furthermore, the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision and said, *"Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city"* (Acts 18:5,9,10).

### Later Developments

After Paul took his leave of the newly-established Corinthian church, Apollos went there from Ephesus and was a great help to the new converts (Acts 18:27,28). Many problems arose in the months that followed. A factional spirit was in evidence, discipline was neglected, brethren became involved in lawsuits against one another, dissension arose over eating meats sacrificed to idols, the Lord's supper was perverted, some began denying the resurrection of the dead, and there were abuses in connection with the exercise of spiritual endowments. Paul wrote a letter (1 Corinthians) designed to correct, instruct, and edify the church at Corinth. That letter was penned during the time that Paul was at Ephesus on his third journey.

From Macedonia another letter (2 Corinthians) was written by Paul to the Corinthians. In it he expressed uncertainty as to what he might find when he returned to Corinth. *"For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults: And lest when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail*

*many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed"* (2 Corinthians 12:20,21).

### What He Might Find

Note what Paul was fearful that he might find if he paid another visit to the brethren at Corinth:

**(1) Debates.** This refers to strife, wrangling, or contentions growing out of enmity. It is sad when God's people are found wrangling rather than working; contending against each other rather than contending for the faith. **(2) Envyings.** "Jealousy" is the word used here

in some translations. Paul told the Corinthians in the first letter that envying, strife, and divisions were proof that they were carnal or fleshly (1 Corinthians 3:3). **(3) Wraths.** This term points to hot anger or keen indignation. There were heated animosities growing out of the opposing factions in the church. **(4) Strifes.** Thayer defines the word as meaning a courting of distinction, the desire to put one's self forward, or a partisan spirit. "Disputes" is a good synonym. **(5) Backbitings.** The reference is to evil speaking especially slandering someone behind his back. **(6) Whisperings.** This applies to secret gossip that is repeated in hushed tones to defame someone. **(7) Swell-**

**ings.** Vine says the word denotes "a puffing up, swelling up with pride." Some preachers are troubled with this kind of swelling. **(8) Tumults.** The thought is that of disorder, confusion, and disturbance. One can catch a glimpse of the commotions in the Corinthian church by reading Paul's first letter.

It would be humiliating to Paul to find such evils as these in the church at Corinth. It would be more disheartening if he visited

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*—2 Corinthians 12:20,21*

them and found that they had not yet repented of other sins to which their attention had been called previously. What would Paul find in your community or mine, particularly among members of the church, if he could pay us a visit today? Would he commend, or rebuke?

## *Passing Judgment on others* *W. Leslie Riffe*

*"Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye;' and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." (Matthew 7:1-5)* Here, Jesus is speaking about the matter of judging. Do we have authority to pass judgment on others? If so, what type of judging is being forbidden?

We are all guilty of pointing out the faults of others and overlooking our own. After all, it is much easier to see when others are in error than it is to evaluate the problems in our own lives. It is much more "fun" to point out the faults of others than to admit to my own, and it is much less painful. Also, as with anything else, it becomes very easy to go overboard when we judge another's actions. We forget another very important truth taught by the Lord. *"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."* (John 7:24) Yet, many times what we are judging is the "appearance" instead of the substance.

A person's actions often represent what is in the heart. *"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a*

*man."* (Matthew 15:18) Can any of us read another's heart? Not unless the person reveals that information to us. God alone judges men's hearts. *"But the LORD said to Samuel, Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."* (1 Samuel 16:7) God has perfect judgment--men do not!

Many times, we may pass judgment on someone, and then we add to our mistake. How? We share our opinions and conclusions with others; which in turn, may cause them to form wrong impressions concerning the actions of another. This also "opens the door" for gossip and idle talking. What should we do? Why not go to that person FIRST and try to work out the difficulty? How can one person work out a problem that belongs to another? *"Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift."* (Matthew 5:23, 24)

If you think a person is in error, or making poor decisions that can endanger the soul, try to help the person, rather than to hurt them more. Can we just assume anything in a given situation? Go to the person, with love and understanding, tell him/her your deep concerns about what is being done. Three things can happen. One, they might not have considered some of the things which you have brought to their attention. Second, you might find out some things you did not know before about the situation. Third, you may come to understand that it comes down to a matter of personal judgment. While you may not agree with their judgment — it is their choice.

Jesus is condemning "hypocritical judging." Sometimes what people really need is a dose of their "own medicine." Would you want others to go to everyone else about a problem they think you have, or come to you first? To ask the question is to answer it! Let us be very careful about how we judge others.

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Harold Marshall
Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Wayne Campbell
Scripture	Mark 10:1-27
Reader	Matt Ferrell
Prayer	Tim Henderson
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Ken Prager
Fruit of the Vine	Nathan Marshall
Serve	Terry Smith
Serve	Dan Marton
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

## Sunday PM

Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Wayne Campbell
Scripture	Mark 10:28-52
Reader	Chuck Isinghood
1st Prayer	Bryan Legg
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Matt Ferrell
Closing Prayer	Ken Prager

## Wednesday

Class Prayer	Bryan Legg
Announcements	Ed Roberts
Song Leader	Singing/Praying
Invitation	Harold Marshall
Closing Prayer	Don Coen, Jr.

# *News N Notes*

**Congratulations** to Ken & Paula Prager as they welcome Addison Kenslie to their family. Congratulations as well to Lydia for becoming a big sister.

**Please remember these in your prayers:**

### **Sick/ Poor Health:**

- Don & Phyllis Coen
- Zeda Goddard is at her daughters
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband.
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law diagnosed with brain cancer.
- Grace Lancaster
- Ronald Lancaster, had an endoscopy done this week, it revealed a severe infection in his intestines, he is in Weirton Hospital
- Virginia Mallick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.
- Trudell Tennant

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

#### **Brightwood Center:**

- Shirley Campbell

#### **Carriage Inn:**

- Kitty Morgan

#### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson