

BIBLE STUDY TEXTBOOK

**STUDIES IN
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P R E F A C E

TO THE READER

These studies are the result of years of research and teaching in the Bible college and in church classes. My object in presenting them is to encourage the program of Bible study and to help meet the needs of the general Bible reader.

The analysis of each chapter is both an outline and, in many cases, a paraphrase of the Bible text. It is intended to be of help to the general reader and also to the teacher who may be leading a study group. The analyses and the charts will enable the reader to have a comprehensive view of First Corinthians at a glance.

The printed text is the American Standard Version of the New Testament. I urge you, however, to use your own Bible in these studies. *The commentary* should be of help regardless of the version you may use. Under no circumstances should comments be placed above the Bible text in importance. In some instances there are recognized differences of opinion; for example: (1) the question of re-marrying in chapter seven; (2) the matter of "authority" in chapter eleven; (3) the problems involved in the discussion of "tongues" in chapter fourteen. In all such cases, I ask that you do not accept my opinions. I urge you to study your own Bible and to do your own thinking that your conclusion may be your own. Every student should seek to learn what the Bible actually says and what it means.

The summary of each chapter will help the student to review the material covered in the commentary. *The questions at the end of each chapter* are designed to point out the significant issues of the chapter. For best results, the student should write out the answers to each question. Groups may find it profitable to use the *questions for discussion*. Discussion, however, need not be limited to these suggestions.

These studies have been tested in church study groups. While I was the minister of the First Church of Christ at San Fernando, California, I prepared a brief mimeographed series of studies on First Corinthians for our Bible study class. That material, completely rewritten and enlarged is presented in this book. I am indebted to the good people of that congregation for allowing me time in a busy ministry to study. I could wish that all churches might do the same

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for their ministers and occasionally make it possible for them to return to college for refresher courses.

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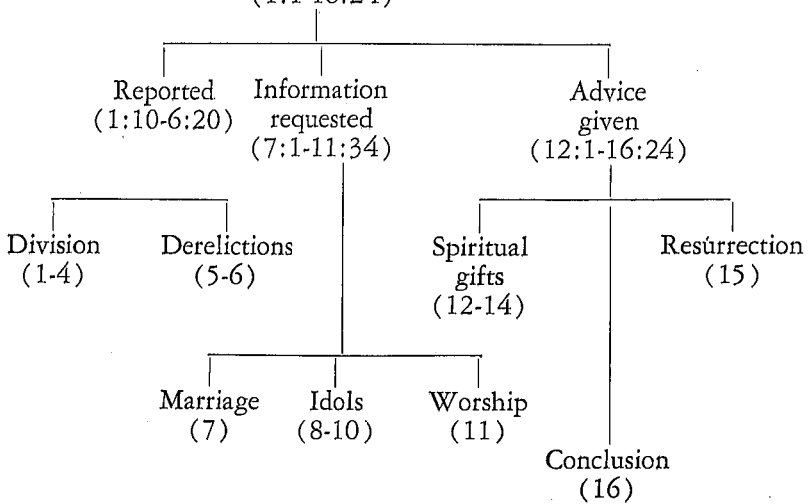
It is my prayer that you may search the Scriptures as the Bereans did and meditate on the meaning of God's Word day and night that you may translate it into life and share it with others.

