

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V. Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

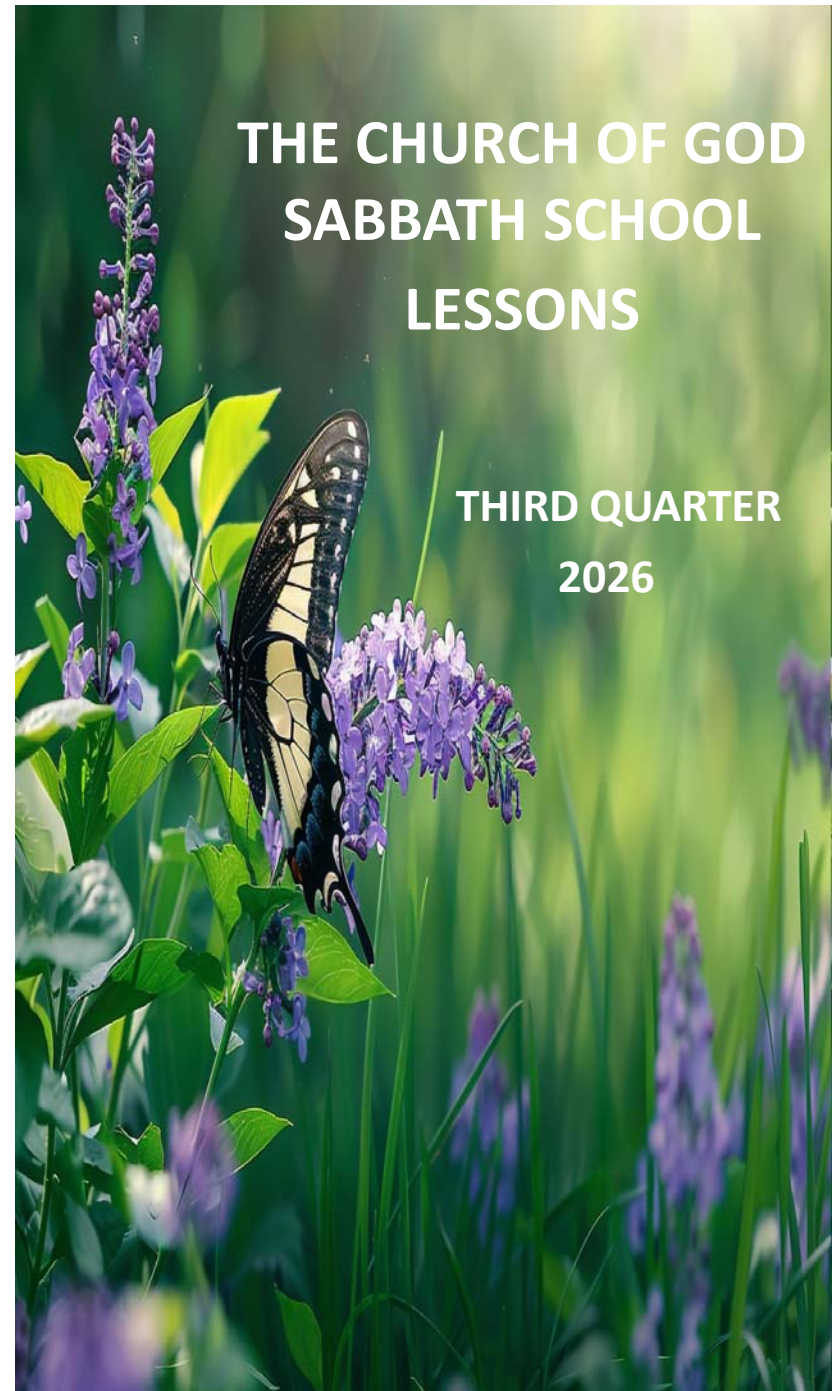
VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.



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IN THIS QUARTERLY

In this quarter we will study the first 12 chapters in the book of I Corinthians. In this section of the book Paul deals with problems in the church in Corinth and provides advice on both practical and spiritual matters. These provide insights that we can apply to both our walk with God and to the church today.



Lesson For Sabbath, July 4, 2026

Eliminating Contentions in the Church

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 1:10-18

Golden Text: Philippians 2:2

1. To what does Paul beseech the brethren in Corinth? I Corinthians 1:10

2. What was the source of contention in the church in Corinth? I Corinthians 1:11-12, 3:4

Note: The brothers and sisters were dividing themselves based on who baptized them. Instead of thinking themselves to be one body, they were forming into cliques.

