INTRODUCTION
- We are given the ministry of reconciliation to bring sinners to Christ and to fix broken relationships – this is a priority for all Christians.
- Also, do we love others enough to point them to Christ?
  - Do we love God enough to fix what is broke in our lives?
  - And, do we THINK before we act?

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**
1) 04 March 2018...1Cor 1-3...United in Christ
2) 11 March...1Cor 4-6...Glorying God
3) 18 March...1Cor 7...Keeping Commitments
4) 25 March...1Cor 8-10...Influencing for Christ
5) 01 April...1Cor 15-16...Assurance of the Resurrection
6) 08 April...Remembering the Sacrifice
7) 15 April...1Cor 12 & 14...Serving God’s People
8) 22 April...1Cor 13...Understanding Love
9) 29 April...2Cor 1-2...Enjoying God’s Comfort
10) 06 May...2Cor 3-5...Displaying the Gospel
11) 13 May...2Cor 5...Becoming New
12) 20 May...2Cor 7-9...Giving Faithfully
13) 27 May...2Cor 10-13...Finding Strength

**Passage** | **Comments**
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2Cor 5:1-10 | Prepared for Eternity
- v5. God has prepared us for eternal habitation. This is a great motivator to do God’s will unashamedly & boldly
- v7. We walk by faith not by sight. Hab 2:4
- Equivalent to living by the Spirit, not by the flesh. Rom 8.1
- v10. “Each one will be recompensed for his deeds” – Another great motivating aspect

5:11-21 | How aggressive do we need to share the Gospel?
- Here’s what Paul did: He exhorted, expounded, testified, spoke boldly, urged, argued, reasoned, taught, pleaded, persuaded, proved, and convinced his listeners of the truth

5:13 | Should Christians appear Insane?
- Some Christians do come across as weird and strange for their judgmental behavior or uniblical beliefs (e.g., modern day snake handling, militant anti-abortionists, so-called faith healers, etc.). Any other strange behaviors Christians do?
- Other Christians are portrayed as outcasted, unscientific, or intolerant (e.g., Pro-life advocates, Young Earth proponents, morality trouists)
- Albert Einstein’s Definition of Insanity: Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results (e.g., gambling, taking on debt, becoming unequally yoked)
- Exception: Praying and trusting in God’s Word even when circumstances remain unfavorable – This is why the Apostle Paul is viewed as insane (Acts 26:25), or as a fool (1Cor 4:10), and why Peter calls us a “peculiar people” (1Pet 2:9)
- This world is not our true home. True Christians will have trouble fitting in with family, friends, and work place – BUT make sure it is not due to any uniblical behavior

1Cor 5:14-21 | Did Christ die for ALL or just for All the elect?
- 5-point Calvinists hold that Christ only died for the elect
- The context of this passage indicates Christ did indeed die for all the elect and non-elect (5:14)
- Consider how 5:15 shows that Christ died for all (elect and non-elect), and those who live (elect) should live for Christ
- Also recall 1Cor 15:22-24 that in Adam all die (elect and non-elect), so that by Christ all are made alive (elect and non-elect), but in order – Christ the firstfruits, then the elect, then the rest – Some to eternal life, others to eternal Hell
- Argument. If Christ only died for the elect, then Adam’s fall only affected the elect. But that reasoning has no basis since it is clear from Scripture Adam’s fall hit all creation.

6:1-2 | Why the urgency to share the Gospel?
- Because TODAY is the day of salvation – 6:1
- Christ’s love for all (for) compelled Paul – 5:14-15
- Knowing the Terror of the Lord – 5:11
- Our time on Earth is very limited – James 4:14
- God’s grace will end suddenly & without remedy – Rev 4:21

**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS**
- It’s OK to be a fool or insane for Christ – to continue praying and obeying even though we do not see different results
- Do we consider every aspect of our walk and talk and how holy we need to be before a Holy and Righteous God and before an unholy & unrighteous world?

NEXT WEEK: 2Cor 8-9. Giving is another priority we need to factor in