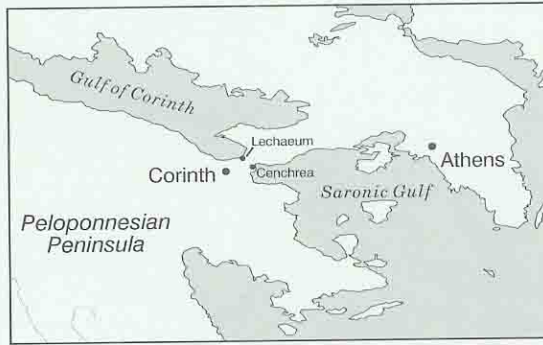


The Corinthians were known for their luxury as well as their immorality. The city's prosperity and sin had definite effects on the Christians who lived there.



1. In 1 Corinthians 4:8, Paul describes the Corinthians as full, rich, and reigning as kings. However, this was only a worldly prosperity, and Paul longed for them to experience true spiritual riches and honor.
2. Paul rebuked the Christians at Corinth for allowing serious sin in the church. He told them that even most Gentiles would not have tolerated such deeds (1 Corinthians 5:1).
3. Paul probably visited many nearby areas during his lengthy ministry at Corinth. Romans 16:1 mentions Phebe, who was a believer in the church at Cenchrea.

Modern archaeologists working at Corinth have found the main marketplace, a synagogue, the temple of Apollo, and ancient Roman roads that Paul probably used.

4. Most non-Christians of Corinth practiced idolatry. Part of their worship included offering meat sacrifices to the idols. Of course the idols could not eat the meat, so after the ceremony the meat was sold in the markets. What term in 1 Corinthians 10:25 refers to these markets? shambles
5. Some Jews were living in Corinth when Paul arrived there. What did he do in their synagogue? (Acts 18:4) He reasoned and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.