

Personal Convictions

1 Corinthians 8-10 (Part 1)

Four Buckets

- Charismatic Legalism
- Strong Personal Views
- Delivered From Addiction
- Misinterpretation of Scripture

Background to Corinth – Acts 18:1-19

- Paul started the church in Corinth. (Acts 18:1)
- He met Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth and he stayed with them as they were all tent makers. (Acts 18:2-3)
- It was probably a mostly gentile Church as most Jews rejected his message and many Corinthians (Gentiles) believed and were baptized (Acts 18:5-8)
- Paul was in Corinth for 18 months teaching the word of God. (Acts 18:11)
- Paul then took Aquila and Priscilla with him to Ephesus and was there about three years. (Acts 18:18-19 and Acts 20:31)

Background to Corinth – General

- 3 or even possible 4 letters
- Korinthiazomai, which meant “to live immorally like a Corinthian.”
- 5th largest city in the Roman empire
- Acrocorinth - Large rock rising 1,800+ feet
- Church mostly made up of Gentiles
- Isthmian Games

Background to Corinth – Specific

- Sin city
- 33 wine shops
- Temple of Aphrodite
- Temples to “gods” and emperors

Exodus 34:14-17

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15 otherwise you might make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they would **prostitute themselves** with their gods and **sacrifice to their gods**, and someone might invite you to **eat of his sacrifice**, 16 and you might take some of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters might **prostitute themselves** with their gods and cause your sons also to **prostitute themselves** with their gods. 17 You shall not make for yourself any **gods cast in metal**.



■ ROME

ITALY

MACEDONIA

■ Philippi

Thessalonica ■

(GREECE)

