

First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Assignment: 1 Corinthians Chapters 1 through 7

Study Questions*

- In the verses 1:4-9, what impression do I get about the people of the Church in Corinth?
- What is dividing the Church? (1:11-15)
- Who was Apollos? (see Acts 18:24-28)
- How has “God mad foolish the wisdom of the world”? (1:20)
- What does Paul mean by God’s “secret wisdom”? (2:7-9)
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in the life of a Christian? (2:10)
- After reading 3:6-9, whom do I see today, for me, as the one who plants? Who waters? Who is the field? Who makes it grow?
- In Chapter 4, Paul talks about a problem in the Church in Corinth. What do I think it is?
- Is 4:5 a bit scary?
- Why does Paul react so strongly about the immoral brother in the Corinthian Church? (5:1-8)
- What wrong attitude toward the problem did the people have? What did Paul tell them to do?
- How should conflicts among fellow believers be resolved? (6:4-5)
- What does it mean that the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? How does this help explain sexual immorality? (6:15-20)
- What are some of the reasons in favor of marriage? (7:1-7)
- What is the role of sex in marriage?
- What does Paul say to those who are single?
- What obligation does a believing spouse have to an unbelieving mate? What are the limitations to this obligation? (7:12-15)

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