



Paul and Corinth

Acts 18-20; 1 and 2 Corinthians

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Corinth

- Greek city destroyed in 132 BC
- Re-built by Julius Caesar in 44 BC as a Roman colony
- Strategic location on isthmus between Peloponnesus and Greece
- Acro-Corinth was home to many shrines - largest the Temple to Aphrodite
- Home to the Isthmian Games
- Massive building between reigns of Augustus and Nero
- Wealthy, Pagan, Cosmopolitan Roman Colony

Paul and Corinth

- Paul visited Corinth (AD 50) and spent almost two years there, preaching, teaching, and established the church (Acts 18:1-22). Paul met Aquila and Priscila in Corinth. Silas and Timothy joined him as well. Paul left Corinth and traveled to Ephesus and then returned home to Antioch.
- Paul returned to Ephesus (AD 52-55) and received news from Corinth. He wrote his first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 5:9-11). This letter has been lost in antiquity.
- Paul received both reports and a letter from the Corinthian church about various issues (1 Cor. 1:11; 7:1; 16:17).

- Paul writes 1 Corinthians while in Ephesus (AD 55) to address the problems and issues in the church. He also sends Timothy to provide further instruction and encouragement (1 Cor. 4:17; 16:10-11).
- Paul receives news that false teachers had arrived in Corinth and were undermining his authority and teachings. He decides to visit Corinth and it was a painful experience (2 Cor. 2:1; 13:2).