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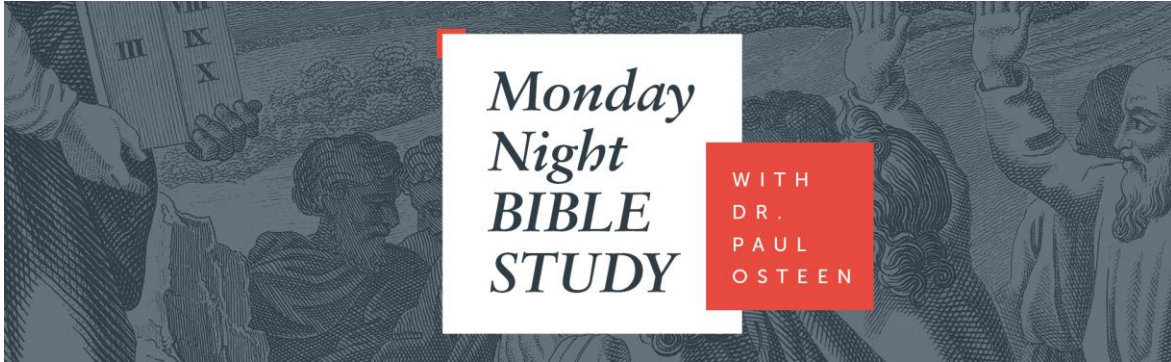
I Corinthians

History, Geography, Culture of Corinth

- This church was established by Paul during his second missionary journey in 51 A.D.
- Acts 18:1-18
- Acts 19:1
- It is a letter of pastoral correction.
- I Corinthians 4:14ff
- The same problems faced by the Corinthians are the same problems that we face today. Paul's words are just as relevant and applicable today as they were back then.
- Paul addresses:
 - Factions and divisions.
 - Morals that had degenerated.
 - Marriage.
 - Worship that had become chaotic and selfish.
 - The Lord's Supper.
 - Teaching that was in error—resurrection of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead.

The City of Corinth

1. Historical context:
 - One of the greatest cities of the Roman world.
 - Bema – judgement seat—seat of observation, commendation and condemnation.
II Corinthians 5:9-10
2. Strategic geographic location:
 - Corinth was a getaway from the Peloponnese to the rest of Greece.
 - Corinth was a getaway from the East to Rome. A central crossroad for the Mediterranean trade going from east to west.
 - Corinth was a center of trade and commerce and manufacturing.



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- 3. Corinth was known for the Isthmian games.
 - I Corinthians 9:24-27
- 4. Corinth was a melting pot of people and cultures.
- 5. Corinth was known for its different religions and temples and religious pilgrims. Major tourist attraction.
- 6. Corinth was synonymous with sexual promiscuity.
 - "Corinthianize"—'to live a promiscuous life', 'to live a sensual life', 'self-indulgent life'.

Notes:
