

The Wisdom of God

Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-2:16

How was the testimony of Christ confirmed among the believers in Corinth?

What was causing the division within the church at Corinth?

Why did Paul thank God that he had not baptize any at the church except Crispus, Gaius, and Stephanas?

For what purpose did God send Paul to various non-Hebrew cities? How was Paul supposed to accomplish this command?

What is the message of the cross to those who are perishing?

Why is Christ crucified a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles?

In 1 Corinthians 2, according to Paul, what should your faith be based in?

What is meant by wisdom predestined by God in 1 Corinthians 2:7?

Where does the wisdom of God come from? How can we discern the wisdom God wants to impart on us?

Immaturity & Humility

Read 1 Corinthians 3:1-4:21

Why does Paul say the members are not ready for spiritual meat?

What do you think was Paul's purpose in mentioning his and Apollo's spiritual roles?

What is the only foundation that Paul says anyone can build upon?

Why does Paul say that human wisdom is folly?

How does Paul say people should consider Christian teachers?

Why does Paul say none of us should consider ourselves superior to another?

Considering 1 Corinthians 4:5-13, how does Paul describe the church in Corinth?
How does he describe the apostles?

What is the purpose of Paul describing himself as their father? **Read Matthew 23:9.**
Does Paul's message contradict Jesus in this passage?

Sin and The Church

Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-6:20

According to Paul, what was keeping the members from disciplining the sexually immoral man?

Paul passes judgement on this man. How does this judgement differ from the judgement Paul addresses in **1 Corinthians 4:3-5**?

Read Leviticus 23:4-6 and Deuteronomy 16:1-8. Given these descriptions, what can we assume Paul meant by drawing a comparison of leaven with sin?

What does Paul say about interacting with people outside of the church? How are we to judge people outside of the church body?

Why does Paul discourage the church members from engaging in lawsuits in pagan courts with one another?

What does Paul suggest church members do instead of filing a lawsuit within the pagan courts?

What are the 10 sins of the wicked that Paul mentions in **verses 9-10**? What are the three things Christ did for us in **verse 11**?

What was Paul's counsel for avoiding sexual immorality? What reasons did he give for this counsel?

Marriage and Meals

Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-40 & 8:1-13

What was Paul's opinion on marriage in general?

How should a believer handle marriage to an unbeliever?

What was Paul's advice for unmarried virgins?

What was Paul's advice for widows?

What was Paul's conclusion on whether believers could eat meat sacrificed to idols?

Why did some of the weaker believers have an issue with eating this meat?

Why do you think Paul says he will never eat meat again if it offends others?

How can we apply this principle to our church today?

Money and the Corinthian Idol

Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-27 & 10:1-11:1

Why did Paul waive his rights to marriage and financial compensation?

What evidence did Paul present that he was entitled to financial compensation?

Why was Paul so successful in spreading the Gospel to many different cultures?

What is the point of Paul's two illustrations from athletic games?

What was Israel's folly? Why did Paul remind the Corinthians of it?

What is a Bible type? What is its purpose? What did Paul intend to teach by using typology?

What does it mean to grumble? Why does this behavior bring God's judgement?

What was Paul's instruction to the Corinthians regarding idolatry? What modern day applications can we take from his instruction?

The Lord's Supper & Spiritual Gifts

Read 1 Corinthians 11:2-34 & 12:1-31

Why was it such a big deal for women to veil their heads? How should today's church apply Paul's teaching on this issue?

What does the bread and the cup symbolize in the Lord's Supper? What significance does the Lord's Supper have for a believer?

What was wrong with how the Corinthians were observing the Lord's Supper?

How should believers prepare for the Lord's Supper? What is the consequence of observing the Lord's Supper unworthily?

What does it mean to “speak in tongues”?

What issue did Paul have with believers in Corinth who were speaking in tongues?

What do we learn about the nature of spiritual gifts from this chapter? What do we learn about the proper exercise of these gifts?

Re-read 1 Corinthians 12:12-21. List the important truths Paul teaches about the body of Christ?

Love & Prophecy

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 & 14:1-40

Why is it necessary to exercise love when using spiritual gifts?

What are the seven positive characteristics of love? How do they each build up the body of Christ?

Name the eight negative characteristics of love. How do they each contribute to the building up of the body of Christ?

What are three realities that endure forever?

Describe the gifts of prophecy and speaking in tongues.

Why is prophecy more important than speaking in tongues?

Describe the three controlling principles for worship and service. How well are these used in church services today?

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According to Paul, what is the role of women in the church? How should we apply this teaching in churches today?

Proof For Christ & Relief Offering

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-58 & 16:1-24

What argument does Paul offer for those who claim Christ wasn't resurrected? What do we learn from his statement?

What does Paul mean when he calls Christ the "firstfruits of the resurrection"?

How did Paul address two hypothetical (but valid) questions regarding the bodily resurrection of the dead (v 15:35)? What did he teach about the resurrection?

What does Paul teach here about the nature of the believer's resurrected body?

What do we learn about how we should give from Paul's instruction for relief offering?

Why do you think Paul wanted to take the overland route to Corinth?

What clues does Paul provide in his farewell that lead us to believe he desired to spend time with the believers in Corinth?

How can Paul's concluding exhortations provide encouragement for those seeking a life of faith?
