

The Church at Corinth - 1 Corinthians

Chapter 16

The Collection of Saints and the Need to Love

In this chapter, Paul gives directions about some charitable collection to be made in this church, for the afflicted and impoverished churches in Judea. He talks of paying them a visit, recommends Timothy to them, and tells them Apollos intended to come to them. Paul presses them to watchfulness, constancy, charity, and to pay a due regard to all who helped him and his fellow-labourers in their work. After salutations from others, and his own, he closes the epistle with a solemn admonition to them, and his good wishes for them.

The Collection of the Saints – Verses 1-4

Instructions Concerning Taking Up the Collections – Verses 1-2

- The Same as those given the churches of Galatia – verse 1 (2 Cor 8:1, 3; 9:1-4)
- Each first day of the week, give as you have been prospered – verse 2 (Act 20:7; 1 Tim 17-19; Eph 4:28)

Instruction Concerning Sending the Collection – Verses 3-4

- Sent with an approved representative of the church – verse 3 (2 Cor 8:16-21)
- If deemed appropriate, Paul will join them in going to Jerusalem – verse 4

Personal Plans and Related Comments – Verses 5-12

Paul's Plan – Verses 5-9

- To see them after passing through Macedonia – verses 5-7
- To remain in Ephesus until Pentecost, a door of opportunity has opened for him – verses 8-9

Concerning Timothy and Appollos – Verses 10-12

- Allow him to come without fear – verse 10 (1 Tim 4:12; 2 Tim 1:17)
- Do not despise him, but send him to Paul in peace – verse 11
- Though urged by Paul, he chose not to go to Corinth at that time – verse 12

Concluding Exhortations, Greetings, and Solemn Farewell (13-24)

Final Exhortations – Verses 13-18

- Exhortation to steadfastness and love – verses 13-14 (1 Cor 13:4-7, 14:1)

- Exhortation to submit to the household of Stephanus and others like him, who refresh spirits of those who knew them – verses 15-18 (1 Cor 1:16)

Greetings – Verses 19-21

- From the churches of Asia, Aquila and Priscilla, and others – verses 19-20a (Rom 16:3-5)
- Greet one another with a holy kiss – verse 20b

Solemn Farewell – Verses 22-24

- Warning about not Loving Jesus, with a plea for His coming – verse 22 (Joh 3:36; Gal 1:8-9)
- A prayer for grace and an expression of love for those in Christ Jesus – verse 23