

THE FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

Wednesday Nights Holy Bible Study

St. Mary Coptic Orthodox Church of Atlanta

Chapter 9

- 1) Why did St. Paul have to defend his apostleship to the Corinthians? Mention some verses regarding this.
- 2) Why did St. Paul not use his rights and his freedom as an apostle of the Lord? Give an example of these rights.
- 3) *"Those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel"* (verse 14), what does this mean? Do remember a verse said by Christ regarding this?
- 4) *"Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel"* (verse 16), how can I apply this verse in my life?
- 5) *"And he who wins souls is wise"* (Proverbs 11:30), apply this verse to St. Paul according to this chapter?
- 6) What is the meaning of the word "Gospel" in St. Paul's writings?
- 7) *"I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some"* (verse 22). Does this mean we have to go with flow and do our best to please everybody? How can we reconcile this verse with the verse in Luke 6:26 *"Woe to you when all men speak well of you"*?
- 8) In verses 24-27, St. Paul says that we have to run the race and fight for prize, how can this go with what he said in Ephesians 2:8-9 *"For by grace you have been saved...not by works..."*
- 9) Is it possible that St. Paul himself, or any Christian believers, might be disqualified? See verse 27.