**Lesson Eleven (February 7, 2016)**

**1st and 2nd Corinthians**

**Text: 1 Corinthians 15 and 2 Corinthians 4**

**Summary of Text:**

**Questions:**

1. Briefly describe Paul’s experiences in Corinth per the book of Acts (chapter 18).
2. What is the main message (or the main messages) of the first letter?
   1. How about the second letter?
3. *Skip to* ***1 Corinthians 15*** and read the first 34 verses. This is a subject that Paul hammers on in almost every teaching and preaching that we know about in our studies so far in Acts.
4. In 15:1, is Paul preaching the same or a new gospel to them?
5. In 15:2, what are the two things that could take away their salvation?
6. What is of first importance according to 15:3-4?
   1. Why?
7. Comparatively speaking, how hard did Paul work (15:10)?
8. Regardless of who preached, what was being preached (15:11)?
9. What’s the problem or the premise mentioned in 15:12?
10. If this is true, then what else is true (15:13)?
11. And if 15:13 is true, what is the terrible news Paul has for them in 15:14?
12. Summarize 15:15-17.
13. What does 15:18 remind of you that we recently studied?
    1. Why does Paul mention this here?
14. The sad conclusion to this is 15:19 -- put this in your own words.
15. Things get more upbeat in 15:20 -- what is the reason for the positive feelings?
16. 15:21-22 compares two people -- explain this.
17. Ironically, what is the final enemy Jesus will kill or destroy (15:26)?
18. Why does Paul mention a strange practice in 15:29?
19. Explain Paul’s argument in 15:30-32.
20. How do the next two verses (15:33-34) fit with the first 32 verses of Chapter 15?
21. *Skip now to* ***2 Corinthians 4*** and read this chapter.
22. What made Paul not lose heart in 4:1?
23. Explain Paul’s point(s) in 4:2-6.
24. What in the world is Paul talking about when he mentions clay jars in 4:7?
25. What’s the pattern of thought in 4:8-9?
26. We continue to see a contrast in 4:10-12 -- explain what Paul is talking about and why he is saying it this way.
27. What central point does Paul mention again in 4:13-15?
28. Another contrast/comparison is made in 4:16-18 -- explain what it is and how it fits with the rest of the chapter.

**Your questions, comments, and thoughts?**

**What are the practical lessons for you today?**