

# The Fire of the Spirit

Exploring St Paul

*The Spirit and Belonging to the Community*



Scripture Summer School 2016

# Welcome

- ★ Contexts
- ★ Experience (1 Thess and Gal 3 and 4)
- ★ Experience (Gal 5)
- ★ **Belonging (1 Cor 12)**
- ★ Spirituality (Rom 8)
- ★ Spirituality (Rom 8)



# Belonging

- ★ Why church at all?
- ★ The *ekklesia* in the Pauline vision
- ★ 1 Corinthians 12
- ★ Synoptic view of 1 Cor 12-14
- ★ Romans 12
- ★ And so...
- ★ Conversation

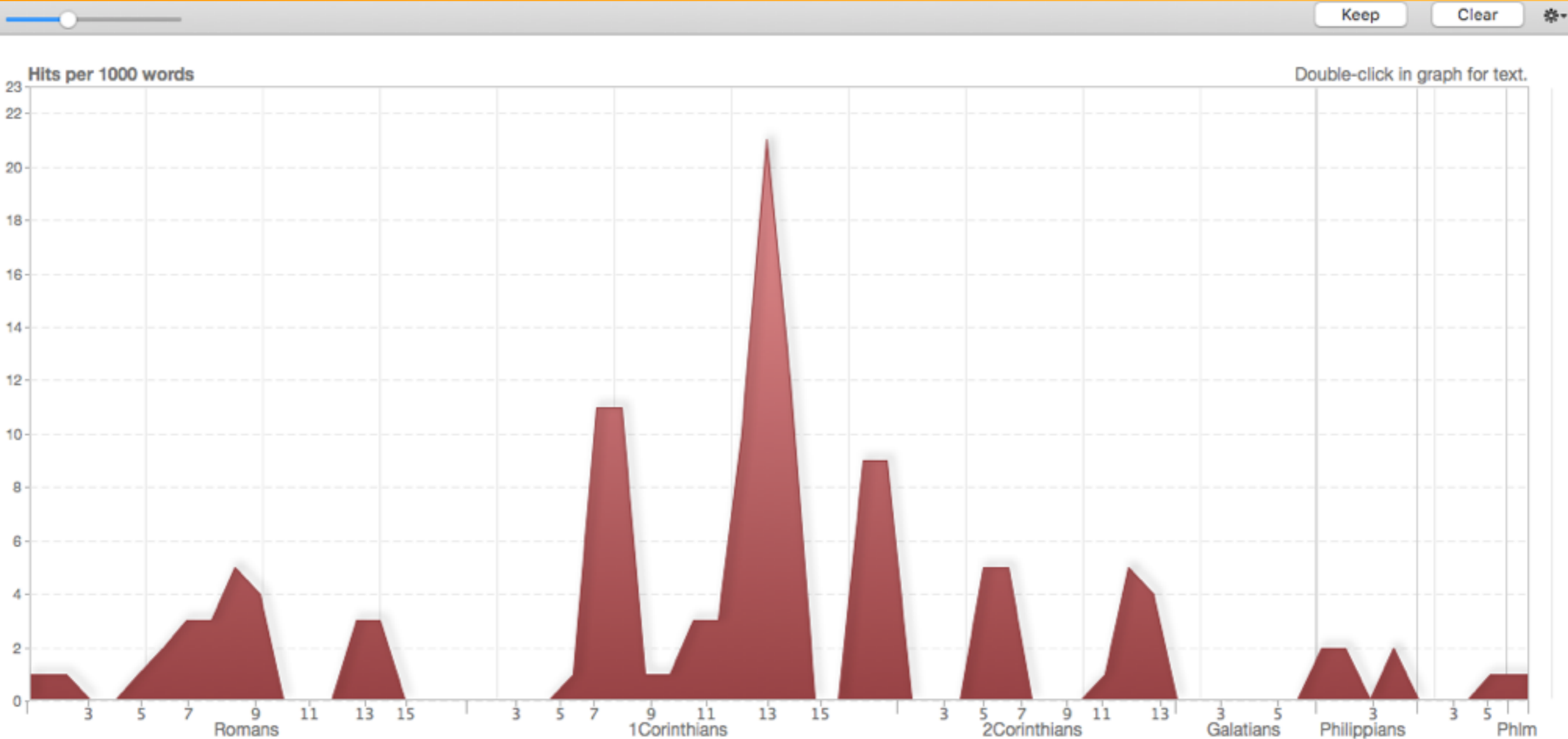


# Why church at all?

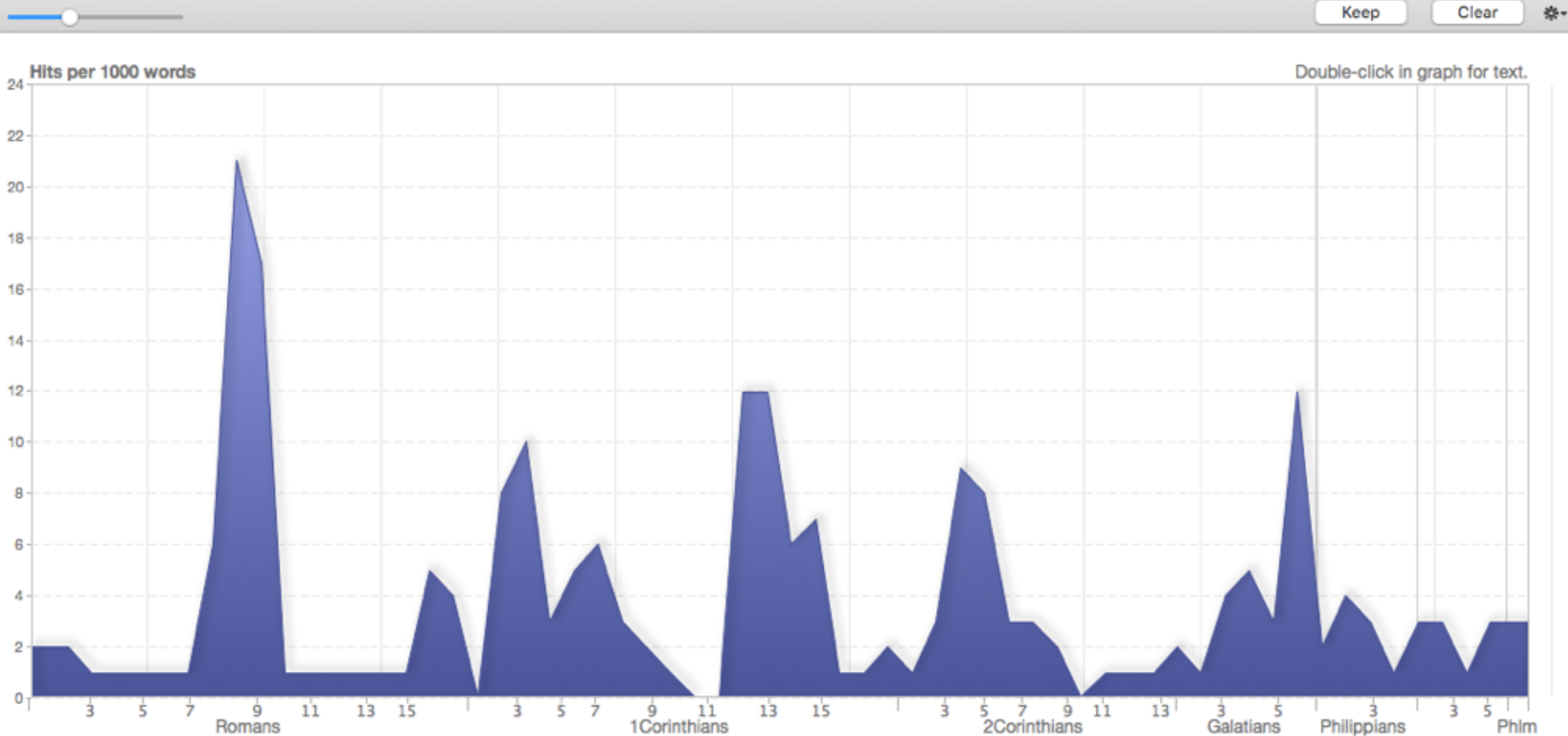
- ★ Believing without belonging
- ★ Belonging without believing (!)
- ★ “No man is an island...”
- ★ Small belonging
- ★ Big belonging



# Ekklésia



# Εκκλέσια



Keep

Clear



Hits per 1000 words

Double-click in graph for text.

