

# *“Everything in Love”*

Sanctity of Life Sunday 2019

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1 Corinthians 16:1-23

## I. Context and Paul

## II. Corinth and Proclamation

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## II. Conclusion and Peace

### **COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS**

*Reflective Questions for You and Your Small Group*

1. On Sunday, we studied the final chapter of 1 Corinthians. Go back and reread the chapter together with your community group. With it fresh in your mind, turn to the last chapter of 2 Corinthians. Compare and contrast these two conclusions of Paul (2 Cor.13 & 1 Cor.16) to the church in Corinth. How are they similar and how are they distinct? What insights do these endings of these letters give us about Paul's heart for the Corinthians and for the work of the gospel in the world?
2. Let's go back to 1 Corinthians 16... Discuss together the four fill-in-the-blanks on the outline. Discuss the themes we covered regarding giving in church, love and the common good, standing in the gospel, and reliance on the sovereignty of God for mission. How are these four points both challenging and also comforting to us in our walk with Christ as faithful disciples in the church on mission with the gospel? How can you personally apply some of these things to your life?
3. This Lord's Day was Sanctity of Life Sunday, so we spent some time reflecting on the ministry of life in common grace and the gross injustice of current jurisprudence in our country, which refuses to protect the innocent lives of preborn humans. So that this is not an abstract apologetical issue, share (if you are comfortable, of course) how abortion has impacted your life, family or those around you. There are many who go through with abortion and they have no idea what they are doing because those in authority (or in fluence) lie about the scientific evidence, concerning the human status of the unborn and the unethical act of terminating human life in the womb. Others go through with it, knowing it is not right and now live with the guilt/shame of it. Discuss how the gospel speaks to this sin and all of our sins that Christ lifts by His work on the cross.
4. In 1 Corinthians 16, we learned about Paul's apostolic heart to gather freewill offerings from church to help both the mission of the gospel and also care for others in need. In thinking about the last question and the sanctity of life, how can we give to help mothers and families in need, as well to confront the injustice at hand in current law that allows parents to terminate life in the womb. Discuss the revival we need in law and public opinion about life. As well, discuss the primacy of the gospel in this matter and other social needs, since we know laws do not change hearts and only the gospel has the power of lasting change.
5. In 1 Corinthians 16, we see Paul naming people and discussing real things happening in people's lives. This shows us how connected and vital the church was to Paul's life and their mission as followers of Jesus making disciples. That said, how can you in the New Year grow in relationship with others in the church for sake of gospel mission and caring for others around us? Share.