

1 Corinthians 16:1-24 **Collection for the Saints – Those coming to you - Salutation**
Collection for the Saints in Jerusalem

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come. 3 And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem. 4 But if it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.

Tarrying in Ephesus until Pentecost – Then coming to you through Macedonia

5 Now I will come to you when I pass through Macedonia (for I am passing through Macedonia). 6 And it may be that I will remain, or even spend the winter with you, that you may send me on my journey, wherever I go. 7 For I do not wish to see you now on the way; but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permits. 8 But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. 9 For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

Timothy is coming – Apollos will come later when able

10 Now if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do. 11 Therefore let no one despise him. But send him on his journey in peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren.

12 Now concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brethren, but he was quite unwilling to come at this time; however, he will come when he has a convenient time.

Watch faithfully in love

13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done with love.

Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus

15 I urge you, brethren--you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints-- 16 that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. 17 I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. 18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

Greetings from Asia

19 The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. 20 All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

Salutation by Paul's own hand

21 The salutation with my own hand--Paul's.

22 If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Collection for the Saints in Jerusalem [1 Corinthians 16:1-4]

- ✚ The collection is taken from among the Gentile churches to send to the Saints in Jerusalem who are at the center of persecution of the Church, and for the famine predicted by Agabus which came in the days of Claudius Caesar. [Acts 11:19, 27-30, Romans 15:25-31]
- ✧ The Gentile Churches had pledged to send aid to Jerusalem, now Paul is preparing them to fulfill their pledge and have it ready for him when he comes.
- ✧ The instruction for the Church at Corinth is the same as the instruction Paul had given to the churches of Galatia.
 - ✧ On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come.
 - ✧ When I come, whomever you approve by your letters I will send to bear your gift to Jerusalem.
 - ✧ If it is fitting that I go also, they will go with me.
- ✧ Paul expects to go to Jerusalem with the delegation from each Church body as they bear the gift they have pledged to send to the Saints in Jerusalem.
- ✧ The plan is to accumulate the pledge as able weekly to have it available to send to Jerusalem when Paul arrives.

Tarrying in Ephesus until Pentecost – Then coming to you through Macedonia [1 Corinthians 16:5-9]

- ✚ Paul's plan is to pass through Macedonia on his way to Corinth where he plans to spend the winter before heading for Jerusalem.
- ✚ However with a great and effective door opened for his ministry in Ephesus, Paul plans to remain in Ephesus until Pentecost before leaving for the trip to Corinth.
- ✧ The Door is open, but there are many adversaries.

Timothy is coming – Apollos will come later when able [1 Corinthians 16:10-12]

- ✚ Timothy is expected to arrive at Corinth, so Paul asked them for their support on his behalf and that they send him on his way to Paul, who is waiting for him with the brethren in Ephesus.
- ✚ Paul had strongly urged Apollos to go to Corinth, but he was unwilling at the time, but will go when it is more convenient.

Watch faithfully in love

- ✚ The best instruction for Saints at all times is to "Stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong, let all you do be done with love." [1 Corinthians 16:13-14]

Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus [1 Corinthians 16:15-18]

- ✚ Stephanas and his household, were the first converts of Paul in Achaia.
 - ✧ They have faithfully devoted themselves to the ministry of the Saints.
 - ✧ Paul asked the Corinthians to submit to people like Stephanas and everyone who works and labors with him and his party.
 - ✧ Paul was greatly glad at the arrival of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus from Corinth, because they supplied what was lacking in the support previously received from Corinth.
 - ✧ These men deserve special recognition for their refreshing encouragement.

Greetings from Asia [1 Corinthians 16:19-20]

- ✚ The Churches in Asia send their greetings.
- ✚ Aquila and Priscilla send their greetings heartily in the Lord along with the Church in their house.
- ✚ All the brethren with Paul send their greetings.
- ✚ Greet one another with a holy kiss.

Salutation by Paul's own hand [1 Corinthians 16:21-24]

- ✚ The Salutation was written by Paul's own hand:
 - ✧ If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed.

- ✧ O Lord, come! (This is the heart cry of all the Saints, that Christ will come with His Kingdom in our life time). [\[Revelation 22:20\]](#)
- ✧ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
- ✧ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.