Romans

1 Corinthians

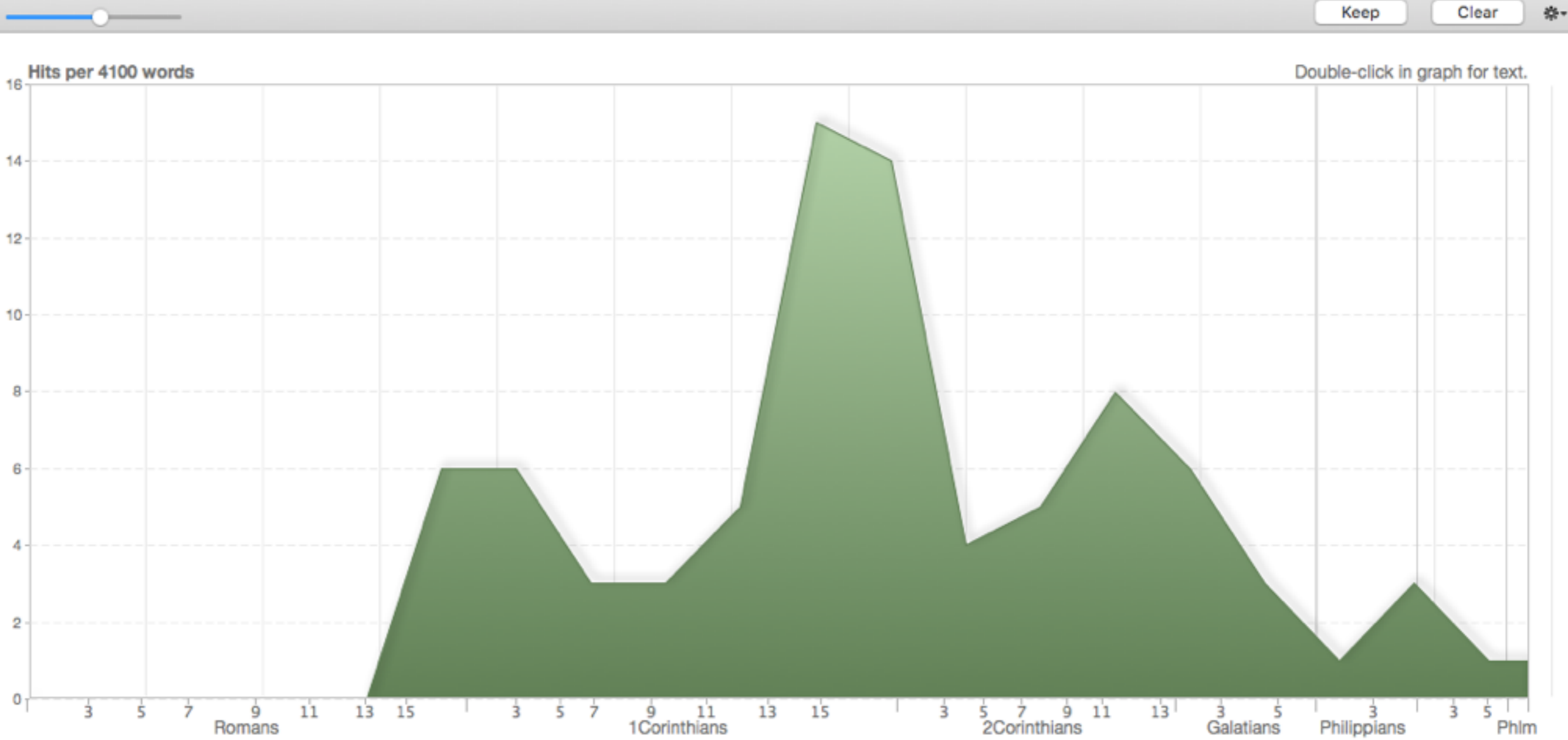
2 Corinthians

Galatians

Philippians

Phlm

# Εκκλῆσία



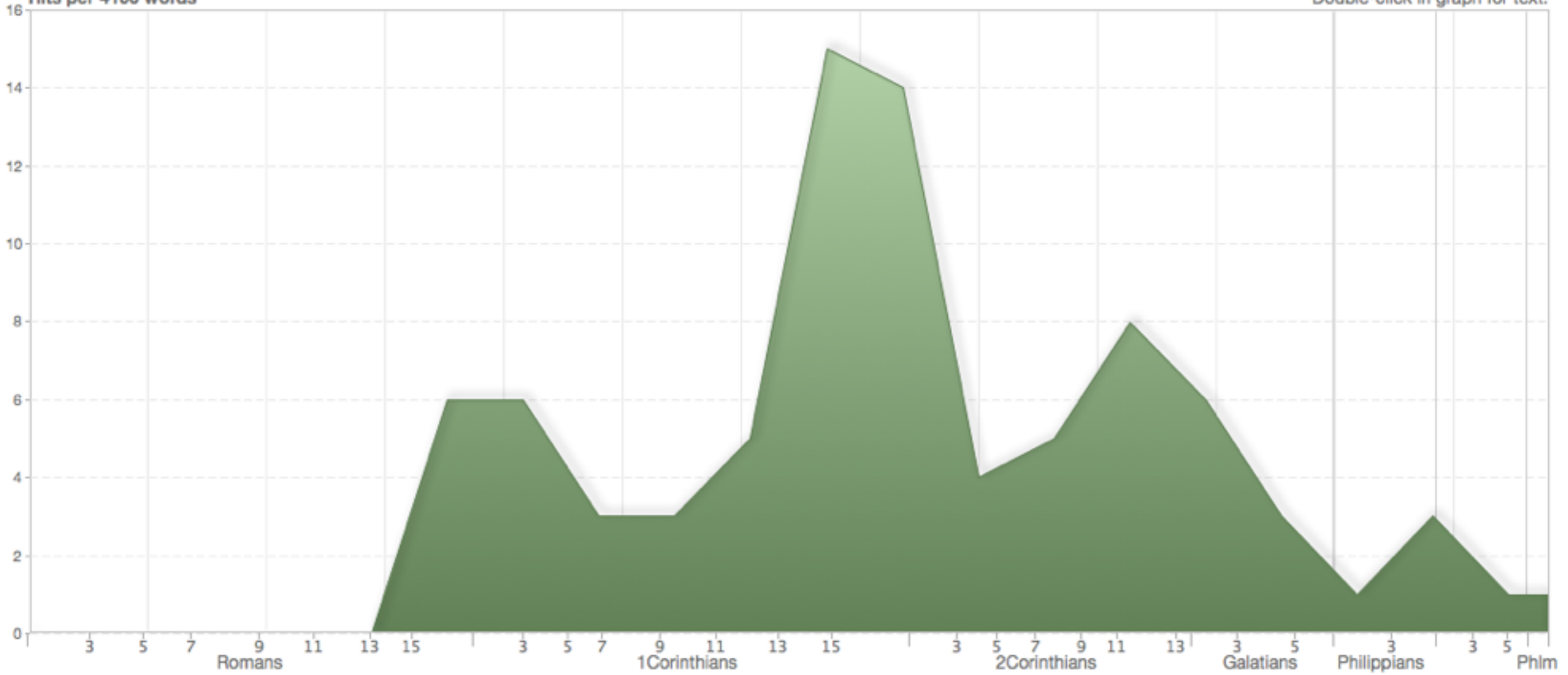
Keep

Clear



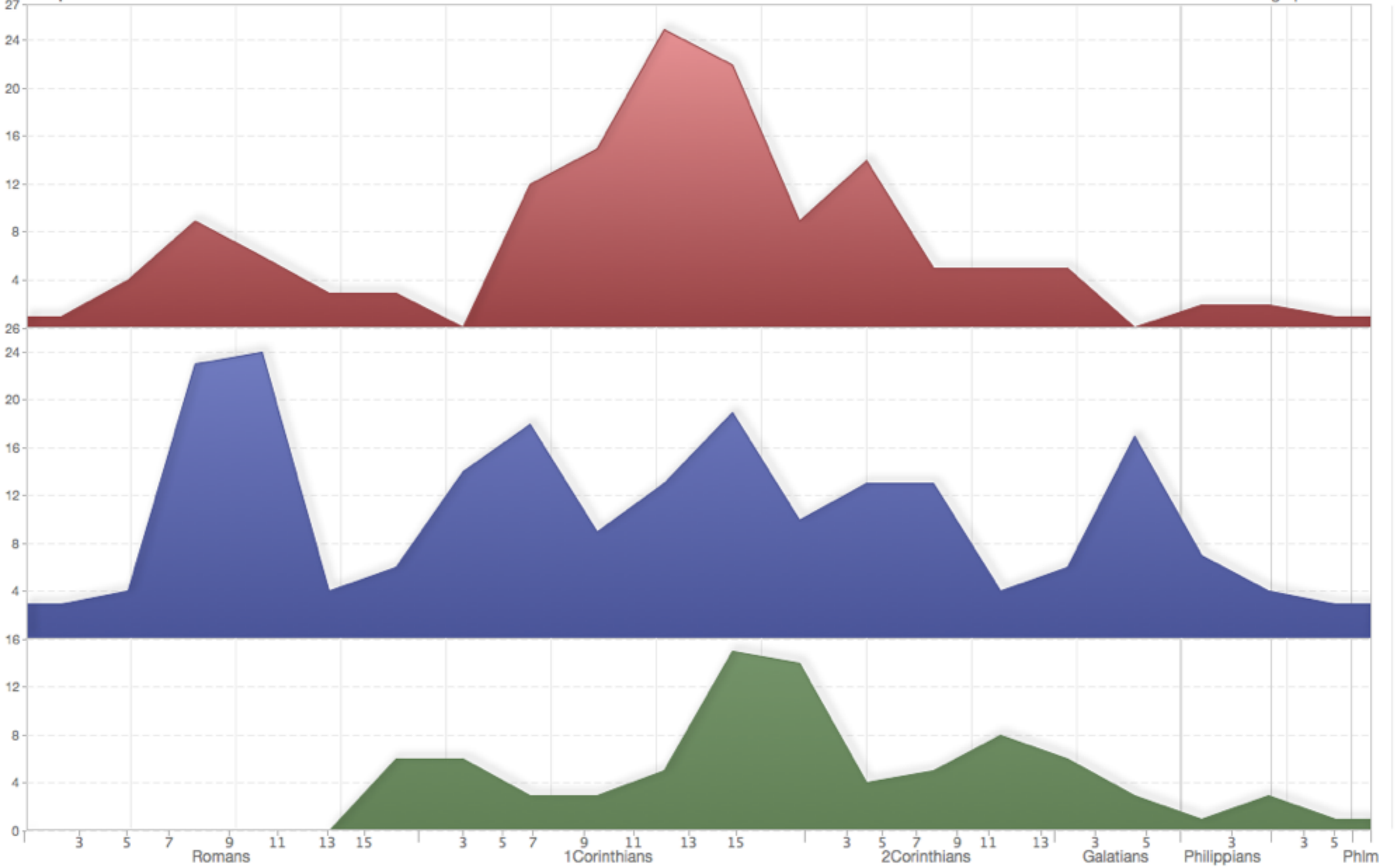
Hits per 4100 words

Double-click in graph for text.



Hits per 4100 words

Double-click in graph for text.





# Ekkléisia

★ From Paul and Silvanus and Timothy, to the **assembly** of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
(1Thessalonians 1:1)

★ From Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes, our brother, to the **assembly** of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, and called to be saints, with all those in every place who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours (1Corinthians 1:1–3)



# 1 Cor 12-14

- ★ This section forms a tight unit
- ★ The “shape” of the unit is significant
- ★ Paul uses a concentric pattern ABA\*
- ★ Thus: A (=12); B (=13); A\* (=14)



# 1 Corinthians 12-14

A (chapter 12)		Diversity	(Problem)
	B (chapter 13)	Love	(Principle
A* (chapter 14)		Order	(Application)



# 1 Corinthians 12

Introduction (12:1-3)		
a (12:4-11)		Charisms, prophecies tongues
	b (12:12-26)	body
a* (12:27-31)		Charisms, prophecies tongues



# 1 Corinthians 13

c (13:1-3)		charisms, prophecy, tongues v. love
	d (13:4-7)	love
c* (13:8-12)		prophecy, tongues, knowledge v. love

