

# BROOKVILLE ROAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

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1 Corinthians 14 | Part 1 Week 1 | March 12, 2023

# Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-3.

What should we be pursuing? (v. 1) What is the gift of prophecy for? (v. 3)

# Read Deuteronomy 18:20-22.

What were the guidelines that God gave in order to determine if a prophet was truly from God?

How would you define the difference between a miracle of God and the providence of God?

#### Read Acts 2:22.

What are some of the miracles that you recall Jesus performing?

## Read 2 Corinthians 12:12.

What are the signs of a true Apostle?

#### Read Acts 19:11-12.

What are the supernatural gifts mentioned here?

Where would've Paul gotten/needed aprons and handkerchiefs? (See Acts 18:3)

Some note that later in Paul's ministry the power to heal may not have been at his disposal. (See 2 Timothy 4:20, Philippians 2:25-27, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

## Read 1 Corinthians 12:28-31.

Who appoints members of the body to their positions? (vv. 28-29) Why is this significant?

What are the offices listed here? Which gifts are listed?

What idea did Paul introduce as he concluded chapter 12?

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1 Corinthians 14:1-40 | Part 2 Week 2 | March 19, 2023

# Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-5.

What is the relationship between spiritual gifts and love? (v. 1)

Why is prophecy better than speaking in tongues? (v. 1)

What is the purpose of prophecy? (v. 3)

Is Paul saying that every Christian should speak in tongues? That every Christian should prophesy? (v. 5; see 1 Cor. 12:27-31)

## Read 1 Corinthians 14:6-19.

What analogies does Paul make between speaking in tongues in church and musical instruments? What is the point of these comparisons? (vv. 6-9)

What are the two primary limitations of tongues? How should those limitations be addressed? (vv. 14, 17)

What is the point of the phrase "Nevertheless, in the church?" (v. 19)

## Read 1 Corinthians 14:20-33.

What is the benefit to unbelievers if they visit a church service where prophecy occurs? (vv. 24-25)

How should the use of tongues be regulated in church? (vv. 27-28)

How should the exercise of prophecy be regulated in church? (vv. 29-31)

# Read 1 Corinthians 14:34-40.

What is the point Paul is making in verses 36-38?

What can you do with the gift(s) that the Lord has given you to build up the body of Christ this week?

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# Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-11.

What is Paul reminding them of in the first two verses?

Define "gospel." Why is the gospel important? (v. 1)

What are the basic facts of the gospel according to verses 3-5?

What is left of the gospel if Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead?

Based on the Bible, how many eyewitnesses are necessary to confirm something?

Who did Jesus reveal Himself to following His resurrection? (vv. 5-8)

In what sense was Paul the least of the apostles? (v. 9)

How did Paul compare his work to that of other apostles? (v. 10)

Based on the verses below, what benefits do we receive as a result of Jesus' sacrifice and our commitment to follow Him? See 2 Corinthians 5:17, Acts 1:8, Romans 5:1, Romans 8:37-39.

What does the fact of Jesus rising from the dead mean to you personally? How should that knowledge affect the way that you live your life?

# Read 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.

What were some Corinthians saying that troubled Paul? (v. 12)

If Christ had not in fact been raised, what would be true of Christianity and Christians? (vv. 14-19)

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28.

What is "the end?" (vv. 24-25)

What will be the last enemy destroyed? (v. 26)

What does it mean for all things to be "under his feet?" Who is the exception to subjection to Jesus? (v. 27ff)

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:29-34.

Is Paul suggesting that we baptize people on behalf of those who are dead? In other words, can people be saved vicariously? (v. 29)

If people are not saved vicariously, what does Paul mean by using this line of thinking?

What would be true if the dead were not raised? (v. 32)

Knowing, as a Christian, that death is not the end, how does that affect your life now?

# Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-41.

What analogy did Paul use to explain the body's death and resurrection? (vv. 36-38)

How did Paul explain the resurrection body? (vv. 39-41)

# Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-49.

How does the body on earth differ from the body in heaven? (vv. 42-44)

Who are the first man Adam and the last Adam in 15:45? What is the point? (See 1 Cor. 15:20-22)

## Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.

What do verses 51-52 refer to?

How can we obtain victory over sin and death? (vv. 55-57)

Based on the passages we have read, what kind of body will we have for the rest of eternity? How will that body be different from the one we have now?

What are you looking forward to the most about being in heaven?

## Read 1 Corinthians 16:1-4.

For whom was the collection that Paul requested? (v. 1)

What is significant about the "first day of the week?" (v. 2)

What does it mean "as he may prosper?" (v. 2)

Does verse 2 require people to lay money aside at home or at the church?

Who was to deliver the gift to Jerusalem? (v. 3) And why would letters of introduction be important for those delivering the gift? (v. 4)

What do the following verses tell us about the attitude of the giver? (See 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, 2 Corinthians 8:1-3, Deuteronomy 15:10, 1 Chronicles 29:9)

## Read Matthew 6:19-24.

Where did Jesus urge His followers not to "store up treasures?" Why? (v. 19)

Why would Jesus even address money and possessions in His teaching?

Why do you think that many people have a difficult time discussing money and possessions?

How can we begin to live in such a way that money does not dominate our life and our thinking?

# Read 1 Corinthians 16:5-11.

What were Paul's plans after going through Macedonia? (vv. 5-6)

Why was Paul informing the Corinthian church about his plans? (vv. 6-9)

Where had Paul been writing the letter to the Corinthians (v. 8)

Read 1 Corinthians 16:12-14

What were Paul's specific instructions on how to live? (v. 13-14) Why were these qualities needed?

What do the following verses have to say about strength? 1 Timothy 6:11-12, Ephesians 6:10-11, Nehemiah 4:14, Joshua 1:9

Where should our strength ultimately come from? See Philippians 4:13, Isaiah 40:28-31; 41:10

Read 1 Corinthians 16:15-24

How were the Corinthians to treat those who labored for God? (v. 16)

How did Paul authenticate his letter? (v. 21)

What closing thoughts did Paul leave with the Corinthians? (vv. 22-24)

How do you think people in our day would respond to Paul's closing comment in verse 22?