

# **1 Corinthians Part One**

## **Lesson #7, Chapter 2:1-5**

Read through chapter 2 before you start this lesson. Make sure you spend time in prayer asking the Lord for help as you study His Word.

1. How did Paul describe his coming to the Corinthians according to verse 1?
2. What was the focus of his preaching according to verses 1 and 2?
3. Why is this an effective method for evangelism?
4. Though Paul was more than able to engage the philosophers and wise men of Corinth, he stuck to his message about Christ. How can that simple game plan help you the next time you talk with someone about the Lord?
5. Briefly explain how you could put Paul's evangelism methodology into practice if you were trying to share with a friend and they tried to move the conversation into the creation versus evolution (or "All believers are hypocrites" or "How can I believe the Bible when there's so many different translations?").
6. Briefly explain the gospel message of Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. Try to simplify it to its most basic elements. You can use any of the following texts

to get you started: 1 Cor. 15:1-5; Acts 17:3, 30-31; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Eph. 2:1-10; Titus 2:11-14 (or use the Romans Road – Romans 3:10; 3:23; 5:12; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9; 10:13).

7. Not only did Paul come with simple and direct message, but he also describes how he came to the Corinthians in verse 3. What do you learn?
  
8. Acts 16:22-24 and 17:5, 13 record events that took place just prior to Paul arriving in Corinth. What happened?
  
9. It's possible that those experiences affected Paul to such a degree that he wrote in verse 3, "And I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling." Though Paul was struggling on the inside what is important to note that he did? See 1 Cor. 2:1-2.
  
10. Often we may find ourselves in similar circumstances—afraid, demoralized, or physically weakened for some reason—yet how can we learn from Paul's example and press on to obey the Lord? See 1 Cor. 4:9-13; 15:9-10; 2 Cor. 4:7-15; 12:7-10.
  
11. Paul wasn't the only godly man who struggled with weakness and fear and trembling as he endeavored to carry out the Lord's will. Who were these men and what do you note about how they overcame their weaknesses? See Josh. 1:6-9; Ps. 55:4-5, 16-17, 22; Jer. 1:5-8; Heb. 13:5-6.

12. How can those same truths help you when you find yourself feeling overwhelmed, unprepared, and weak?
  
13. Based on what you've learned from questions 10 and 11, what do weakness and fear cause us to do? See also 1 Cor. 1:26-31 and 1 Pet. 5:5-7.
  
14. Again in this section, Paul emphasizes the humble and simple way he first preached among the Corinthians. What do you learn in verse 4?
  
15. Why did Paul preach to the Corinthians that way according to verse 5?
  
16. How could the simple preaching of the gospel be a means to showcase the power of the Holy Spirit? See Acts 16:14 and 1 Thess. 1:5-7 as examples.
  
17. Why would this be essential for any believer to understand, embrace, and believe?
  
18. Why is it essential that we understand that salvation cannot come through human wisdom, but as the result of the Lord drawing us to believe in Him? See Jn. 6:63-65; Rom. 3:10-11; 4:2-8; 5:8; 2 Cor. 4:3-6; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13.

19. How have the truths from this lesson emboldened you to speak about Christ even when you feel weak and fearful?
20. Write down the names of those you hope to talk to about Jesus Christ this week. Now go to the Lord in prayer asking the Lord to provide the opportunity as you step out in faith and in the power of God

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Just a Word for Jesus  
by Fanny Crosby

Now just a word for Jesus;  
Your dearest Friend so true;  
Come, cheer our hearts and tell us  
What He hath done for you.

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A cross it cannot be  
To say, "I love my Savior  
Who gave His life for me."

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And if your faith be dim;  
Arise in all your weakness  
And leave the rest to Him.

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