ACHAIA

ASIA MINOR

GALATIA

ASIA

Corinth ■

Ephesus ■

■ Colossae

CILICIA

Tarsus ■

Syrian Antioch ■

SYRIA

SICILY

ADRIA

SEA

Melita/Malta

CRETE

CYPRUS

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

Nazareth

SAMARIA

JUDEA

JERUSALEM +

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Gulf of Corinth

Diolkos

Lechaion

Isthmian Games

Saronic Gulf

Ancient Corinth

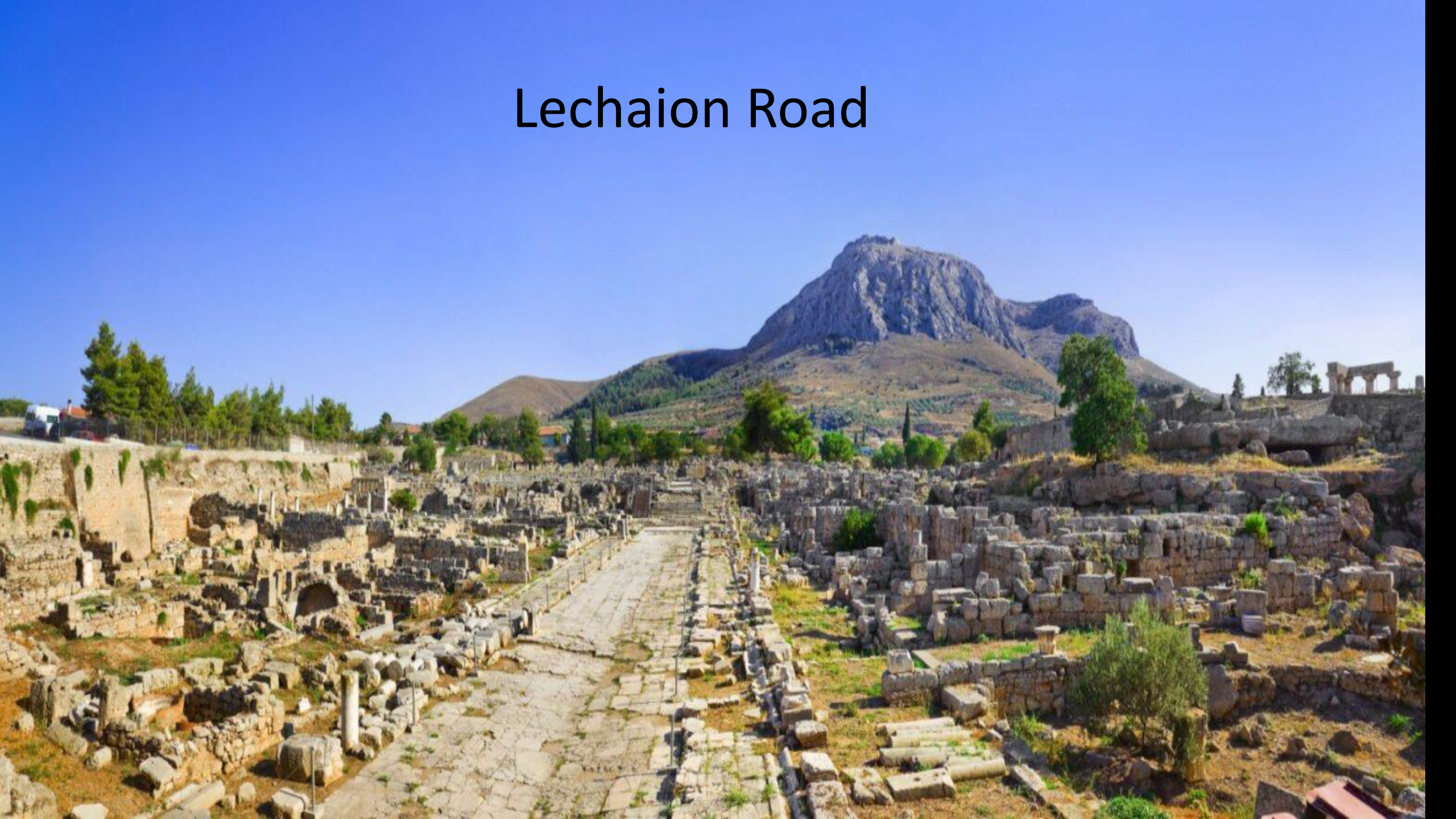
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Acrocorinth

DIOLKOS



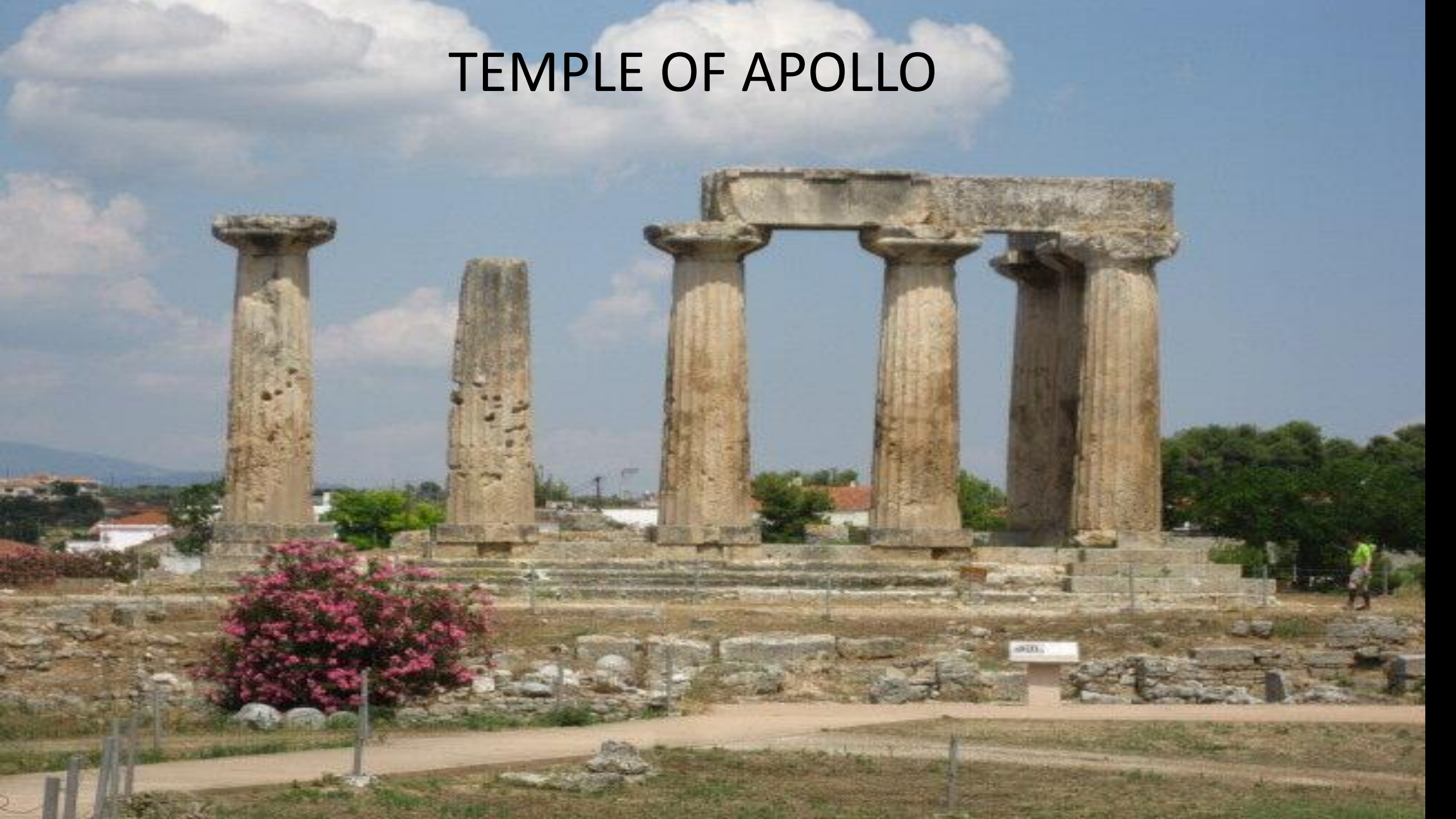
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AGORA (MARKET PLACE)



