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**Spring / Summer Bible Study**

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm**

**May 14 – July 30, 2025**

**In-person and on Zoom**

**Meeting ID: 951 7916 9014**

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**Introduction to 1 Corinthians**

\*Written by Paul

\*Written to the Christians in Corinth, an important commercial city in Greece. The church in Corinth was started by Paul a few years before this letter was written.

\*\*Written to address the strife and division that threatened the young church. Those in the church had become spiritually arrogant, engaged in sexual misconduct, committed wrongs against other believers, abused spiritual gifts and engaged in misunderstanding of basic Christian teachings. Paul writes to restore order and balance in this church.

\*Issues addressed in this book:

How to deal with a sex-crazed society.

When divorce is justified.

Christians suing.

\*On which journey did the apostle Paul establish the church in Corinth? - His second journey

\*Where do we read of the establishment of the Corinthian church? - Ac 18:1-18

\*Who did Paul first stay with in Corinth and what did they have in common? (Ac 18:1-3) - Aquila and Priscilla /

Tentmakers by trade

\*Approximately how long did Paul stay in Corinth? (Ac 18:11) - A year and six months

\*From where did Paul write this first epistle to Corinth? (16:8) - Ephesus

\*What is the approximate date of writing? - Some say the spring of 57 A.D. and others circa AD 55, at the close of Paul’s 3-year stay in Ephesus.

\*What two things existed in Corinth that appeared to have an adverse effect on the church? - Intellectualism and Immorality

\*What is the purpose of this epistle? - To correct sinful practices and refute false doctrine

\*Where is the theme of the epistle stated? - 1 Corinthians 1:10

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**Chapter 1**

1. Who joined with Paul in addressing this letter to the Corinthians and what do we know about him? (1:1)
2. What was one thing the church did not lack in Corinth and did they actually possess every one of them? (1:7)
3. What is the first problem Paul deals with in this epistle? (1:10)
4. Can any church be perfectly united in mind and thought? (1:10)
5. Who reported this problem to him? (1:11)
6. How was their divisiveness expressed? (1:12)
7. Who had Paul personally baptized at Corinth? (1:14,16)
8. Why was Paul thankful that he had not baptized any other? (1:15)
9. Why did Paul say that Christ did not send him to baptize? (1:17)
10. In what two ways do men view the preaching of the cross? (1:18)
11. Is Christianity anti-intellectual? (1:18-21)
12. How did the preaching of Christ crucified appear to the Jews and the Greeks? (1:23)
13. How has God chosen to confound the wise of this world? (1:27-28)
14. Upon what grounds may we boast? (1:31)

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**Chapter 2**

1. How does Paul describe his preaching among them? (1-2)
2. What caused Paul’s weakness and fear and how does he describe his feelings among them? (2:3)
3. What accompanied Paul as he preached the gospel and how was the Spirit’s power demonstrated? (4)
4. Why would God keep such vital information hidden? (2:7)
5. Who were the rulers of this age? (2:8)
6. What six phrases in verses 9-13 help to explain the process by which the hidden mystery of God was made known?
7. How does the Spirit teach people? (2:13)
8. What is said about the "natural" man? (14)
9. In what sense does the spiritual person make judgments about all things? (2:15)
10. How are Christians not subject to the judgments of other people? (2:15)
11. What is said about the "spiritual" man? (15-16)

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