

Series "Fixed On 66"
"1 Corinthians"
Book-46

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

The Church At Corinth Was A Divided Church: with at least four different groups competing for leadership. **1 Corinthians 1:12**

The Church At Corinth Was A Defiled Church: Some of its members were guilty of sexual immorality, incest, and drunkenness. Others were using the grace of God to excuse worldly living.

The Church At Corinth Was A Disgraced Church: Instead of glorifying God, it was hindering the progress of the Gospel. They were taking each other to court. (1 Corinthians 6)

Corinth was a polluted city, filled with every kind of vice and worldly pleasure.

How did this happen? The members of the church permitted the sins of the city to get into the local assembly.

If you want to know what Corinth was like, read **Romans 1:18-32**. Paul wrote the Roman Epistle while in Corinth.

Corinth Was also a Proud, Philosophical City:

The Author: The Apostle Paul. **1 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, called as an apostle** Through his name... appears **eight times**, 1st person pronouns are used **284 times**.

When Written: The Date: 56 AD

Where it was Written: Paul wrote from Ephesus. **1 Corinthians 16:5-8** Paul was on his third missionary journey.

There was a church delegation that came to Paul at Ephesus to inform him of some issues that were taking place. **1 Corinthians 1:11**

Written to: To the church that was at Corinth and every believer.
1 Corinthians 1:2

Who Planted The Church Of Corinth? Paul the apostle did this after a shattering experience in Athens. **Acts 18:1-18**

Acts 18:9-10

Paul spent 18 months in Corinth. He visited again on his 3rd missionary trip. **Acts 20:2-3**. He began to hear of the sin in this church.

Purpose: There are six issues that need to be addressed:

1. To remind the Corinthians that Jesus is Lord. (1:2; 16:23).
2. To answer questions addressed to him concerning problems in the Church. (7:1; 8:1; 12:1; 16:1).
3. To reprove a spirit of division in the Church: The result of immaturity and following men rather than Christ (1:11-13).
4. To defend his Apostleship and ministry, being attacked by Judaizers (Ch. 9).
5. To urge the Corinthian Believers to discover, develop, and use their Spiritual Gifts in an atmosphere of love (Ch. 12-14).
6. To establish the historical and doctrinal basis for believing in the resurrection of Christ (Ch. 15).

Theme Of Corinthians: *"Called To Be Saints" The believer's application of Christian principles in their individual and their social life.*

Key Words: Lord 62 times, Wisdom 19 times, Spiritual 16 times, Carnal 5 times, Gift 11 times.

Key Chapter: 1 Corinthians 13 The Love Chapter.

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Outline:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Greeting:

1 Corinthians 1:10-6:20 Rebuke for Disorder within the Church:

1. Sectarianism —1:10-4:21
2. Sexual Immorality —5
3. Suing other Believers — 6:1-11
4. Sensuality vs. Spirituality —6:12-20

1 Corinthians 7:1-16:12 Reply To Their Questions:

1. Questions about Marriage—7
2. Questions about offending others. (Food offered to idols)—8-10
4. Questions about The Lord's Supper —11

- 5. Questions about Spiritual gifts—12-14**
- 6. Questions about The Resurrection—15**
- 7. Questions about The Offering—16:1-12**

1 Corinthians 16:13-24 Conclusion:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Describes The Church That God Sees: Jesus Christ is mentioned nine times in these verses God – five times.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Prior to Paul confronting the sin of this church, He presents Jesus Christ as the answer to life's problems.

1 Corinthians 1:10-6:20 Rebuke For Disorder Within The Church:

1 Corinthians 1:10-31 Describes The Church That Men See: 1 Corinthians 1:10-12

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Paul's Dependence Upon God: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 Conditions Of The Heart: 1 Corinthians 3:1-4

- 1. The Spiritual Man – Mature
- 2. Men of Flesh – Immature; they live on emotions, they live for the physical
- 3. The Natural Man – Unsaved, no spiritual life

1 Corinthians 4:9-14 True Servants of God: 1 Corinthians 4:9-14

1 Corinthians 5:1-13 Sexual Immorality & Church Discipline:

1 Corinthians 5:1-2 The Progressive Church, The All-Inclusive Church, All Are Welcome.

1 Corinthians 5:3-5

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 This is one of the least practiced passages of Scripture.

