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Bible Translation Reviewers' Guide

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1:10-17

Read all of Chapter 1. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul urged the Corinthians to have no divisions among themselves. [1:10]
- ☐ Chloe's people had told Paul there were divisions among the believers in Corinth. [1:11-13]
- ☐ Christ did not send Paul to baptize but to preach the gospel. [1:14-17]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul urge the believers at Corinth to do? [1:10]
Paul urged them to all agree with one another and not be divided.
2. What did Chloe's people report to Paul? [1:11]
Chloe's people reported to Paul that factions had developed among the people of the church at Corinth.
3. What did Paul mean by factions? [1:12]
People in the church were divided and arguing with one another. People claimed to have different Christian leaders such as Paul, Apollos, Cephas, or Christ.
4. What did Paul ask the Corinthians? [1:13]
Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into the name of Paul?
5. Why do you think Paul asked these questions? [1:13]
Paul used these questions to correct the Corinthian Christians. He was reminding them that everyone is united in Christ. Paul was not crucified for them, and they were not baptized into his name.
6. Why did Paul thank God that he baptized none of them except Crispus and Gaius? [1:14-15]
Paul thanked God for this because this gave them no reason to say that they were baptized into Paul's name.
7. What did Christ send Paul to do? [1:17]
Christ sent Paul to preach the gospel.

Comment Section:

2:9-12

Read all of Chapter 2. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul quoted scripture saying that no one can imagine the wonderful things that God has made ready for those who love him. [2:9]
- ☐ Only the Spirit can search the deep things of God. [2:10]
- ☐ No one understands the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. [2:11]
- ☐ Believers have received the Spirit from God and not the spirit of the world. [2:12]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. In verse 9, Paul quoted from Isaiah 64:4. What does that verse say that no one can imagine? [2:9]
No one can imagine what God has prepared for those who love him.
2. How did Paul and those with him know God's wisdom? [2:10]
God revealed those things to them through the Spirit.
3. Who knows the deep things of God? [2:11]
Only the Spirit of God knows the deep things of God.
4. Why does God give his Spirit to people? [2:12]
God gives his Spirit so that people might know the things freely given to them by God. [2:12]
5. What are the three spirits mentioned in this passage? [2:10-12]
The Spirit of God, the spirit of the world, and the spirit of the person.

Comment Section:

3:10-15

Read all of Chapter 3. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Jesus Christ is the foundation of the church. [3:10-11]
- ☐ Anyone who builds on this foundation will have their work tested by fire. [3:12-13]
- ☐ If a person's work survives the test, they will be rewarded. [3:14]
- ☐ If a person's work is burned up, they will suffer loss but will still be saved. [3:15]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul do according to the grace of God? [3:10]
Paul laid the foundation.
2. What is the foundation? [3:11]
Jesus Christ is the foundation.
3. What do you think it means that Paul laid the foundation, who is Jesus Christ? [3:10-11]
It means that Paul preached to them the gospel about Jesus Christ. This gospel is the central truth of the Christian faith. Without this gospel, the church does not exist.
4. What will happen to the work of someone who builds on the foundation of Jesus Christ? [3:12-13]
His work will be revealed in daylight, and fire will test the quality of his work.
5. What will a person receive if their work survives the fire? [3:14]
That person will receive a reward.
6. What did Paul say about the person whose work is burned? [3:15]
He said that the person will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, escaping the fire.

Comment Section:

