

The Final Concerns for the Church

1 Cor. 16:10-14

Intro: This church had questions:

Marriage-ch. 7

Christian rights-ch.8-10

Worship-ch. 11

Spiritual Gifts-ch.12-14

Resurrection-ch. 15

Paul's answers are:

The Cross of Christ= ch. 1:17-19

The Preaching of Christ=ch. 2:1-5

The Mind\Life of Christ=ch. 2:14-16 and many others but this brings in the conclusion that Paul is making to this letter:

I. Paul's Companions-v.10-12

A. Timothy-v.10-11

1. His Trouble-let no one despise him.....without fear

Encourage him not engage him

- 1 Timothy 4:12 (NKJV)
¹² Let no one **despise** your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

- 2 Tim. 1:7⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
- 1 Cor. 1:18-20; 26 Insensitive to sin, sermons, and servants
- Isaiah 5:20-21
²⁰ Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!
²¹ Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!

2. His Testimony-he does the work of the Lord

Paul often sent Timothy to the most difficult places

- **Proven in the Faith- Philippians 2:19-22 (NKJV)**

¹⁹ But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

²⁰ For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.

²¹ For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

²² But you know his **proven** character, that as a **son** with *his* father he served with me in the gospel.

- **Prisoner in the Faith-Hebrews 13:23 (NKJV)**

²³ Know that *our* brother Timothy has been set free, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.

- **Partner in the Faith-Acts 16:1-3 (NKJV)**

¹ Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, *the* son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father *was* Greek.

² He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.

³ Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took *him* and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

Romans 16:21 (NKJV)

²¹ Timothy, my **fellow worker**, and Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen, greet you.

3. His Task-send him to me-v.11

B. Apollos-v.12

1. Paul Desired Him to Come with the Letter

- **Their Fellowship-our brother**
- **The Faction-1 Corinthians 1:12-13 (NKJV)**

¹² Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1Cor. 3:4-6

1 Cor. 4:6

2. Apollos Decided to Stay until Latter-possibly waited until the letter had been discussed and digested

Who is He?

Acts 18:24-28 (NKJV)

²⁴ Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being

fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

²⁶ So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

²⁷ And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;

²⁸ for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

II. Paul's Commands-v.13-14

The concluding paragraph is v.13-24

These are battlefield commands in v.13-14

A. Be **Conscientious**- Do not take a vacation from your vocation...stay awake at the wheel (**Watch**)

Application: The Uniform Code of Military Justice article 113 includes components of behavior that are in themselves, examples of dereliction of duty:

1. Sleeping while on post
2. Drunk while on post
3. Leaving one's post without being properly relieved

Punishable by court martial or even shot

B. Be **Concreted**-don't give ground on doctrinal non negotiable (**Stand fast in the faith**) 1 Cor. 15:58: means to sit (different word) here it means to stand

2 Thessalonians 2:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

In the faith...means in your convictions beyond your belief to behavior-action

C. Be **Courageous (be Brave)**...act like men...grow up

1 Cor. 14:20 be men in understanding and undertaking

D. Be **Controlled (be Strong)**

If we are weak humans what does this mean?

Eph. 3:16-19...strengthened through His Spirit in the inner man

- That They May Know the Empowered Life (16b)
- That They May Know the Exchanged Life (17a)
- That They May Know the Expressed Life (17b-19a)
- That They May Know the Enthroned Life (19b)

E. Be **Charitable**-agape love is only found in Christ

Everyone do everything in love

Driven by love, led by faith, kept by hope

1 Cor. 1:9

1 Cor. 15:58

1 Cor. 16:13-14