

## 1 Corinthians 1:1-17

### 1. Review

#### **Opening (1-3)**

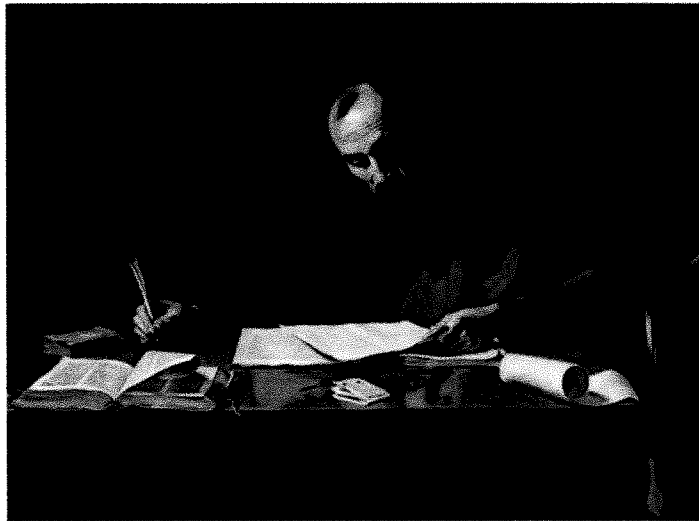
1. How does Paul introduce himself?
2. Who is Sosthenes (Acts 18)?
3. What did Paul call the Corinthians?
4. How does Paul connect the Corinthians to the church at large?
5. Peace always flows from grace. You cannot have peace without grace.

#### **Paul's Thanksgiving (4-9)**

1. Why does Paul give thanks for the Corinthian church?
2. Being rich in "speech" included:
  - a. The gift of tongues and its interpretation
  - b. Prophecy and the weighing of prophecy
  - c. Teaching
  - d. Composition of hymns
3. Being enriched in knowledge included:
  - a. Understanding of the cross
  - b. Their appreciation of all God's gifts
  - c. Ability to exercise spiritual judgment
  - d. Prophetic knowledge
4. While these are wonderful gifts given to the Corinthians by God, we see that these gifts went to their heads causing them to believe these gifts were because of their efforts or brilliance. Thus, we will see that throughout the epistle everything Paul says will be aimed at correcting and developing the right understanding of Christian speech and knowledge.
5. How does Paul get the Corinthians to look past just the present time?

## Appeals for Unity in Christ

1. Paul now begins tackling big issues in the church beginning with unity (1:10-4:21).
2. Paul appeals to them under whose name?
3. What was one of the divisions amongst the Corinthians?
4. Who is Apollos (Acts 18:24-28) and Cephas?
5. How does Paul respond to this division?
6. Why is Paul happy he didn't baptize them?
7. How did Paul not preach?



St. Paul Writing His Epistles (17<sup>th</sup> Century probably by Valentin de Boulogne)