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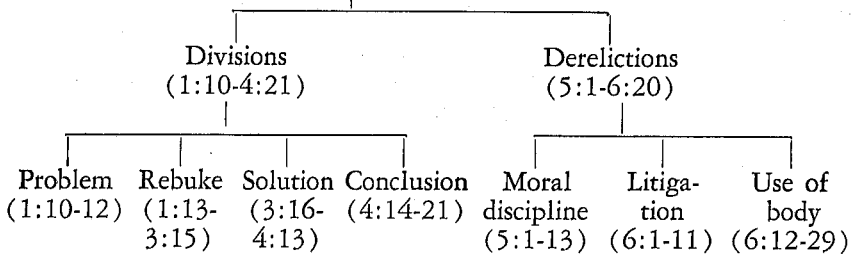
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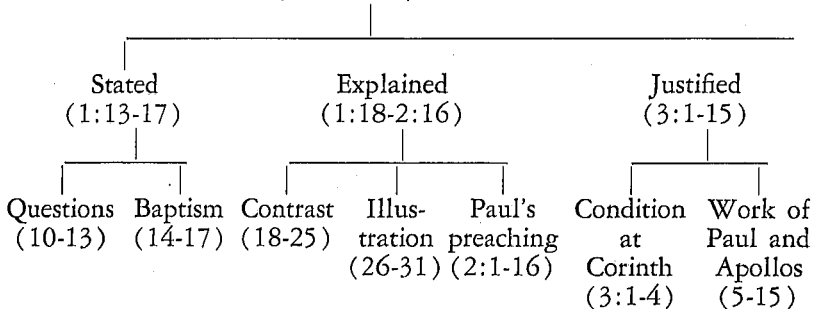
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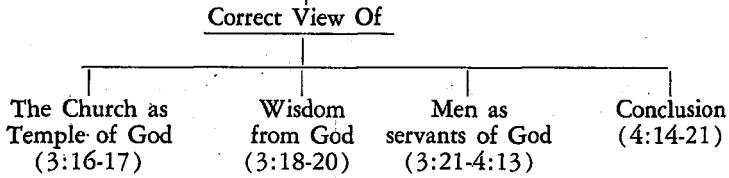
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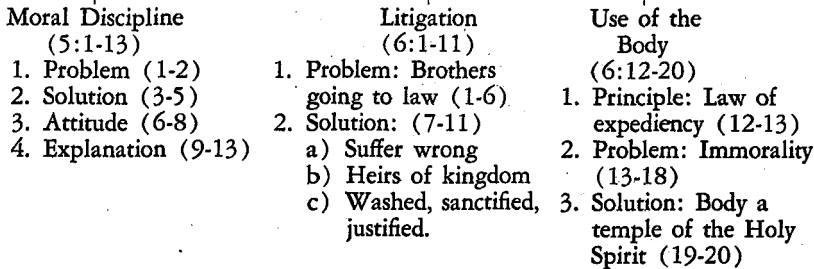
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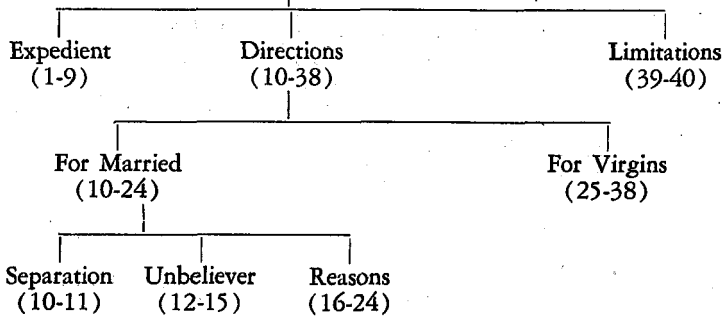
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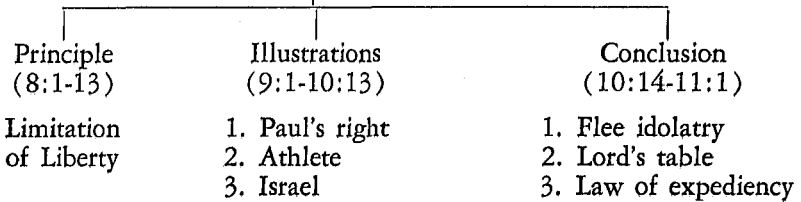
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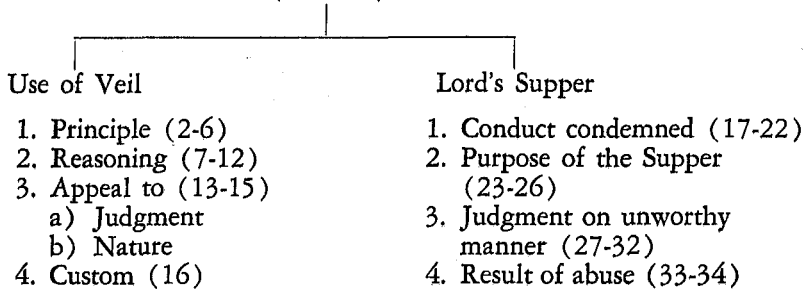
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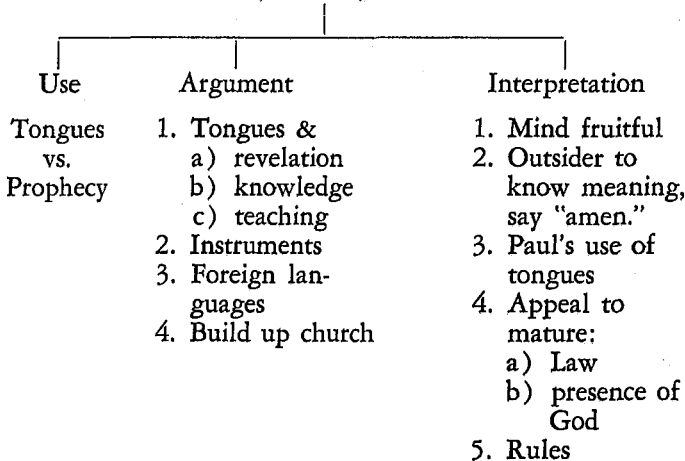
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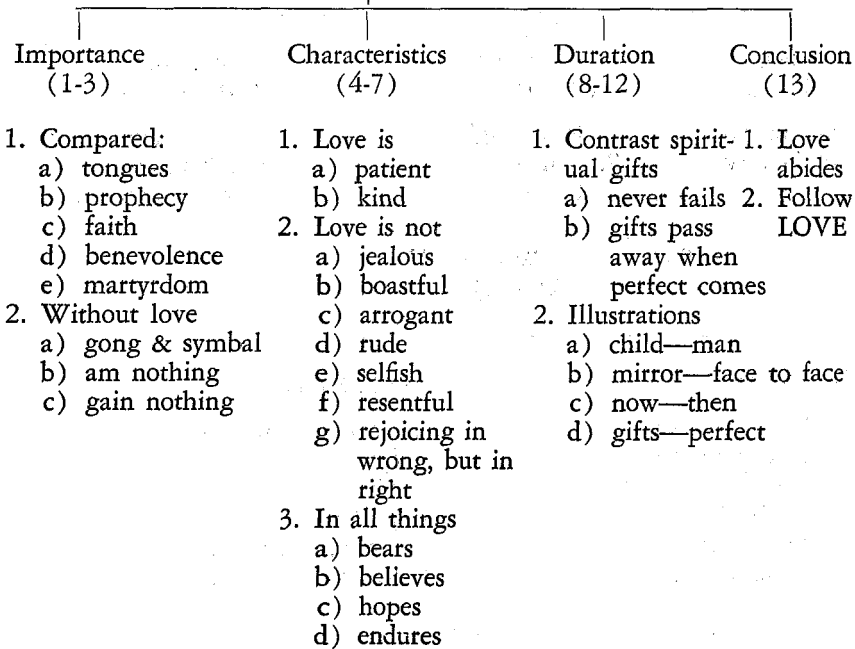
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