



Extra-Study #1

PAUL'S VISITS & LETTERS
RELATED TO THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH
ANSWER

1. Visit #1 - Acts 18 (1 Cor 2:1-5 Church founded). Probably Spring of A.D. 51.
 - A. Gallio, mentioned in Acts 18:12-17 during Paul's 1st visit to Corinth as the proconsul of Achaia, was known historically to have held that office of for the first seven months of A.D. 52 (Carson & Moo, 447).
 - B. Spent 18 months there (Acts 18:11)
2. First letter to Corinthians - 1 Cor 5:9 (warn of avoid immoral people). Probably carried to Paul by Stephanas, Fortunatus, Achaicus (16:17)
3. Letter from Corinthians - 1 Cor 7:1 (about three years later?)
4. Second letter to Corinthians - Epistle of 1 Corinthians (situation had deteriorated) carried by Timothy (1 Cor 4:17, Acts 19:22)
 - A. Written from 3rd visit to Ephesus, just before his trip to Macedonia (1 Cor 16:5-6). This better fits the 3rd trip than the first trip when he was on his way back to Jerus.
 - B. But, this could refer to the unrecorded 2nd visit (see next).
5. Visit #2 (2 Cor 2:1, 12:14, 13:1)
6. Third letter to Corinthians - 2 Cor 2:4, 7:8
7. Fourth letter to Corinthians - Epistle of 2 Corinthians
8. Visit #3 (2 Cor 12:14, 13:1 "This will be my third visit to you.")