

**Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church  
Bible Sharing Program 2010-11  
1Corinthians #10: Paul's Final Messages**

TGQ = Tim Gray Study Set Questions  
TGR = Tim Gray Study Set Responses  
NJBC = New Jerome Biblical Commentary  
CSB = Ignatius Catholic Study Bible  
HO = Special Handout  
SK = Sze Go Chinese Bible

<p><b>A</b></p>	<p><b><u>Introduction of Related Passages</u></b></p> <p>“Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”</p>	<p>Cor 16</p> <p>1Sam 3:9</p>
<p><b>B</b></p>	<p><b><u>The Collection in Support of the Church in Jerusalem</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why donating to the Church of Jerusalem? The challenges face by the Church of Jerusalem ⇒ all churches belong to the same Mystical Body of Christ, “If one member suffers, all suffer together with it” (1Cor12:26), everyone should treat each other with love. Charity leads to holiness.</li> <li>• Local parishes and dioceses have the same responsibilities toward the Mother Church.</li> <li>• “First day of every week” – Christians began gathering and breaking bread on Sundays approximately 20 years after Christ (Acts 20:7). What is its significance?</li> <li>• Paul’s journey: From Ephesus (where this epistle was written, see 1Cor16:8) to Macedonia; then returning to Corinth. This is part of Paul’s 3<sup>rd</sup> mission. He later arrived at Macedonia and Corinth according to his plans (Acts 20:1-2).</li> <li>• The “adversaries” refers to the description in Acts 19:23-40: This reflects the challenges along the journey of evangelization.</li> </ul>	<p>1Cor 16:1-9</p> <p>SK 16 Note 1, TGR 10 – 1, 2</p> <p>TGR 10-3, CSB, CCC1345</p> <p>1Cor 16:5-9, CSB 16:1-4, TGR 10-4</p> <p>SK 16 Note 2</p>
<p><b>C</b></p>	<p><b><u>Delegation and Admonition</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Keep alert, stand firm in your faith” – Similar to Jesus’ admonition for his Apostles before His Calvary: “Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial” (Mk 14:38). Not only did the Christians in Corinth avoid reprimanding the false religions and immorality of other nations, but advised the Church to change for their sake. Christians should know: proclamation of Christ’s resurrection = witnessing the renewal of the whole creation through Christ’s death and resurrection. One must live in this new spirit and avoid following the world. Note: the theme of May’s STH: The Will of God is His Holiness!</li> <li>• “Let all that you do be done in love”: Paul is really admonishing the lack of love among the Corinthians.</li> </ul>	<p>1Cor 16:10-18</p> <p>TGR 10 – 5, 8</p> <p>Rm 12:2 1Thess 4:3</p> <p>TGR 10 - 6</p>
<p><b>D</b></p>	<p><b><u>Final Messages</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Those who do not love the Lord will be cursed!” Why did Paul curse those who do not love God? This is not a curse but an explanation of the consequence of not loving God.</li> <li>• “Marana-tha!” is an Aramaic proclamation and prayer included in the Church’s earliest liturgical book, the Didache (10, 6). This word is used at the conclusion of the liturgy. It also appears in Book of Revelation (Rev 22:20). Just as Paul wrote in 1Cor 11:26, the liturgy of the Church represents our hope for Christ’s second coming.</li> <li>• “Kyrios” in “Marana-tha” points to Christ’s divinity. Paul alluded to a common prayer used by Christians of the time. The same prayer can be seen in Rm 10:9 and Phil 2:9-11. This shows Christ’s divinity has been accepted by the early Church.</li> </ul>	<p>1Cor 16:19-24</p> <p>CSB p 50</p> <p>CSB</p> <p>G. Collins, Interpreting Jesus, p 14 CCC 446</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jewish scholars clearly understand the divinity of Christ. Neusner imagines a conversation with Jesus and shows appreciation for Christ's teachings and holiness. However, Jesus asserts himself above the law and Sabbath and invites people to follow him; He is the ultimate destination = He calls himself God. Therefore, Neusner decides not to follow Jesus.</li></ul>	HO 1
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**SPECIAL HANDOUT**

1. "Is it really so that your master, the son of man, is lord of the Sabbath...I ask again – is your master God?...Neusner thus concludes: 'I now realize, only God can demand of me what Jesus is asking.'" (BXVI, *Jesus of Nazareth – From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration*, pp. 110, 115)