

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



Corinth Canal

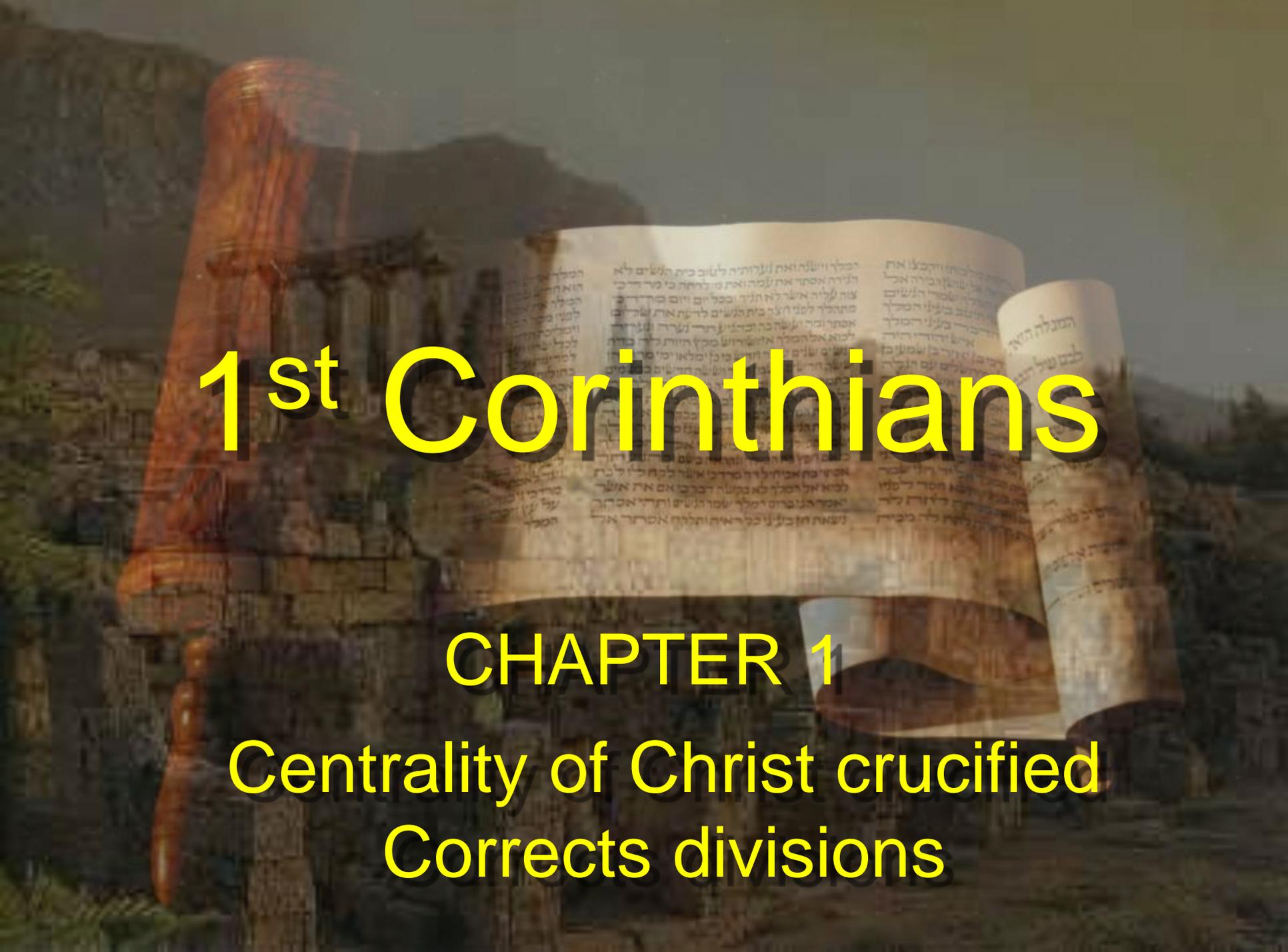


Corinth Canal



- 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