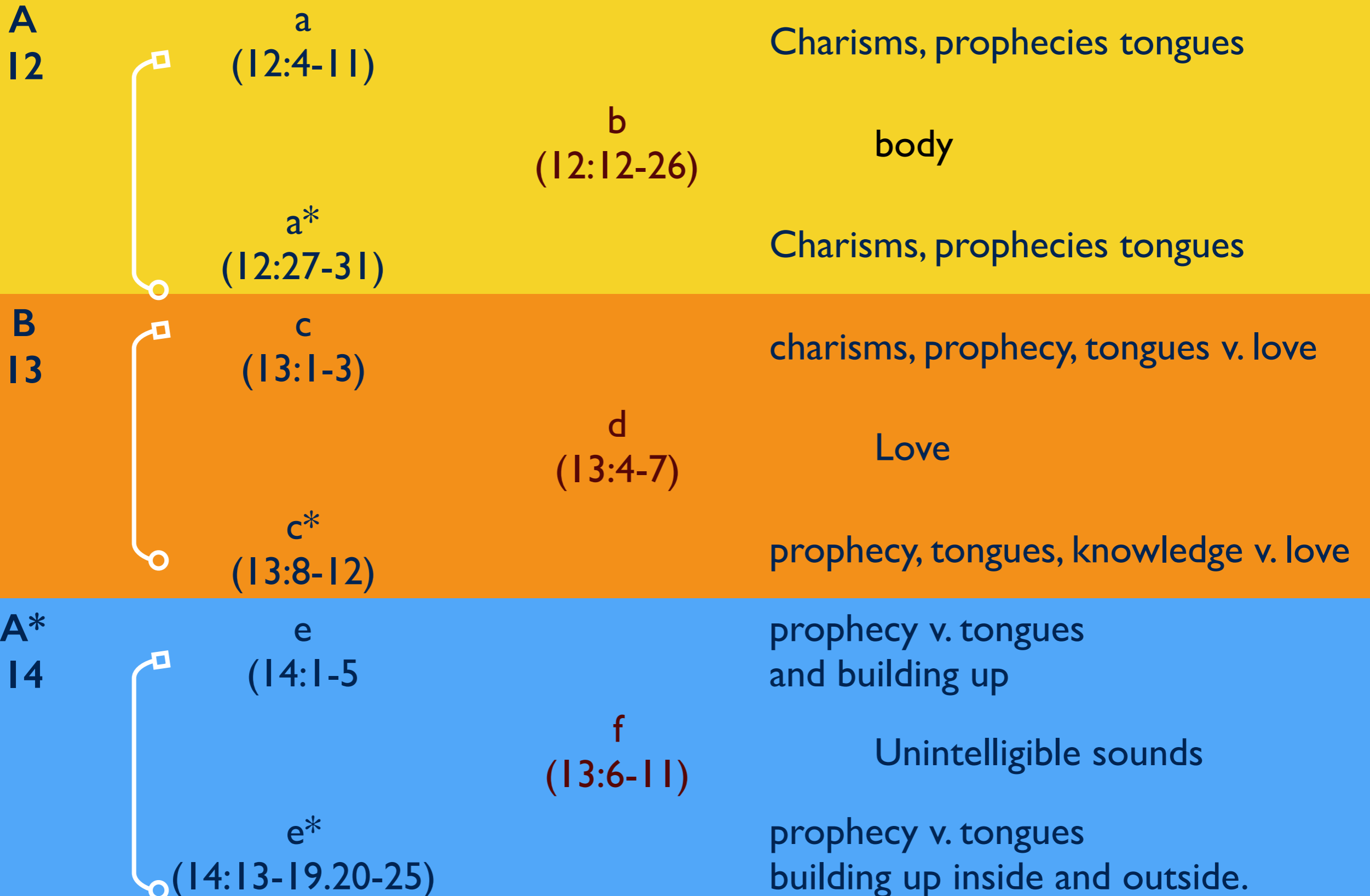


# 1 Corinthians 14

e (14:1-5)		Prophecy v. tongues and building up
	f (13:6-11)	Unintelligible sounds
e* (14:13-19.20-25)		prophecy v. tongues building up inside and outside.