4:1-5

Read all of Chapter 4. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul said that he should be regarded as a steward of the hidden truths of God. [4:1]
- ☐ God requires that his stewards be found trustworthy. [4:2]
- ☐ Paul said he should not be judged by any person, for it is the Lord who judges. [4:3-4]
- ☐ He wrote that the Lord is the judge and will bring hidden things of darkness into the light. [4:5]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. How did Paul say a person should regard Paul and his companions? [4:1]
They should regard them as servants of Christ and stewards of the hidden truths of God.
2. What did Paul say was required of stewards? [4:2]
He said that they were required to be trustworthy.
3. Who did Paul say is the one who judges him? [4:4]
Paul said the Lord judges him.
4. What did Paul say about judgment? [4:5]
He said they should not pronounce judgment before the Lord comes.
5. What did Paul write would happen after the Lord comes? [4:5]
He wrote that the Lord would bring to light the hidden things of darkness and show the purposes of the heart.
6. Why do you think humans should not pronounce judgment before the Lord comes? [4:5-6]
Humans do not always know everything about a person or situation. People do not always know another person's motives or reasons for doing something, so their judgments can be wrong. Only when the Lord comes will the full truth be known. Since the Lord is the judge of all humans, they should not be quick to judge others.

Comment Section:

5:6-11

Read all of Chapter 5. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul told the Corinthians that their boasting was not good. [5:6]
- ☐ Paul told the Corinthians to stop doing what is evil and to be sincere and truthful. [5:7-8]
- ☐ Paul told the Corinthians not to associate with anyone in the church who is sexually immoral or commits other sins. [5:9-11]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul say the Corinthians were doing that was not good? [5:6]
Boasting.
2. To what does Paul compare bad behavior and wickedness? [5:8]
Paul compares them to yeast.
3. Paul said a little yeast leavens the whole loaf. How do you think this shows what sin is like? [5:6-8]
Just as yeast spreads through dough, so can sinful acts affect everyone in the church or even cause others to sin.
4. With whom did Paul tell the Corinthian believers not to associate? [5:9]
Paul wrote to them not to associate with sexually immoral people.
5. Did Paul mean for them not to associate with any sexually immoral people? [5:10]
Paul did not mean the immoral people of this world. A Christian would have to go out of the world to stay away from them.
6. With whom did Paul mean for the Corinthian believers not to associate? [5:11]
He meant for them not to associate with anyone who is called a brother or sister in Christ who is sexually immoral, greedy, verbally abusive, a drunkard, a swindler or an idolater.

Comment Section:

6:18-20

Read all of Chapter 6. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ People who are sexually immoral sin against their own body. [6:18]
- ☐ The body of a believer is a temple of the Holy Spirit. [6:19]
- ☐ Believers should glorify God with their bodies. [6:20]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who do people sin against when they are sexually immoral? [6:18]
They sin against their own bodies when they are sexually immoral.
2. Why should believers glorify God with their bodies? [6:19-20]
They should glorify God with their bodies because their bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit and because they were bought with a price.

Comment Section:

7:1-7

Read all of Chapter 7. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul began to answer questions that the Corinthians had asked him. [7:1]
- ☐ Paul wrote about sexual behavior between a husband and a wife. [7:1-5]
- ☐ Paul wished all could be like him, but everyone has their own gift. [7:6-7]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Why should each man have his own wife and each woman have her own husband? [7:1-2]
Because of temptations for many immoral acts, each man should have his own wife and each wife should have her own husband.
2. What did Paul write about the husband's duty to his wife and the wife's duty to her husband? [7:3]
They should agree to fulfill their duty to have sexual relations together.
3. How did Paul describe the authority over the husband's and wife's body? [7:4]
A husband has authority over his wife's body and likewise the wife has authority over her husband's body.
4. What do you think Paul meant by the husband has authority over his wife's body, and the wife has authority over the husband's body? [7:4-5]
Paul probably meant that when a man and a woman are married, they belong to each other. They cannot give their bodies to someone else for sexual relations. In this case, they cannot decide to no longer have sexual relations with their spouse without their spouse's agreement.
5. What did Paul write about the husband and wife depriving each other? [7:5]
He wrote that it should be done by mutual agreement and for a specific period of time.
6. If they agree to deprive themselves, what did he say they should do instead? [7:5]
They were told to devote themselves to prayer.
7. What was the reason they should come together again? [7:5]
They should come together again so that Satan would not tempt them because of lack of self-control.
8. What was Paul's advice to Christian men and women? [7:6-7]
He wished they were all unmarried like him, but he knew that all had different gifts and all would not be able to live as he did.

