

A Survey of  
1 Corinthians 1-3

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## Setting

The Corinthian assembly was located in Corinth, a major cosmopolitan city in the Roman Empire, a seaport and a major trade center. The city of Corinth resided then and still does today on a four-and-a-half-mile isthmus that connected mainland Greece and Achaia. Its prominence and wealth were derived from the extraordinary amount of shipping and commerce that passed through its harbors. It was also filled with idolatry and immorality. As with the church today, the local assembly at Corinth was under strong influence from its culture and the philosophies of its day, resulting in divisions, unchecked immorality and unresolved disputes being brought to civil courts for resolution. The epistle of 1 Corinthians was written (about 55 A.D.) to teach believers how to live for Christ in a corrupt society. Unfortunately, the need for such teaching and the conditions surrounding the church hasn't changed much since then, and we find ourselves today struggling with many of the same issues within our local assemblies.

## Chapter One

- I. The epistle of 1 Corinthians was written by \_\_\_\_\_
- II. The epistle of 1 Corinthians was written to
  - (1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- III. The writer thanked God for the Corinthian assembly for the following reasons:
  - (1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- IV. The writer confronted the assembly at Corinth because of the following reasons:
  - (1) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- V. "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to \_\_\_\_\_: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect."
- VI. "The Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ \_\_\_\_\_."
- VII. "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the \_\_\_\_\_."
- VIII. "But we preach Christ \_\_\_\_\_, unto the Jews a \_\_\_\_\_, and unto the Greeks \_\_\_\_\_."
- IX. "But God has chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the \_\_\_\_\_; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are \_\_\_\_\_."
- X. "He that glories, let him glory in the \_\_\_\_\_."

## Chapter Two

- I. When declaring the “testimony of God” to the Corinthian assembly, the writer did NOT do it with \_\_\_\_\_ or of \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. He was with the assembly at Corinth “in \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_.”
- III. “And [his] speech and [his] preaching were not with \_\_\_\_\_ of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_.”
- IV. “That your faith should not stand in the \_\_\_\_\_, but in the \_\_\_\_\_.”
- V. “Eye has not \_\_\_\_\_, nor ear \_\_\_\_\_, neither has \_\_\_\_\_ into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him.”
- VI. “But God has revealed them unto us by His \_\_\_\_\_: for the \_\_\_\_\_ searches all things, yea the deep things of God.”
- VII. Who knows the things that a man thinks? \_\_\_\_\_.
- VIII. Who knows the things that God thinks? \_\_\_\_\_.
- IX. “Now we have received, not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world, but the \_\_\_\_\_ which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.”
- X. What is foolishness to the natural man? \_\_\_\_\_.
- XI. Who has the mind of Christ? \_\_\_\_\_.

## Chapter Three

I. When speaking to the assembly in Corinth, the writer could not speak to them like mature Christians, but “as unto \_\_\_\_\_, even as unto \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.”

II. The writer characterized the Corinthian assembly as being “carnal” for the following reasons:  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_

III. What two men were the Corinthians associating themselves with?  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

IV. What ministries did the Lord give to these two men?  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_

V. Who gives the increase? \_\_\_\_\_.

VI. The Church is God’s:  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_

VII. Who is the wise masterbuilder? \_\_\_\_\_.

VIII. Who are the laborers? \_\_\_\_\_.

IX. Who is the foundation? \_\_\_\_\_.

X. What types of materials can the laborers build upon the foundation?  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_

XI. Every man’s works will be revealed by \_\_\_\_\_ of what sort it is.

XII. What will happen to those who defile the temple of God? \_\_\_\_\_.

XIII. “Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are \_\_\_\_\_.”

XIV. “Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are \_\_\_\_\_.”

XV. “And you are \_\_\_\_\_; and Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.”