

Paul and the Corinthians

- 1. Paul started the church at Corinth on his Second Missionary Journey beginning in the Synagogue and then moving to a house next door (Acts 18:1-22).
- 2. Paul wrote a letter to the church, which we do not have, addressing, at least, the issue of sexually immoral people (5:9).
- 3. Paul writes 1 Corinthians to correct the church and answer questions but gets no response / repentance.
- 4. Paul visits the church (2 Cor. 1:15; 2:1) with no response.
- 5. Paul writes another letter we do not have (2 Cor. 2:4). They respond positively to this letter.
- 6. Paul writes 2 Corinthians to address criticism of his apostleship and reaffirm his concern for them.

Corinthian Culture

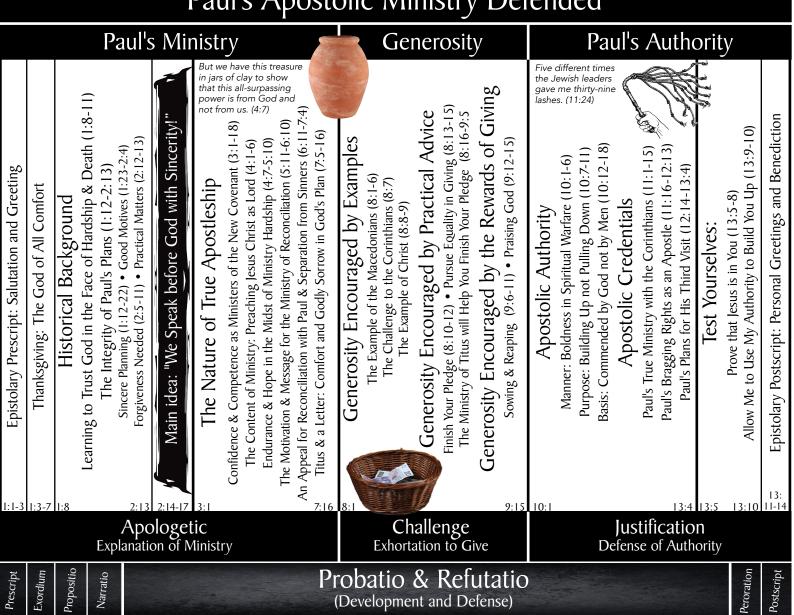
A city between the ports of Cencherea and Lechaion and only 45 miles from Athens, Corinth was a hub for shipping, trade and all sorts of entertainment.

The Temple of Aphrodite
(Love Goddess) was a central
feature of Corinth and had, at one
time, more than 1000 female
prostitutes leading to the
characterization of a prostitute as
a "Corinthian Woman."

The Isthmian Games, held every two years, were a huge attraction making the city an major athletic training center.

2 Corinthians: The Purity of Paul's Ministry

Paul's Apostolic Ministry Defended



Paul, who had already written to the Corinthian church three times and visited them twice to straighten out significant problems, wrote to the church defending his conduct as an Apostle and his financial accountability in order to defend his integrity and affirm his concern for them and warn them to take positive action against the false teachers who were attacking his authority and doctrine.