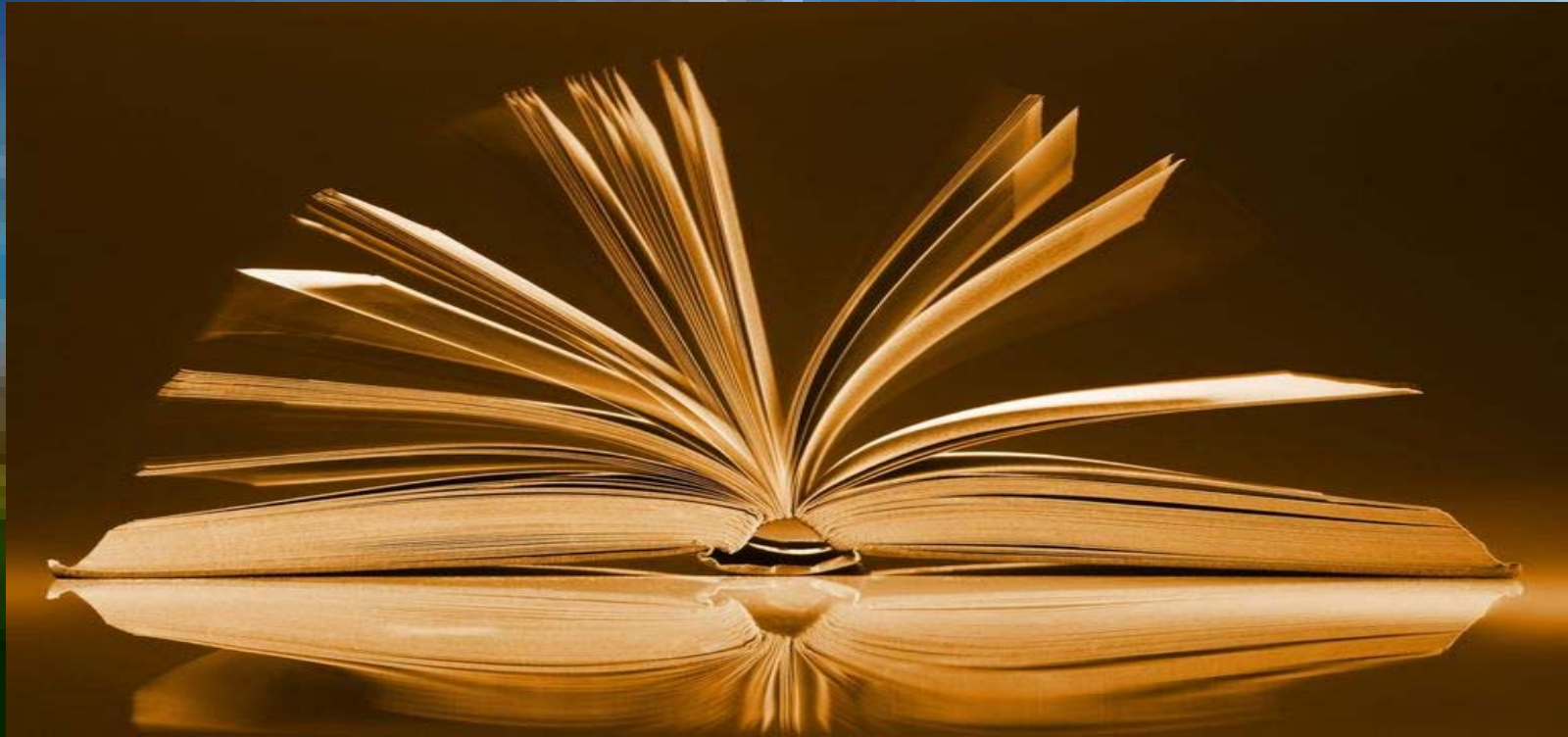


Good Morning
and
Welcome to Genesis the Church.



***This Morning We Continue our Journey
In the N.T. Epistle of I Corinthians!***

The Text:
1 Corinthians 3:10-4:5!



The Title:

Paul's Gentle Scolding Continues!



The Theme:

Is given in the form of a warning!

***The warning is to remind us of the importance
of our testimony before the unsaved!***

***The Sin of Self-Centeredness
Brings Shame Upon the Name
of Our Savior!***

This morning we continue our journey by picking up where we left off last week. And as we continue, it is imperative that we remember the setting of this particular church – The Great City of Corinth!



The City of Corinth!

A thriving and prosperous city.

Located in the center of the civilized world.

The vacation spot for the rich and famous.

Its stores and hotels where constantly full.