3. How does Paul address this problem? I Corinthians 1:13

4. Why does Paul tell the Corinthians he had to speak to them as though they were carnal? I Corinthians 3:1-3

5. Who in the church did Paul baptize? I Corinthians 1:14-16

6. What was Paul sent to do? I Corinthians 1:17

7. How does Paul tell us to teach our brothers and sisters in the church? Ephesians 4:1-3; Philippians 2:1-5

8. How does Jesus tell us that the world will know that we are His disciples? John 13:34-35

Note: We eliminate contentions from the Church by thinking of ourselves as one body, loving each other as Christ loved us, and thinking more about the needs of our brothers and sisters than we do of our own needs.

9. How are we to deal with members who actively cause divisions within the Church? Romans 16:18-19

Lesson For Sabbath, July 11, 2026

The Wisdom of God

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 2:1-16

Golden Text: Romans 11:33

1. What does Paul tell us that our faith should stand in? I Corinthians 2:4-5

2. Where does Daniel proclaim that true wisdom comes from? Daniel 2:19-23

3. What benefit does the wisdom of God provide us? Proverbs 2:10-12, 3:13-18

4. If we do not have wisdom, where should we go to acquire it? James 1:5, Proverbs 2:6-7

Note: God is the source of all wisdom. If we desire wisdom, we must seek God.

5. What has God done to the wisdom that comes from this world? I Corinthians 1:19-20

6. Why does God choose to display His wisdom through the lesser things of this world? I Corinthians 1:27-29

Note: God's wisdom stands infinitely higher than man's wisdom. Even the simplest things of God far exceed the greatest wisdom man can come up with on his own.

7. How did Paul speak the wisdom of God? I Corinthians 2:7

8. What is the mystery of this hidden wisdom from God? I Corinthians 1:23-24; Colossians 1:26-27

Note: Jesus is the ultimate expression of God's wisdom.

9. How does Paul further explain this mystery? Ephesians 3:3-6, 9-11

Lesson For Sabbath, July 18, 2026

Building of the Church

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 3:1-15

Golden Text: Ephesians 2:20

1. How was the church in Corinth started? Acts 18:1-8

2. How long did Paul stay in Corinth? Acts 18:11

3. What did Paul teach the Corinthians at the first? I Corinthians 3:1-3; What is this milk? Hebrews 5:12

4. What roles did Paul and Apollos have in this new church? I Corinthians 3:5-6

5. Where did the growth in the church come from? I Corinthians 3:7; I Thessalonians 3:12

Note: We do not grow the Church. Only God does that. Like Paul and Apollos, we must be faithful in the jobs we are given. In humility we must remember that church growth comes from God.

6. What is the relationship between Jesus and the Church? Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23

7. What are we told to endeavor to keep within the church? Ephesians 4:1-3

8. How is the leadership of the Church to be structured? I Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11-12

9. How is the congregation to act toward the leadership of the church? I Peter 5:5; Hebrews 13:17

10. How is the leadership of the church to act toward the congregation? I Peter 5:1-4

Note: I Peter 5:6 sums up these relationships. We must humble ourselves before God and let Him exalt us at the proper time.

Lesson For Sabbath, July 25, 2026

Apostle's Suffering

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 4:1-13

Golden Text: I Corinthians 4:9

1. How did Paul describe the position of an apostle? I Corinthians 4:9-10
2. What did Jesus tell the disciples would happen to them for His name's sake? Matthew 24:9
3. What did the Lord tell Ananias that Paul would have to go through? Acts 9:15-16
4. What were the conditions that the early apostles had to endure? I Corinthians 4:11-13; II Corinthians 11:23-27
5. What else were the apostles concerned with? II Corinthians 11:28
6. How were the apostles treated when they spoke the name of Jesus in front of the High Priest and the council? Acts 5:40
7. What was their response to this treatment? Acts 5:41-42

Note: Not only did the apostles continue to preach the name of Jesus, they rejoiced that they were worthy to suffer for His name.

8. What did Herod do to James and Peter in order to persecute the church? Acts 12:1-4
9. Why were the apostles treated like this? John 15:18-21; John 16:2-3

Note: Because the world hates God, they also hate His representatives. The world stands against the ways of God, and the apostles stand against the ways of the world.

Lesson For Sabbath, August 1, 2026

Fleeing Fornication

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 5:1-13

Golden Text: I Corinthians 6:18

1. What sin was reported to Paul as taking place in the Corinthian church? I Corinthians 5:1

Note: Fornication (Greek - πορνεία or 'porneia') is defined as illicit sexual relations.

2. What does Paul tell us is the will of God towards fornication? I Thessalonians 4:3; Ephesians 5:3
3. What did Paul tell the Corinthian brethren to do to the person committing this sin? I Corinthians 5:3-5,11
4. Why does God tell us that fornication is such a problematic sin? I Corinthians 6:13-16
5. What does Paul tell us is unique about the sin of fornication? I Corinthians 6:18
6. What does Paul call fornication and other related sins in his letter to the Galatians? Galatians 5:19

Note: These stand in stark contrast to the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. The fruits of the Spirit brings goodness into our lives. The works of the flesh only bring misery and suffering.

