

Bible Challenge 2014
Going Deeper – Questions for Readings
Week 48

How does Paul attempt to persuade the Athenians to believe in God and the gospel of Jesus Christ? Why? (Acts 17:16-34)

What happens to Paul when he first goes to Corinth? How is he able to spend 18 months there teaching and preaching the word of God? (Acts 18:1-17)

What is the distinct difference between John's baptism and Jesus' baptism? What happens to the disciples in Ephesus when Paul baptizes them in the name of Jesus Christ? (Acts 19:1-7)

What problems does Paul run into in Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth, and Ephesus? With whom does he come into conflict? Why? How does Paul respond to these conflicts? What does this tell us about Paul's faith? (Acts 17-19)

According to Paul, how are we to go about living a life that is pleasing to God? (1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; 5:12-22) What are some specific things you can do in your own life to live in this way?

For what reason does Paul write his first letter to the Corinthian church? What problem is Paul trying to resolve? (1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:1-23)

What does Paul mean when he says, "The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."? (1 Corinthians 1:18)

What does Paul understand the human body to be? How are we to care for it and treat it? What are we to refrain from doing with our bodies? Why? (1 Corinthians 6:12-20)

Why do you think Paul's theology concerning women has become so controversial today? What assertions does Paul make about women's roles in the church and the world? Do you think Paul would amend that part of his theology if he were alive today? Why or why not? (1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 14:34-36)

What are spiritual gifts? How do we receive them? How are we to use them? What does Paul proclaim to be the greatest spiritual gift? Why? (1 Corinthians 12-13)