The main land route passed through the city.

The busiest seaport in the world (diolkos).

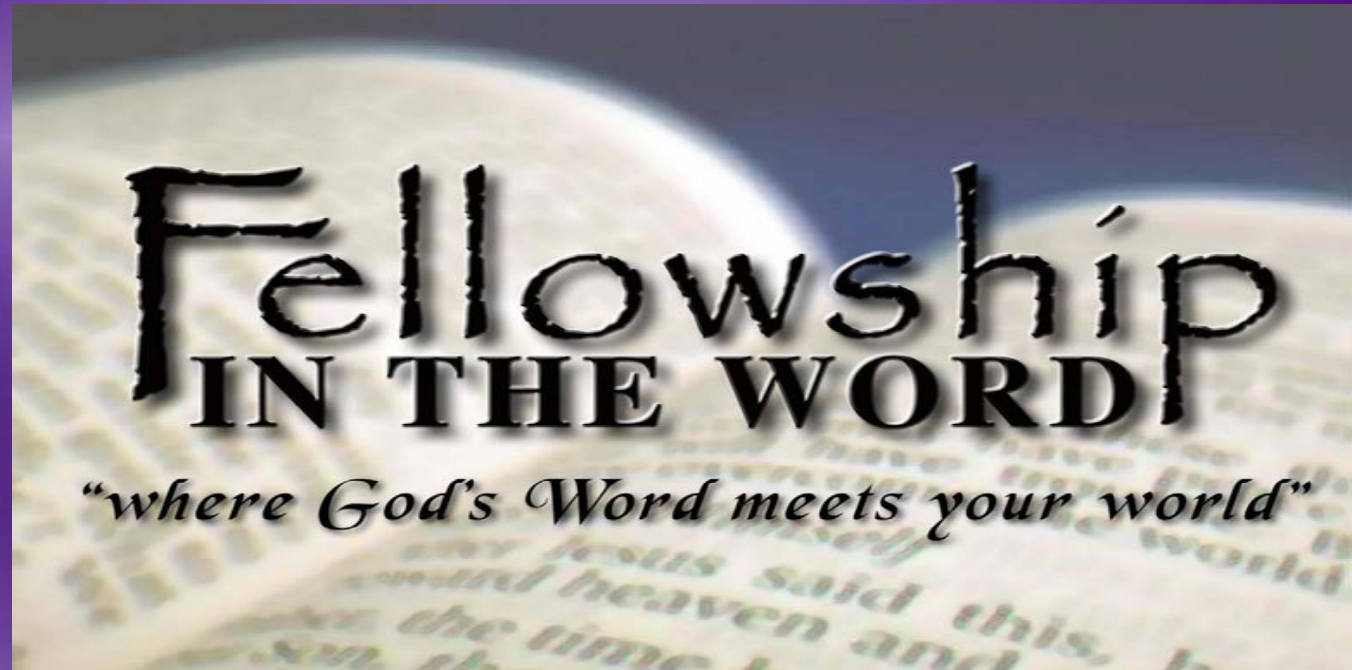
Streets were crowded daily with people.

It is because of Corinth's strategic location that God will drive Paul through Macedonia and into the city of Corinth so that the message of the Gospel could spread throughout the entire Roman world.



Let's Get Familiar With Today's Text!

1 Corinthians 3:10-4:5!



This morning the apostle Paul will focus on the importance of having a godly testimony.

A testimony that reveals the believer's faithfulness and commitment for his/her Lord as he/she lives among the lost of this world.



Overview Of Our Journey

- I. (1:1-17) The **Conflict** in the Church!
- II. (1:18-2:16) The **Cause** of the Conflict!
- III. (3:1-4:5) The **Consequences** of
the Conflict!



III. (3:1-4:5) The Consequences of the Conflict:

A. (3:1-9) The Believer's Growth is STUNTED!



B. (3:10-4:5) The Believer's Rewards are STOLEN!



This morning Paul

***builds on the words of the prophet
Isaiah as recorded for us in 2:9.***

***His goal is to remind us about the
eternal treasures we willingly give up
when we choose to live like the unsaved
world and strive for the temporal
treasures of this world!***

This Morning's Teaching Builds On 1 Corinthians 3:9!

The men you choose to focus on (Paul, Apollos, Peter) are God's instruments to proclaim His love through the Gospel.

In other words you (Corinthians) are God's focus, His field (means of harvest), His building (temple / H.S. dwelling place).

Matthew 5:13-16 / Testimony!

“Who is a Wise Servant?”

1. (3:10) A Wise Servant is Someone Who ...

a. Wants no recognition from men! Why?

