



CORINTH

This morning, Pastor Jim will begin a series of messages on II Corinthians. He will, as always, give us a spiritual blessing as we go through the book. I thought I would cover the not so spiritual parts.

As you can see, I have included a map of Corinth. According to Easton's Bible Dictionary,

CORINTH is a Grecian city, on the isthmus which joins the Peloponnesus to the mainland of Greece. It is about 48 miles west of Athens. The ancient city was destroyed by the Romans (B.C. 146), and that mentioned in the New Testament was quite a new city, having been rebuilt about a century afterwards and peopled by a colony of freedmen from Rome. It became under the Romans the seat of government for Southern Greece or Achaia (Acts 18:12-16). It was noted for its wealth, and for the luxurious and immoral and vicious habits of the people. It had a large mixed population of Romans, Greeks, and Jews. When Paul first visited the city (A.D. 51 or 52), Gallio, the brother of Seneca, was proconsul. Here Paul resided for eighteen months (18:1-18). Here he first became acquainted with Aquila and Priscilla, and soon after his departure Apollos came to it from Ephesus. After an interval he visited it a second time, and remained for three months (20:3). During this second visit his Epistle to the Romans was written (probably A.D. 55). Although there were many Jewish converts at Corinth, yet the Gentile element prevailed in the church there.

If there ever was a city on Paul's travels that needed the Gospel, it was Corinth. Because of the nature of the city, the church had many problems. Most of these were addressed in Paul's first epistle.



As one preacher put it, "the problem was not that the church was in Corinth but that there was too much Corinth in the Church."



The Temple of Apollo in Corinth (I Cor. 6:9-11)

P.S. Definition of a *Paul Bearer*

The mailman who delivered the letters to Corinth and other churches!

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