

CONTENTS

<i>List of figures</i>	<i>page</i> ix
<i>Acknowledgments</i>	xi
<i>List of abbreviations</i>	xiii
Introduction: constituting the argument	1
Part I Constitution and covenant in Corinth	11
1 Paul and politics	13
1.1 <i>Noster Paulus</i> : ancient perspectives on the political Paul	15
1.2 Recent scholarship and the politics of Pauline interpretation	18
1.3 Paul and <i>politeia</i> : the pattern of inquiry	33
1.4 Approaches to Paul and politics in Corinth	39
2 Law and life	44
2.1 Law's <i>Leben</i>	44
2.2 Crook's challenge	46
2.3 Crook's challengers	47
2.4 Crook's conditions	49
3 The Corinthian constitution	52
3.1 Sources for first-century Roman civic constitutions	53
3.2 Physical features of extant civic constitutions	56
3.3 Display and function of constitutions	61
3.4 Structure and content of constitutions	65
3.5 The validity of applying the constitutions to Corinth	72
3.6 Plausible contexts for display in Corinth	74
3.7 Constitution and the Corinthian <i>politeia</i>	79
3.8 Conclusion	82
4 Traces of covenant in Corinth	84
4.1 The Jewish community in first-century Corinth	85
4.2 The synagogue inscription in Corinth	91
4.3 New covenant community in Corinth	100
4.4 Conclusion	103
	<i>vii</i>

Cambridge University Press

978-1-107-08848-1 - Paul's Political Strategy in 1 Corinthians 1–4: Constitution and Covenant: Volume 163

Bradley J. Bitner

Table of Contents

[More information](#)

viii Contents

5 Constituting Corinth, Paul, and the assembly	106
5.1 Rendering 1 Corinthians	106
5.2 Comparative method	107
5.3 Communication and metaphor	122
5.4 Corinthian portraiture: Corinth, Paul, and the assembly	129
5.5 Conclusion	134
Part II Constitution and covenant in 1 Corinthians 1:1–4:6	135
6 1 Corinthians 1:4–9 and the politics of thanksgiving	137
6.1 History of scholarship on 1 Corinthians 1:4–9	139
6.2 The politics of thanksgiving in Graeco-Roman and Jewish settings	148
6.3 <i>Politeia</i> and the constitution of community	170
6.4 The mediation of communal privileges in first-century communities	175
6.5 Promise and the confirmation of privileges in community	186
6.6 Conclusion	187
<i>Excursus: μαρτύριον and the text of 1 Corinthians 2:1</i>	189
7 1 Corinthians 3:5–4:5 and the politics of construction	197
7.1 History of scholarship on 1 Corinthians 3:5–4:5	200
7.2 The politics of construction	212
7.3 The politics of construction and Greek temple building	216
7.4 The politics of construction in Roman Corinth	224
7.5 Jeremiah and the Pauline politics of covenantal construction	242
7.6 Architecture in 1 Corinthians 3:5–4:5	252
7.7 Authority in 1 Corinthians 3:5–4:5	260
7.8 Approval in 1 Corinthians 3:5–4:5	271
7.9 Acclamation in 1 Corinthians 3:5–4:5	275
7.10 Conclusion	285
<i>Excursus: 1 Corinthians 4:6 and the rhetoric of reconstruction</i>	289
Conclusion: comparison of constitutions	302
<i>Bibliography</i>	309
<i>Index locorum</i>	335
<i>Subject index</i>	343
<i>Modern author index</i>	350