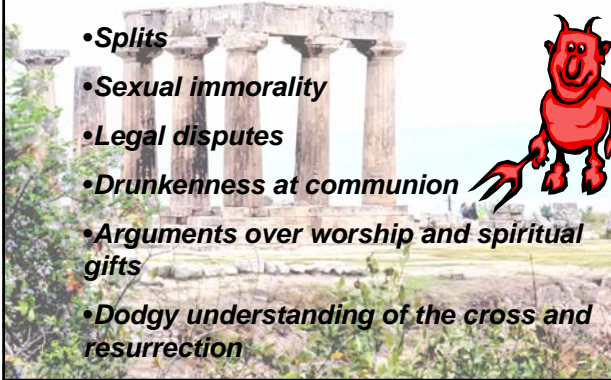
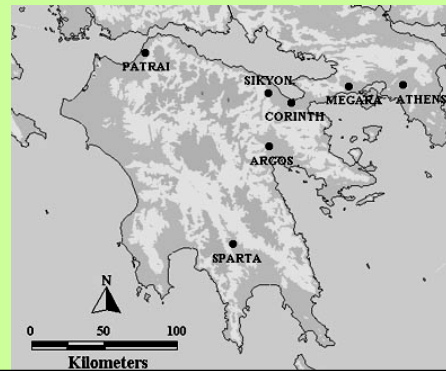


Corinth – the church from hell??

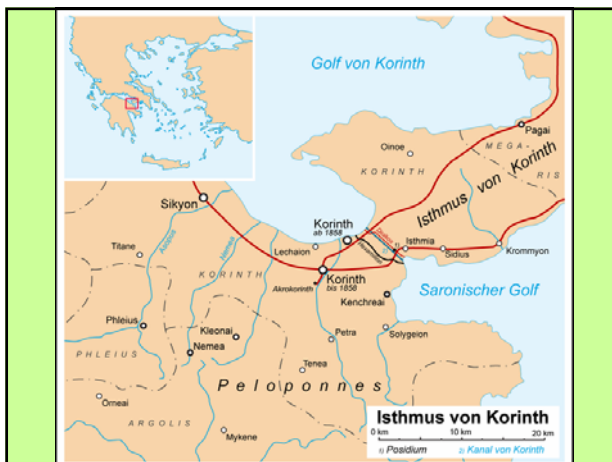
- *Splits*
- *Sexual immorality*
- *Legal disputes*
- *Drunkenness at communion*
- *Arguments over worship and spiritual gifts*
- *Dodgy understanding of the cross and resurrection*



Welcome to Corinth!



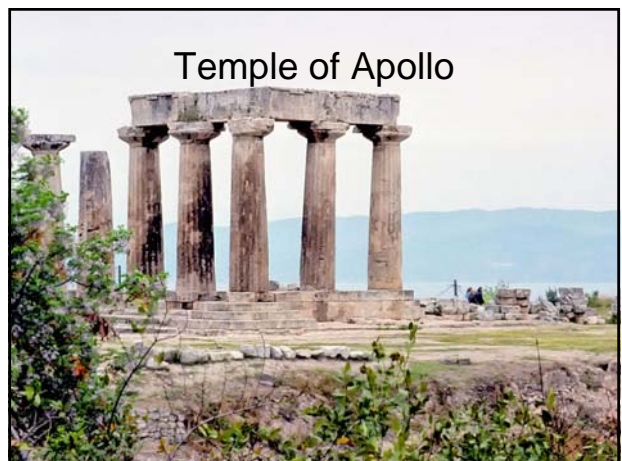
The “diolkos” – ship ramp



Lechaion Road



Temple of Apollo



Fountain of Peirene



The "bema" – Roman platform



"agora" – market place



Erastus inscription

*"Erastus,
in return for
the office of aedile,
laid this pavement
at his own expense"*

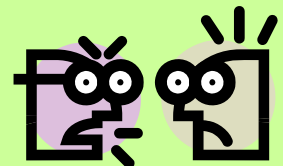


Paul in Corinth – Acts 18

- There for 18 months – v. 11
- Argued and presented the gospel in the synagogue + elsewhere
- Founded and built up the church
- Faced constant violence + persecution with no support from the Roman authorities – v. 17

1. Issues of Disunity – verse 10-17

- Paul party
- Apollos faction
- Cephas/ Peter group
- "We're the only ones who really follow Jesus" group



1. Issues of **Disunity** – verse 10-17

- It's all about Jesus
- “Keeping the main thing, the main thing”

1. Issues of **Disunity** – verse 10-17

- Unity comes as we get closer to the centre (i.e. Christ)



2. Fantastic **Privileges** – v. 4-9

- A. Grace is given to us
- B. We are enriched
- C. We receive gifts to serve
- D. We are on a journey with an expert guide
- E. We have “shares in Jesus”



3. Challenging **Calling** – verse 2

- “hagios” = holy
- “hegiasmenois” = made holy/ “holified”
- Called to be “hagiois” = holy

3. Challenging **Calling** – verse 2

- Called to be **HOLY**
 - God has set us apart for himself
 - We need to step into our new identity

