

RESOURCES

If you or someone in your group wants to explore this topic more, here's a list of resources that the Foundry recommends for your further study.

Books

- Stowers, Stanley. Letter Writing in Greco-Roman Antiquity. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1986.
- Horsley, Richard, ed. Paul and Empire: Religion and Power in Roman Imperial Society. Harrisburg: Trinity Press International, 1997.



Want to purchase the books from this list?

Please visit <https://bookshop.org/lists/the-corinthians-conversation>

Blog Posts**“Sticking Up for Paul” - a 3-Part Series**

The Apostle Paul is often seen as a divisive figure in Christianity, with some deeply valuing his teachings and others finding him off-putting or arrogant. However, a deeper engagement with his letters—beyond the snippets often heard in church—reveals a man earnestly responding to the needs of early Christian communities.

- Sticking Up for Paul Part 1 - bit.ly/paulpart1
- Sticking Up for Paul Part 2 - bit.ly/paulpart2
- Sticking Up for Paul Part 3 - bit.ly/paulpart3

“How a Beer Made Me a Better Christian” - bit.ly/betterchristian

An Oktoberfest-inspired reflection uses a backyard beer with a neighbor to illustrate Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians: true Christian life means laying aside personal preference for the sake of hospitality, fellowship, and love. In accepting what I wouldn't have chosen for myself, I encountered both my neighbor and God—and learned that the cross often looks like small, ordinary acts of self-giving.

Interviews

Luke Timothy Johnson “Is Paul an Oppressor?” - bit.ly/pauloppressor