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THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH IN CORINTH ACTS CHAPTER 18



THE REPORT
(SEE 1 CORINTHIANS 1:11)

2 CORINTHIANS

FORGET PAUL!
THE FIRST LETTER
(1 COR)

"THE PAINFUL VISIT"
(2 CORINTHIANS 2:1)

OH MAN, WE WERE WRONG.
THE SECOND LETTER
(2 COR 2:3-4, 7:8-12)

I STILL LOVE YOU GUYS!

1-7

PAUL RECONCILES WITH THE CORINTHIANS

1-2a
OPENING PRAYER



PRaise the
GOD WHO
COMFORTS
US IN OUR
TROUBLES!
(1:3-4)

WHY DID THEY REJECT PAUL?



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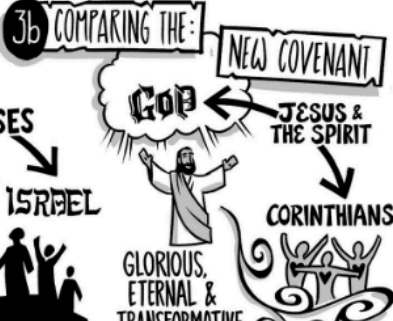
2b
TRUE CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP:
NOT ABOUT STATUS



3a
LETTERS OF
RECOMMENDATION



WHAT!? YOU
ARE MY LETTER OF
RECOMMENDATION,
WRITTEN BY
THE SPIRIT. (3:2-4)



1-7
THE PARADOX
OF THE CROSS



THE CROSS REVEALS:

- GOD'S SALVATION
JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS
- GOD'S CHARACTER
SELF-GIVING LOVE
- A NEW 'CRUCIFORM'
WAY OF LIFE
IMITATING THE CROSS

CORINTHIANS



HUMILITY
SUFFERING
POVERTY

PROOF THAT PAUL
AUTHENTICALLY REPRESENTS
THE CRUCIFIED & RISEN JESUS



Corinthian Church Really Hopes That Embarrassing Letter Paul Wrote About All Their Sexual Immorality Doesn't Become Public

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CORINTH — With the congregation of believers still dealing with the fallout from multiple scandals, the Corinthian church expressed hope that the letter the Apostle Paul wrote about all their sexual immorality wouldn't become public.

The letter, a stinging rebuke from the church's founding apostle, confronted multiple members for their objectionable behaviors. It left the believers convicted and committed to changing their ways, but worried about what could happen if the general public ever somehow found out about the situation.

"It's not like this letter will ever be passed around to other groups of people, right?" asked Sosthenes, a member of the Christian church in Corinth. "We've been dealing with some pretty messy stuff. We're ready to own it and acknowledge all the ways we've gone wrong, but we just hope Paul's letter stays on the 'down low' and nobody else hears about it. That would be really embarrassing."

Other members of the church voiced the same concern. "Hopefully, this all just stays among us here," said one man who asked to remain anonymous because he had been outed for having an affair with his stepmother. "Paul really called us out on the carpet, and rightfully so, but if this all became public knowledge, we'd all look pretty bad. Paul's an upstanding guy, though, so I doubt this news will get spread around. I mean, what's going to happen? It's not like they're going to round up a bunch of letters Paul wrote to different churches and publish them in one collected volume or anything like that. No, I think we're good."

At publishing time, the congregation of the Corinthian church had grown significantly more concerned after a courier brought them a copy of a letter Paul had written to the believers in Rome.

