

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are beginning a new series on Letters to New Christians: 1st and 2nd Corinthians. Today's topic: PAUL'S MINISTRY IN CORINTH

1) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ

- a. 1 Corinthians 1:1, 2 Corinthians 1:1 How did Paul identify himself when writing to Christians in Corinth? (see also Romans 1:1)
- b. What is the significance of the words “by/through the will of God”? Galatians 1:1
- c. According to the Apostle Peter (Acts 1:21-22), an apostle needed to be a witness of Christ's resurrection. Did Paul qualify? 1 Corinthians 15:3-10 (see also Acts 9:1-6)
- d. Share a time when you realized your great need for a closer relationship with God. How did you become aware of your great need?

2) Paul's ministry in Macedonia and Athens

- a. Why did the Paul include Macedonia in his second missionary journey? Acts 16:6-10
- b. What cities in Macedonia did Paul visit before traveling south to Athens and Corinth?
- c. What lessons did Paul learn in Athens before traveling southwest on the Peloponnesian peninsula to Corinth? Acts 17:16-21, 22-31, 32-34

3) Paul's ministry in Corinth

- a. What do you know about the ancient city of Corinth?
- b. How did Dr. Luke describe Paul's first visit to Corinth? Acts 18:1-8

- c. Why did Paul devote time to tent-making when there were so many in Corinth who needed to hear the good news about Jesus?
- d. What lesson can we learn from Paul's transition from the synagogue in Corinth to the house of Justus?
- e. What message from the Lord convinced Paul to extend his stay in Corinth? Acts 18:9-11
- f. Who opposed Paul's ministry in Corinth and what unexpected support did he receive? Acts 18:12-17
- g. What lessons can we learn from Paul's experience in Corinth for our lives today?

4) Paul's letters to Christians in Corinth

- a. How many letters did Paul write to Christians in Corinth and why did he write them? 1 Corinthians 1:2-3, 4:14, 2 Corinthians 2:4, 2 Peter 1:19-21
- b. Where was Paul located when he wrote his first letter to Christians in Corinth? 1 Corinthians 16:5-9
- c. Who alerted Paul regarding some challenges Christians were facing in the church in Corinth? 1 Corinthians 1:11
- d. Who wrote a letter to Paul seeking counsel about various issues regarding how to live as followers of Jesus in a pagan culture? 1 Corinthians 7:1a
- e. What are some challenges we are facing today as followers of Jesus? Where can we turn for wise counsel? Psalm 32:8, 119:105, John 16:13, etc.