7. What more are we told of fornication? Ephesians 5:3; Colossians 3:5
8. What was the ultimate consequence to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for the people giving themselves over to fornication? Jude 1:7

Note: Fornication is one of Satan's favorite weapons to use against the Church. We must always be on our guard against it.

Lesson For Sabbath, August 8, 2026

Marriage

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 7:1-40

Golden Text: Genesis 2:24

1. What did Jesus teach concerning marriage? Matthew 19:4-6
2. How are wives to treat their husbands? Ephesians 5:22-24; Colossians 3:18
3. How are husbands to treat their wives? Ephesians 5:25-28; Colossians 3:19; I Peter 3:7

Note: Husbands are to sacrifice themselves for their wives and wives are to follow their husbands. Both of these actions require them to put their spouse ahead of themselves.

4. What are we taught about intimate relations within a marriage? I Corinthians 7:3-6
5. Are husbands and wives allowed to divorce their spouses? I Corinthians 7:10-11; Matthew 5:31-32; Malachi 2:14-16
6. What about for a spouse that doesn't believe in the Lord? I Corinthians 7:12-15
7. Are we allowed to remarry if our spouse dies? I Corinthians 7:39; Romans 7:2-3
8. Are we allowed to marry more than one person? Mark 10:7-8; I Corinthians 7:2

Note that the words man, wife and husband here are singular. We are to have only one husband or wife.

9. What opinion does Paul give to the Corinthian brethren as to whether or not to marry? I Corinthians 7:32-34

Lesson For Sabbath, August 15, 2026

Dead Idols

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 8:1-13

Golden Text: I Corinthians 10:19

1. What are we told that knowledge does to us? What about charity (godly love)? I Corinthians 8:1; Ephesians 4:15-16
2. What state are we in when we think we have knowledge? What about love? I Corinthians 8:2-3
3. Do pagan idols have any reality outside of the stone or metal they are made of? I Corinthians 8:4

4. Who does Paul identify as the one God that we serve? I Corinthians 8:5-6

5. How does Paul apply this knowledge to the question of eating meat that was offered to idols? I Corinthians 8:7-8; I Corinthians 10:27

Note: In many parts of the Roman empire, all meat that was sold was first offered, by the merchant, to an idol. Paul is telling the Corinthian brethren that this doesn't defile the meat (assuming it is from a clean animal) because the idol isn't real.

6. What if the eating of this meat becomes a stumbling block to a brother who is weak in the faith? I Corinthians 8:9-11; I Corinthians 10:28
7. What are we doing when we wound the conscience of a weaker brother? I Corinthians 8:12
8. What does Paul then tell us we should do when a weaker brother thinks we shouldn't eat meat offered to idols? I Corinthians 8:13; I Corinthians 10:32-33

Lesson For Sabbath, August 22, 2026

Examples of Leadership

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 9:1-18

Golden Text: Mark 9:35

1. What does Paul say is the seal of his apostleship? I Corinthians 9:1-2
2. Are leaders in the church permitted to be married? I Corinthians 9:5
3. Is it permissible for leaders in the church to receive compensation for their work? I Corinthians 9:7-11,14
4. Did Paul take advantage of this? Why? I Corinthians 9:12,15

Note: Paul tells us that he didn't take pay for his work in preaching the gospel because it might hinder the message. Preaching Jesus and not getting paid for it made Paul and the message he brought stand out.

5. What did Paul say was his reward for preaching the gospel? I Corinthians 9:18
6. What are the qualifications required of a leader in the church? I Timothy 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9
7. What is to be the motivation of church leaders? I Peter 5:1-4
8. In response to James and John's request to sit on His right and left hand when He comes into His glory, what did Jesus teach them about leadership in the church? Mark 10:42-45
9. How did Jesus model this? John 13:5,12-16; Philippians 2:5-11

Note: Jesus, head over the whole Church, humbled Himself and served everyone. We are to follow in His example.

Lesson For Sabbath, August 29, 2026

Reaching the Unbeliever

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 9:19-27

Golden Text: I Peter 3:15

1. What did Paul do with his freedom? Why did he do this? I Corinthians 9:19,23
2. What did Paul endure to spread the message of Jesus Christ? I Corinthians 11:23-27
3. How did Paul present himself to the Jews to gain them for Christ? I Corinthians 9:20
4. How did Paul present himself to the Gentiles and the weak? I Corinthians 9:21-22

Note: Paul did not forsake God's laws to win over the Gentiles. He took the gospel to them and preached it in a way that they could understand.