TEMPLE OF APOLLO



BEMA SEAT



RECONSTRUCTION OF ANCIENT CORINTH (c.AD 100)

Bouleuterion

South stoa

Bema

Agora

Peirene fountain

Basilica

Lechaion Way

Basilica

Temple of Octavia

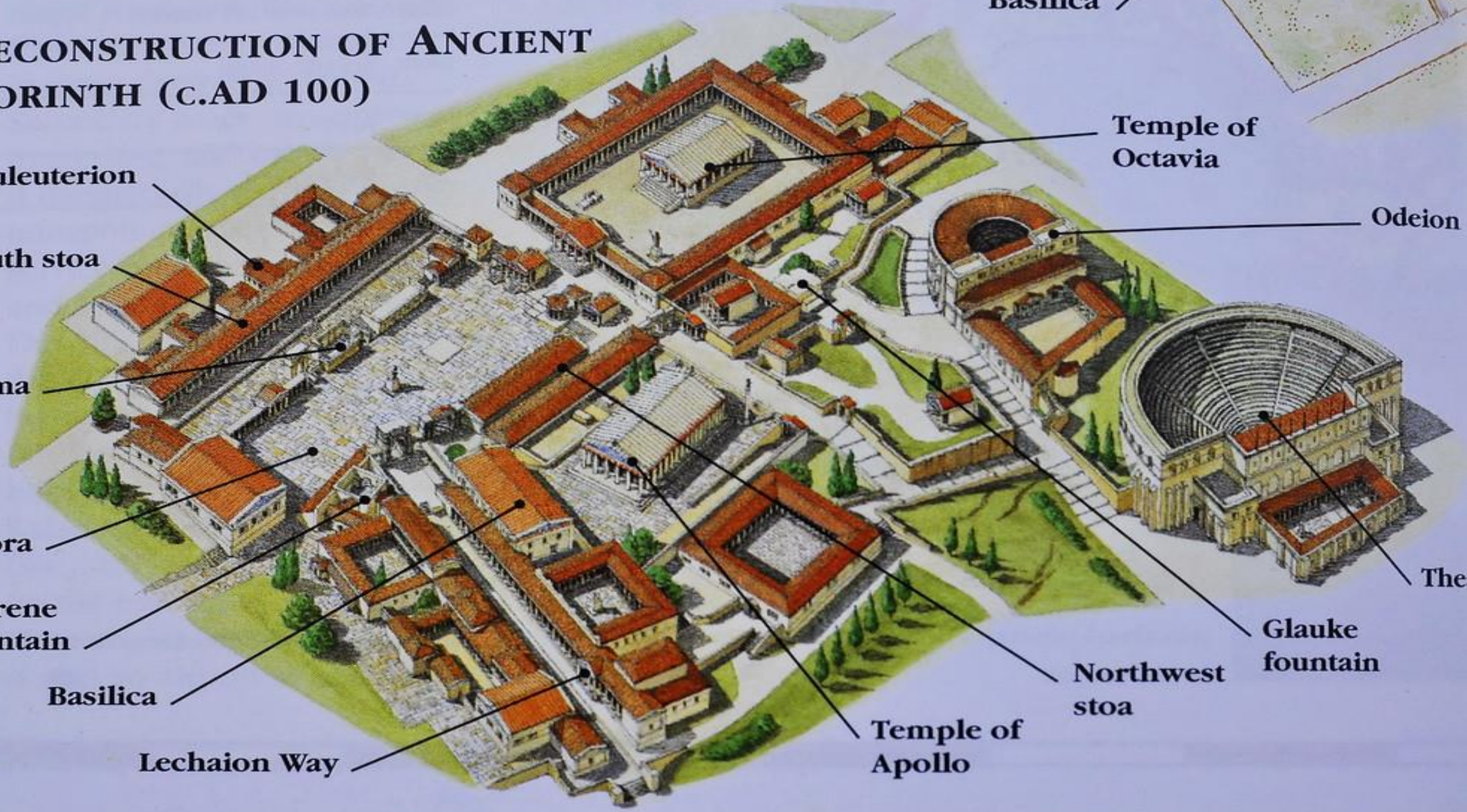
Odeion

The

Glauke fountain

Northwest stoa

Temple of Apollo



1 Corinthians 8:1-3

1 Now concerning **food sacrificed to idols**, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes one **conceited**, **but** love edifies people. 2 If anyone thinks that he knows anything, **he has not yet known** as he ought to know; 3 **but** if anyone **loves God**, he is known by Him

1 Corinthians 8:4-8

4 Therefore, concerning the eating of food sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol is nothing at all in the world, and that there is no God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods whether in heaven or on earth, as indeed there are many gods and many lords, 6 yet for us there is only one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. 7 **However, not all people have this knowledge;** but some, being **accustomed** to the idol until now, eat food as if it were sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience, **being weak**, is defiled. 8 Now food will not bring us close to God; we are neither the worse if we do not eat, nor the better if we do eat.

Romans 14:1-4

1 Now accept the one who is **weak in faith**, but not to have quarrels over **opinions** 2 One person has faith that he may eat all things, but the one who is weak eats only vegetables 3 **The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted him.** 4 Who are you to judge the servant of another?

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1 Corinthians 8:9-13

9 But take care that **this freedom of yours** does not somehow become a **stumbling block to the weak**. 10 For if someone sees you, the one who has knowledge, **dining in an idol's temple**, will his conscience, if he is **weak**, not be strengthened to eat things sacrificed to idols? 11 For through your knowledge the one who is **weak** is **ruined**, the brother or sister for whose sake Christ died. 12 And so, by **sinning against the brothers and sisters** and wounding their conscience when it is weak, **you sin against Christ**. 13 **Therefore, if food causes my brother to sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause my brother to sin.**

1 Corinthians 9 Summary

- Verse 1: Am I not free? Am I not an Apostle? Have I not seen our Lord? Are you not my workmanship in the Lord?
- Paul deserves to be paid for the work he did
- Paul made no use of these rights
- Verses 19-23 – All things for the sake of the Gospel

Application

- Christians have liberties
- Engaging our brothers and sister
- Unity of the Church