Comment Section:

8:1-6

Read all of Chapter 8. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul wrote about love being more important than knowledge. [8:1-3]
- ☐ Concerning eating food sacrificed to idols, Paul wrote that idols are nothing, for there is only one God and one Lord Jesus Christ. [8:4-6]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What subject did Paul begin to address in this chapter? [8:1]
Paul addressed the subject of food sacrificed to idols.
2. What results do knowledge and love cause? [8:1]
Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.
3. What do you think it means that knowledge puffs up, but love builds up? [8:1]
It means knowledge can make a person prideful, but love helps other people.
4. What did Paul write about the person who thinks he knows something? [8:2]
He wrote that if someone thinks he knows something, that person does not know as he should.
5. What did Paul write about the person who loves God? [8:3]
He wrote that the person is known by God.
6. What did Paul say about idols in this world and God? [8:4]
An idol in this world is nothing, and there is no God but one.
7. What did Paul say is true for Christians, even if there were so-called “gods”? [8:5-6]
Even if there were so-called “gods,” for Christians there is only one God, who is the Father, and one Lord, Jesus Christ.

Comment Section:

9:24-27

Read all of Chapter 9. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul wrote that the Christian life is like a race. [9:24]
- ☐ Paul said Christians run to receive an imperishable prize. [9:25]
- ☐ Paul described how he used self-control so that he was not disqualified from the race. [9:26-28]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul write about running the race and winning the prize? [9:24]
He wrote that all runners run the race, but only one receives the prize.
2. Why do you think Paul used the example of athletic training to describe the Christian life? [9:24-25]
Just like athletes, Christians must have discipline and self-control to achieve their goals.
3. What kind of wreath do Christians run to receive? [9:25]
Christians run so that they might receive a wreath that does not perish.
4. Why did Paul subdue his body and make it a slave? [9:27]
He wrote that he made his body a slave so that after he had preached to others, he would not be disqualified.

Comment Section:

10:14-22

Read all of Chapter 10. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul told the Corinthians to run away from idolatry. [10:14]
- ☐ Paul said food sacrificed to idols are offerings to demons, and Christians should not participate with demons. [10:16-20]
- ☐ Paul warned Christians that they will provoke the Lord to jealousy if they participate with demons. [10:21-22]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul warn the Corinthian believers to run away from? [10:14]
He warned them to run away from idolatry.
2. What is the cup of blessing the believers bless and what is the bread they break? [10:16]
The cup is a sharing in the blood of Christ. The bread is a sharing in the body of Christ.
3. Because there is one loaf of bread, what did Paul say about himself and the many other Christians? [10:17]
He said they are one body because they take and eat from one loaf of bread together.
4. What questions did Paul ask the Corinthians? [10:19]
He asked them if an idol or food offered to idols was anything to be concerned about.
5. Why do you think Paul asked them these questions? [10:19]
Paul knew his readers would understand that the answer is “no” to these questions. He used these questions to emphasize to the readers that he did not believe the idols were real gods.
6. To whom do the gentile pagans offer their sacrifices? [10:20]
They offer these things to demons and not to God.
7. Since Paul did not want the Corinthian believers to be participants with demons, what did he tell them they cannot do? [10:21]
Paul told them they cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons, and they cannot have fellowship at the table of the Lord and the table of demons.
8. What will believers do if they participate with demons? [10:22]
They will provoke the Lord to jealousy.

