

1 Corinthians – chapter 1

1 Corinthians is a letter written by the apostle Paul to the newly formed church in Corinth. Because the church in Corinth was quite new, it was hard for the Christians there not to act like their neighbours, and as a result the church was having quite a few problems. Paul writes his letter primarily to help the Corinthians understand their errors, and to provide them with teaching on the ways in which they should be living as God's people.

- 1) Think about (and share) one way in which your life has been changed since you became a Christian.

Read 1 Corinthians 1:1 – 9

- 2) Identify the five things that Paul lists in verses 4-9 that he (and us as Christians) can give thanks to God for.

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Read 1:10 – 17

- 3) What does Paul identify as a key problem that the church at Corinth faces?

- 4) According to the passage, why is it wrong to think and act in this way?

- 5) In what ways might we find ourselves acting in the same way today?

Read 1:18 – 2:5

6) Re-write verse 18 in your own words, so that it is clear to understand.

7) What does this section teach us about how salvation is achieved?

- God's role –

- Jesus' role –

- Holy Spirit's role –

- Role of other Christians –

- Our role –

8) In thinking about the whole passage, why is it so important that we are “perfectly united in mind and thought” (v10)?

9) In what ways do we frequently fail to do this?

10) What effect does this have on Christian community?