

1st Corinthians



OUTLINE OF 1 CORINTHIANS

Three Main Sections

- Chapter 1:1-9
 - Salutation and thanksgiving,
- Chapters 1:10—16:9
 - Concerning conditions in the Corinthian church,
- Chapter 16:10-24
 - Closing exhortations and benediction,

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- Chapters 1:10—4:21
 - Concerning DIVISIONS and party spirit,
- Chapters 5, 6
 - Concerning SCANDALS in the Corinthian church,
- Chapter 7
 - Concerning MARRIAGE,
- Chapters 8:1—11:1
 - Concerning CHRISTIAN LIBERTY
- Chapter 11:2-16
 - Concerning AUTHORITY

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- Chapter 11:17-34
 - Concerning the LORD'S TABLE
- Chapters 12—14
 - Concerning SPIRITUAL GIFTS
- Chapter 15
 - Concerning the GOSPEL
- Chapter 16:1-9
 - Concerning COLLECTIONS

Delphi

Athens

Corinth

Olympia

Sparta

0 50 100 km

A topographical map of ancient Greece, showing the locations of five major sites: Delphi, Athens, Corinth, Olympia, and Sparta. The map is framed by a red border. The terrain is depicted in shades of tan and brown, indicating elevation. The sea is shown in light blue. A scale bar at the bottom left indicates distances of 0, 50, and 100 kilometers. The sites are marked with small circles and labeled in bold red text. Delphi is located in the north-central part of the mainland. Athens is on the eastern coast. Corinth is on the Isthmus of Corinth, marked with a small star. Olympia is on the western coast. Sparta is in the south-central part of the mainland.

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- The city of Corinth enjoyed a strategic geographical position.
- It was situated on an isthmus,
 - a narrow neck of land between the Corinthian Gulf (Port of Lechaëum) and the Saronic Gulf (Port of Cenchrea).
- This guaranteed its commercial prosperity.
- Isthmus transit via Corinth avoided the long and risky 250-mile voyage around the rocky, storm-tossed capes (Cape Malea, now Cape Matapan) at the south of the Peloponnesus.
- Small vessels used a ship tramway with wooden rails. Large vessels were unloaded and the goods transported the 4 miles across land

- Because of its prominence as a major trade route... the city was progressive!
- Given over to every new idea and practice
- ‘Anything goes’
- ‘If it feels good, do it!’
- Morality was ‘open to interpretation’!
 - Only Crispus (ruler of the Synagogue) and Sosthenes were Jewish converts through Paul’s ministry
 - Aquila & Priscilla had been exiled from Rome and opened their home to Paul
 - No other Jews are mentioned in the book
 - This was a church in the midst of a very pagan and liberally-minded culture



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CHAPTER 1

Centrality of Christ crucified
Corrects divisions



Calvary Chapel Portsmouth



Simply teaching the Bible, simply