Comment Section:

11:23-32

Read all of Chapter 11. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul described the taking of the bread and the cup to remember Jesus' death. [11:23-26]
- ☐ Paul warned that whoever receives the bread or cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner brings judgment on himself. [11:27-30]
- ☐ Those partaking of the Lord's supper should examine themselves. [11:31]
- ☐ Those judged by the Lord are disciplined so they will not be condemned. [11:32]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. On the night that he was betrayed, what did the Lord say after he broke the bread? [11:24]
He said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this to remember me."
2. What did the Lord say when he took the cup after supper? [11:25]
He said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, to remember me."
3. What are believers doing every time they eat this bread and drink this cup? [11:26]
They are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes.
4. Why should a person not eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner? [11:27, 29]
Doing so makes you guilty of defiling the body and blood of the Lord. You are eating and drinking judgment on yourself.
5. What did Paul write that a person should do before taking the bread and the cup? [11:28]
He wrote that they should examine themselves first.
6. What happened to many among the Corinthian church who ate the bread and drank the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner? [11:30]
Many among them became sick and ill. Some of them died.
7. What did Paul say would happen if we examine ourselves? [11:31]
He said we would not be judged.
8. How did Paul describe what happens when we are judged by the Lord? [11:32]
He said we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Comment Section:

12:12-31

Read all of Chapter 12. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ As the body is one with many members, so it is in Christ. [12:12-13]
- ☐ No part of the body can say it doesn't need another part of the body. [12:14-23]
- ☐ Members of the body should care for other members. [12:24-26]
- ☐ In the body of Christ, members are appointed to serve in different ways. [12:27-31]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. In this passage, what did Paul say about the human body? [12:12-26]
The body is one and is made up of many parts, and each part serves the body in its own way.
2. How did Paul describe the unity of the believers? [12:13]
All believers are baptized into one body because all are of the same Spirit.
3. How did Paul compare the human body to the church? [12:27-31]
All people who believe in Christ are united as one, but each person has their own way of serving Christ. Each way of serving is valuable and needed.
4. What examples does Paul give for ways people serve Christ? [12:28-29]
The Lord gave apostles, prophets, teachers, miracle workers, healing people, people who help others, works of administration, and those who speak in different tongues.
5. What do you think Paul means by "gifts" here? [12:28, 30, 31]
This means "spiritual abilities" or "special abilities from the Holy Spirit" or "special spiritual skills that God gives."

Comment Section:

13:8-13

Part 1

Read all of Chapter 13. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ When the perfect comes, all incomplete things will pass away, but love will never end. [13:8-10]
- ☐ When Paul became an adult, he put away childish things. [13:11]
- ☐ Paul said that only faith, hope, and love will remain after all other incomplete gifts are gone, but the greatest of these is love. [13:12-13]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What are some things that will pass away or cease? [13:8]
Prophecies, tongues, and knowledge will cease.
2. What will never end? [13:8]
Love will never end.
3. What do you think Paul meant when he wrote that we know in part and we prophesy in part? [13:9]
What we know and prophesy is limited, and we do not know everything.
4. What will come that will make everything incomplete pass away? [13:10]
The perfect will come.
5. What do you think Paul meant by “the perfect”? [13:10]
Paul probably meant that there will be a time when what people know will be made complete or perfect. This probably refers to when Jesus returns to the earth.
6. What changed when Paul became an adult? [13:11]
When he became an adult, he put away childish things.
7. What did Paul compare with knowing in part, which believers experience now? [13:12]
Paul compared it to looking at something indirectly in a mirror.
8. Paul stated three things that remain and one was the greatest. What were those things? [13:13]
Paul said faith, hope, and love remain, and the greatest of these is love.

Comment Section:

14:20-25

Read all of Chapter 14. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Background: In this passage, Paul wrote about “tongues.” Paul was referring to speaking in tongues, which is a spiritual gift that causes a person to pray in a spiritual or heavenly language. Humans cannot understand this language unless a person has the spiritual gift that allows him to interpret the message. Prophecy is a message from God that a person speaks, but it is spoken in an understandable, human language.