1 Corinthians 6:1-20 How Are You Going To Act? Paul in 1 Corinthians 6 asks a question 6 times in the chapter:

1 Corinthians 6:2 Or do you not know?

3 Do you not know?

9 Or do you not know?

15 Do you not know?

16 or do you not know?

19 Or do you not know?

1 Corinthians 6:1-11 Christians And Lawsuits: 1 Corinthians 6:7-11

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Sensuality Versus Spirituality: 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

1 Corinthians 7 Marriage And Singleness: This chapter is one important chapter as it deals with the responsibilities of marriage, divorce, singleness, and remarriage.

1 Corinthians 7:12-14

1 Corinthians 8 Christian Liberty In Non-Essentials: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9

You find that the biggest bully in the church is the weakest saint.

1 Corinthians 9 Liberty To Serve: 1 Corinthians 9:1-7

Paul's great example of Christian Liberty. The greatest privilege is not to have to use your privilege!

1 Corinthians 10 Liberty Leading to Destruction: Israel's Spiritual immaturity, shown in their overconfidence and lack of self-discipline.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1 Corinthians 11:1-16 The Role of Men and Women in The Church: The role of women in the church. Paul makes it clear it is not cultural but creational.

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 Lord's Supper: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Paul received this, and it was given before the gospels accounts.

1 Corinthians 12-14 Spiritual Gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware. What an amusing statement this is. Of all the subjects in which there is so much heated debate, it is over spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 12 The Purpose for the Gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

NATURAL TALENTS

Given by God through our parents
Given at birth
To benefit mankind generally

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Given by God independent of parents
Evidently given at conversion
To benefit the body particularly

1 Corinthians 13 The Crucial Ingredient of Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 The Priority of Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 The Personality of Love
1 Corinthians 13:8-13 The Permanence of Love

1 Corinthians 14 The Perversion of Gifts:

1 Corinthians 14:1-25 The Gift of Tongues: What we have in these verses is a contrast between tongues and prophecy.

1 Corinthians 14:1

Some believe that tongues have ceased and are not for today!

1 Corinthians 14:18, 39

1 Corinthians 14:12 Paul is addressing the subject of spiritual gifts in the midst of chaos. There was a misunderstanding as to what they were and the operation of them.

1 Corinthians 14:26-40 When You Assemble: 1 Corinthians 14:26 Let all things be done for edification.

1 Corinthians 14:40 But all things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.

This church thought that tongues was the ultimate gift. This is what this church had to the exclusion of other gifts.

Paul was concerned about three areas when the believers came together.

- 1. That the church would be built up.**
- 2. The church should also be marked by a variety of ministries.**
- 3. A balance in the exercise of the gifts.**

1 Corinthians 15 Questions About The Resurrection: (Our Hope)

1-11 The Resurrection Is Historical: Eyewitnesses, changed lives, empty tomb, the Gospel records.

12-19 The Resurrection Is Logical: If there was no resurrection, Jesus lied, still in sin, the church is lying, and we have no hope.

20-34 The Resurrection And Its Results: Paul ties these together as to the theological truth and what it all practically means. Because Jesus has risen, so must we.

35-58 The Resurrection And New Bodies: The process of the resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:58 The resurrection is so practical; it is our living hope.

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 How To Give To God: 1 Corinthians 16:1

1 Corinthians 16:5-24 How To Work Together: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Application:

1. Theme 1 Corinthians Is "Called To Be Saints." Believers Today Need To Learn The Lesson From The Corinthians Of Not Permitting The Sins Of The City To Infiltrate The Church Fellowship.
2. Before Paul Confronted The Sin Of This Church, He Presents The Name "Jesus Christ" 9 times In 9 Verses As The Answer To Life's Problems. Jesus, The Basis Of A Stronger Faith, Sweeter Fellowship, And Faithfulness.
3. All Ministry Must Flow Through The Crucial Ingredient Of God's Love: The Priority of Love, The Personality of Love, The Permanence of Love.
4. 1 Corinthians 15 The Hope Chapter (Resurrection) "Religion Teaches Life After Death But, Christianity Is The First To Teach The Resurrection Of The Body To Eternal Life."