

Kids' Chronicle

Paul writes a letter to Corinth

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Dear Friends:
Greetings to all of you who have been called by God to be his people. He wants us to worship in the spirit together with our Christians brothers, wherever they may be. And may you be blessed with the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus.

I have heard that you have been having arguments about how to worship and serve God. This should not be happening. You should be in agreement with each other so that God will be glorified. You were not baptized in the names of Peter or Paul, but in the name of Jesus. You should therefore be united in your faith to please God.

Christ died on the cross for our sins. Then he rose again. This is a great mystery that is impossible to understand unless we believe in God's power. God is using us to share his message with the world. We who are foolish have been charged with sharing the good news of God's wisdom.

We must not think of ourselves as if we have the wisdom of God. It is only by God's grace that we are able to know him at all. If we keep that thought in mind, it will be much easier for us to put aside the differences between us and worship God with a spirit of brotherhood.

God has set us free. Let us not brag about the things God has done, as if we had done them ourselves. Rather, let us share God's love with each other and be grateful for what he has done for us. After all, even the prophet Jeremiah told us to do as much. Do we try to fool our-



Illustration by Amy Sundstrom

selves into thinking we are greater than such a prophet?

I was fortunate to have received an education from some of my home's greatest teachers. But I do not brag about this. When I was with you, I preached the message of Christ with simplicity and humility. As a matter of fact, I was very nervous. It was only God's goodness that allowed me to speak in front of your assemblies at all. I am sharing this with you so that you will know that God can use anyone, regardless of his or her abilities, to show

the wonders of his love.

Let us all strive to be the kind of people God is able to use for such a purpose.

Q&A

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Q: 1. Why did Paul write to the Corinthians?

2. What did Paul say about wisdom and foolishness?

Bible Accent



Scholars of the Bible believe that Paul, with help from Silvanus and Timothy, established a church in the Greek city of Corinth about fifteen years after the death of Christ. Many of the parishioners of the first church in Corinth were Gentiles who were part of the working class of the city. However, there were also wealthy citizens and politicians who attended.

Unfortunately, some of the Corinthians thought it was more important to possess gifts of the spirit than it was to acknowledge the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This caused many arguments among the people.

When Paul learned of these problems, he wrote the first of his letters to the parishioners of Corinth. He explained the purposes of God's gifts and the meaning of the resurrection. Then he encouraged them to come to agreement when he said the most important thing to do was to strive to receive God's love. If they did that, everything else would fall into place.

Saint Titus

Titus was a Gentile — a non-Jewish person — who traveled frequently with Paul, serving both as the apostle's journal-ist and as his companion. Paul appointed him the first Bishop of Crete.



According to Paul's letter to him, Titus was charged with selecting elders to serve in the different churches of Crete. Paul described the qualities of the church leaders in great detail. Titus carried out his duties so well, Paul referred to him as his "true son in the faith." Titus died in Crete when he was 93. We honor him on January 26.

Trivia



What other person helped Paul write this letter to the Corinthians? (1 Cor. 1) Send your answer to: Catholic Courier Bible Trivia, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Please include your name, address and school name.

All entries must be received by Feb. 8, 1996. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted.

The last winner was Katharine Facci a student at Webster's St. Rita's School. She correctly identified Bethlehem as King David's birthplace.

Puzzle

Cross out the names of books that are not part of the New Testament. Answers can be found below.

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| Matthew | Malachi | Jude |
| Appollos | Colossians | Nicodemus |
| Paul | James | Luke |
| Timothy | Jesse | Acts |
| Mark | Solomon | Recreations |

These books are not part of the New Testament
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Solomon
Appollos
Paul
Malachi
Recreations
Jesse

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