Part 1

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ Paul told the Corinthians to be mature in their thinking. [14:20]
- ☐ Paul said tongues are a sign to unbelievers, and unbelievers cannot understand what is being said. [14:21-23]
- ☐ If an unbeliever hears believers prophesying, the unbelievers may believe what they hear and worship God. [14:24-25]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What did Paul write about the childish thinking of the Corinthians? [14:20]
He told them to be mature in their thinking, but regarding evil, they should be like infants.
2. To whom did Paul say tongues and prophesying are a sign? [14:22]
Tongues are a sign to unbelievers and prophesying is a sign for believers.
3. What would outsiders and unbelievers likely say if they came into the church and all were speaking in tongues? [14:23]
They would likely say the believers were insane.
4. What did Paul say would happen if all in the church were prophesying and an unbeliever or an outsider came in? [14:24]
Paul said the unbeliever or outsider would be convicted by all they hear, and they would be judged by all that was said.
5. What would the unbeliever or outsider do if those prophesying revealed the secrets of their heart? [14:25]
They would fall on their face, worship God, and declare that God was really among the believers.

Comment Section:

15:20-28

Part 1

Read all of Chapter 15. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ When Christ was raised from the dead, he showed that when believers die, they will also be raised from the dead. [15:20-23]
- ☐ Christ must reign until he has put all enemies under his feet, including death. [15:25-26]
- ☐ When all things are subjected under Jesus Christ, He will be placed in subjection under God the Father. [15:27-28]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. What happened to Christ? [15:20]
Christ was raised from the dead.
2. What do you think “the firstfruits of those who died” means? [15:20]
Christ was the first to be raised from the dead, and he showed that believers who have died will be raised from the dead.
3. What does 15:21-22 tell us about death and the resurrection from the dead?
Death came because of a man, and the resurrection from the dead came because of a man. This means that people die because of one man (Adam), and they will be resurrected because of another man (Christ).
4. What do you think it means to be “in Adam” and to be “in Christ”? [15:22]
To be “in Adam” means to be united with Adam or associated with him because of sin. Because Adam sinned, his descendants sin. To be “in Christ” means to be united with Christ or associated with him by faith.
5. What happens to people who are in Adam, and what will happen to people who are in Christ? [15:22]
Everyone who is in Adam dies for their sin. Everyone who is in Christ will be made alive.
6. When will those who belong to Christ be made alive? [15:23]
Those who belong to Christ will be made alive when Christ comes.
7. What will happen at the end? [15:24]
Christ will give the kingdom to God the Father and will end all other rule, authority, and power.
8. Who will reign? [15:25]
Christ will reign.
9. What do you think “until he has put all his enemies under his feet” means? [15:25]
It means “until he has defeated all his enemies.”

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10. What is the last enemy to be destroyed? [15:26]
Death is the last enemy to be destroyed.
11. How do you think the quote “he has put everything under his feet” strengthens what Paul was saying? [15:27]
This is a quote from the Old Testament. It shows that what Paul was saying was true because the scripture said that it would happen.
12. In the phrase “he has put everything under his feet,” what is not included in the word “everything”? [15:27]
The one who put everything under him.
13. Who do you think Paul meant by “the one who put everything in subjection under him”? [15:27]
God the Father.
14. What do you think “put everything in subjection under him” means? [15:27]
It means “put everything under his authority.” God the Father will make Christ rule over everything.
15. What will happen when all things are subjected under Christ? [15:28]
The Son will be subjected under the one who put all things into subjection under him. The Son will be under the Father’s authority.
16. Who do you think this Son is? [15:28]
This Son is Jesus Christ.

Comment Section:

16:19-24

Part 1

Read all of Chapter 16. Then read this passage again and answer the questions below.

Tell in your own words what you just read in these verses.

- ☐ The churches in Asia sent their greetings to the Corinthians. [16:19]
- ☐ Paul said to greet one another with a holy kiss. [16:20]
- ☐ Paul's handwriting showed he wrote the letter. [16:21]
- ☐ Paul ended his letter and said that If any one does not love the Lord, a curse should be on him. [16:22-24]

Part 2

Answer the following questions.

1. Who sent their greetings to the church at Corinth? [16:19-20]
The churches of Asia, Aquila and Prisca, and all the Christian brothers and sisters sent their greetings to the church at Corinth.
2. What did Paul say concerning those who do not love the Lord? [16:22]
Paul said, "If any one does not love the Lord, let a curse be on him."

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