5. How does Paul use the example of an athlete to show us the attitude we need to have when doing God's work. I Corinthians 9:24-26
6. How does Paul further extend this example to show how we are to deal with sin in our lives? I Corinthians 9:27; Hebrews 12:1
7. Where does Jesus send us with the message of the gospel? John 20:21; John 17:18
8. How will the world know that we are followers of Christ? John 13:34-35
9. What command did Jesus leave His disciples with before He was taken up into the clouds? Acts 1:8

Lesson For Sabbath, September 5, 2026

Mixing Paganism with Christ

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-21

Golden Text: II Corinthians 6:17

1. What is the first commandment? Exodus 20:3
2. What did Joshua command the children of Israel concerning mixing with the nations that remained around them in the land of Canaan? Joshua 23:6-8
3. What did Joshua say would happen if the children of Israel did mix with these nations? Joshua 23:12-13
4. What happened to King Solomon when he was old? I Kings 11:1-8
5. What was God's response to Solomon? I Kings 11:9-13
6. What does Paul exhort the Corinthian brethren not to do? I Corinthians 10:6-10,14
7. What are we told is the significance of the cup and the unleavened bread that we take during the Lord's Supper? I Corinthians 10:16-17
8. When the Gentiles sacrifice, what are they sacrificing to? I Corinthians 10:19-20
9. Can we mix the worship of God with other religions? II Corinthians 6:14-17; I Corinthians 10:21

Note: Romans were constantly mixing other religions into theirs. When "Christianity" became the state religion of Rome, they began mixing in other religious pagan beliefs, like Sunday worship and the Trinity, with it. This was a great evil and brought about great corruption within the church.

Lesson For Sabbath, September 12, 2026

Coming Together

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 11:1-34

Golden Text: I Corinthians 11:1

1. What does Paul tell us about a man praying with his head covered? I Corinthians 11:4
2. What about a woman? I Corinthians 11:5-6
3. In what did Paul chastise the Corinthian church when they came together? I Corinthians 11:17-19
4. What was happening when they came together? I Corinthians 11:20-22

Note: The issue was that the brethren were focusing on their own selfish desires and not looking after each other. While some members feasted, others went hungry.

5. Where did Paul receive the ordinance of the Lord's Supper that he delivered to the Corinthian brethren? I Corinthians 11:23
6. What does the unleavened bread represent? I Corinthians 11:24; Matthew 26:26
7. What does the cup represent? I Corinthians 11:25; Matthew 26:27-28
8. Why do we take the Lord's Supper? I Corinthians 11:24 (last part); 25 (last part); 26
9. What are we to do before we partake of the Lord's Supper? I Corinthians 11:28
10. Why are we to do this? I Corinthians 11:27,29-32

Lesson For Sabbath, September 19, 2026

Spiritual Gifts

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12:1-11

Golden Text: I Corinthians 14:12

1. Can a man that is speaking by the Holy Spirit say that Jesus is accursed? What about that Jesus is Lord? I Corinthians 12:3

2. Does each believer receive the same spiritual gifts from God? Romans 12:6 (first part); I Corinthians 12:4

3. Why are these gifts given to the church? I Corinthians 12:7; I Peter 4:10-11

Note: Spiritual gifts are given for the benefit of the church. They are not given to elevate the person they are given to but rather for the edifying and building up of the whole body of Christ.

4. What are some examples of the gifts listed in I Corinthians 12:8-10 in the early church?

a. Wisdom – Acts 6:8-10

b. Honesty – Acts 5:1-10

c. Faith – Acts 11:22-24

d. Healing – Acts 3:1-10

e. Miracles – Acts 19:11-12

f. Prophecy – Acts 21:10-11

g. Discerning of spirits – Acts 16:16-18

h. Tongues – Acts 2:1-11

5. What additional gifts are described in Romans 12:6-8?

6. Should we desire these spiritual gifts? I Corinthians 12:31; I Corinthians 14:1

Lesson For Sabbath, September 26, 2026

The Body of Christ

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-31

Golden Text: Romans 12:5

1. How does Paul use the example of the human body to explain the structure of the church? I Corinthians 12:12, 14-17

2. How many church bodies are there? I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:4

3. Are all the members of the body of Christ the same? I Corinthians 12:18-20

4. How is the example of the human body expanded to show us that we need our brothers and sisters in Christ? I Corinthians 12:21-23

Note: God has placed each of us into the body of Christ as He sees fit. No one is more or less important than anyone else. We use the gifts and abilities He has given us to serve the whole body.

5. Who is the head of the body? Ephesians 4:15-16; Ephesians 5:23

6. How are we affected when one member of the body suffers? When one member is honored? I Corinthians 12:25-26

Note: We are all connected. When we treat one member of the body poorly, the whole body suffers. When we lift up one member, we are all lifted up.

7. How has God structured the leadership of the church? I Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11

8. Why was the church's leadership structured this way? Ephesians 4:12-13