Introduction  
(12:1-3)



Conclusion  
(14:26-40)

# 1 Cor 12:1-3

1 Cor 12:1 With regard to **spiritual** gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were often led astray by speechless idols, however you were led. 3 So I want you to understand that no one speaking by the **Spirit** of God says, "Jesus is cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the **Holy Spirit**.





# 1 Cor 12:4-11

1 Cor 12:4 Now there are **different** gifts, but the same **Spirit**. 5 And there are **different** ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are **different** results, but the same God who produces **all of them in everyone**.

7 To each person the manifestation of the **Spirit** is given for the benefit of **all**. 8 For one person is given through the **Spirit** the message of wisdom, and another the message of knowledge according to the same **Spirit**,

9 to another faith by the same **Spirit**, and to another gifts of healing by the one **Spirit**, 10 to another performance of miracles, to another prophecy, and to another discernment of spirits, to another **different** kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

11 It is one and the same **Spirit**, distributing as he decides to **each person**, who produces **all** these things.



# 1 Cor 12:12-13

1 Cor 12:12 For just as the body is **one** and yet has **many** members, and **all** the members of the body—though **many**—are **one** body, so too is Christ.

13 For in **one Spirit** we were **all** baptised into **one** body. Whether Jews or Greeks or slaves or free, we were **all** made to drink of the **one Spirit**.



# 1 Cor 12:14-18

14 For in fact the body is not a single **member**, but **many**.

15 If the foot says, "Since I am not a hand, I am not part of the body," it does not lose its **membership** in the body because of that. 16 And if the ear says, "Since I am not an eye, I am not part of the body," it does not lose its **membership** in the body

because of that. 17 If the whole body were an eye, what part would do the hearing? If the whole were an ear, what part would exercise the sense of smell? 18 But as a matter of fact, God has placed each of the **members** in the **body** just as he decided.



# 1 Cor 12:19-26

19 If they were all the same **member**, where would the body be? 20 So now there are many **members**, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor in turn can the head say to the foot, "I do not need you."

22 On the contrary, those **members** that seem to be weaker are essential, 23 and those **members** we consider less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our unpresentable **members** are clothed with dignity,

24 but our presentable **members** do not need this. Instead, God has blended together the body, giving greater honour to the lesser **member**, 25 so that there may be no division in the body, but the **members** may have mutual concern for one another.

26 If one **member** suffers, everyone suffers with it. If a **member** is honoured, all rejoice with it.



# 1 Cor 12:27-31

1 Cor 12:27 Now you are Christ's body, and each of you is a **member** of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first **apostles**, second **prophets**, third **teachers**, then **miracles**, gifts of healing, helps, gifts of leadership, different kinds of tongues. 29 **Not all** are

**apostles**, are they? **Not all** are **prophets**, are they? **Not all** are **teachers**, are they? Not all perform **miracles**, do they? 30 **Not all** have gifts of healing, do they? **Not all** speak in tongues, do they? **Not all** interpret, do they? 31 But you should be eager for the greater gifts.



# 1 Corinthians 12

Introduction (12:1-3)		
a (12:4-11)		Charisms, prophecies tongues
	b (12:12-26)	body
a* (12:27-31)		Charisms, prophecies tongues



# Romans 12

- ★ A late “echo” of the same theme
- ★ Presented differently
- ★ Without emphasis on the Spirit —  
because of Romans 8 and perhaps  
because it was not an issue



# Romans 12:3-5

Rom 12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to every one of you not to think more highly of yourself than you ought to think, but to think with sober discernment, as God has distributed to each of you a measure of

faith. 4 For just as in one body we have many members, and not all the members serve the same function, 5 so we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually we are members who belong to one another.





# Romans 12:6-9

6 And we have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If the gift is prophecy, that individual must use it in proportion to his faith.

7 If it is service, he must serve; if it is teaching, he must teach; 8 if it is

exhortation, he must exhort; if it is contributing, he must do so with sincerity; if it is leadership, he must do so with diligence; if it is showing mercy, he must do so with cheerfulness.



# And so...

- ★ Belonging is at the heart of the matter
- ★ It is grounded in baptism and in the Holy Spirit
- ★ The variety of gifts
- ★ All the gifts are for the good of all
- ★ The one Spirit inspires them all



And so...