- 1.) Because he is “**of God**” he understands that any and all fruit is God’s doing.
- 2.) Because any and all fruit comes from God, his actions are the result of God’s wondrous “**grace**” and not his works.
- 3.) He understands that all he is doing is “**like**” a builder who is simply following God’s blue print to produce a great product.

“Who is a Wise Servant?”

1. (3:10) A Wise Servant is Someone Who ...

b. Works willingly with others!

- 1.) I laid the foundation – The hard part is getting dirty.
- 2.) Apollos build upon it – The place was ready for him.
- 3.) It was God who made it all possible – Thru Christ.

Note / Confusion:

In verses 11-15 Paul is not talking about a person earning or losing his salvation. Instead he is talking about the believer earning or losing his rewards. Here the focus is on the coming judgment seat of Christ which will occur in heaven, after the church's rapture. The immediate context and the coming teaching (15:51-58) will help to clarify this!

“Who is a Wise Servant?”

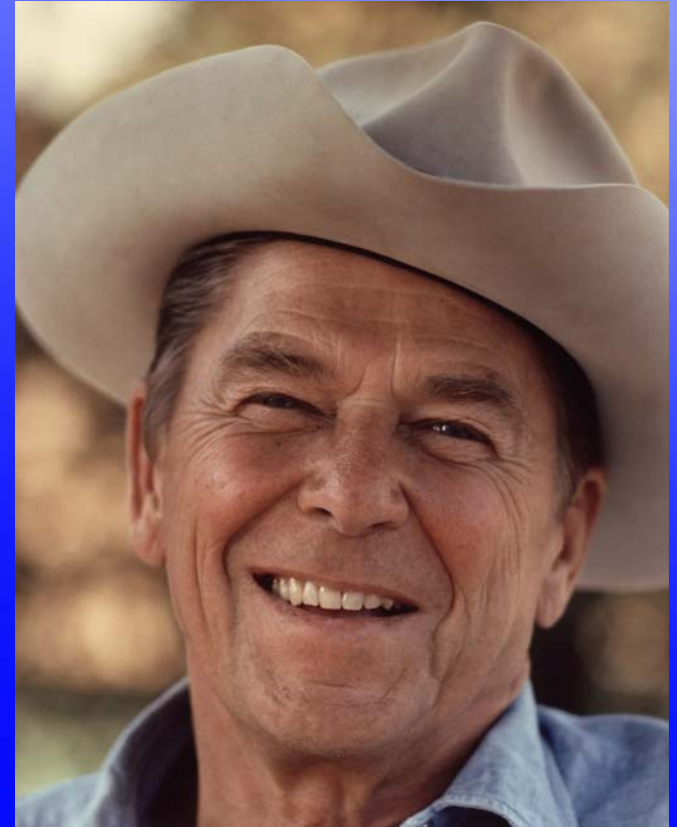
2. (3:11-15) A Wise Servant is Someone Who ...

a. (v.11a) Does not draw attention
to his SERVICE!

b. (v.11b) Draws attention to his SAVIOR!

Ronald Reagan Our 40th President!

Proverbs 17:28 – Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.



“Who is a Wise Servant?”

2. (3:11-15) A Wise Servant is Someone Who ...

c. (v.12-15) Doesn't want to SUFFER loss!

1.) (3:12-13a) He knows his actions have Results.

a.) Faithful service = eternal reward. (Rev.21:9f)

b.) Foolish service = temporary reward.

2.) (3:13b-15) He knows the judgment is Real.

a.) Works of obedience are Lasting.

b.) Works of disobedience are Lost.

“Who is a Wise Servant?”

3. (3:16-23) A Wise Servant is Someone Who ...

a. (3:16-20) UNDERSTANDS Paul's message!

b. (3:21-23) UNCOMPROMISING While serving!

1.) Esther 7:7f ... We like Haman can suddenly find
ourselves hanging on our own gallows!

2.) Psalm 9:11 ... The Lord knows the thoughts of man,
that they are a mere breath!

“Who is a Wise Servant?”

4. (4:1-5) A Wise Servant is Someone Who ...
 - a. (4:1) APPLIES Paul's teaching!
 - b. (4:2-4) ACKNOWLEDGES Paul's concern!
 - c. (4:5) AWAITS the Lord's return!

Next Week Our Journey Continues!

I. (1:1-17) The **CONFLICT** in the Corinthian church!

II. (1:18-2:16) The **CAUSE** of the conflict!

III. (3:1-4:5) The **CONSEQUENCES** of the conflict!

IV. (4:6-21) The **CURE** for the conflict!

