

1 Corinthians: Discipline of a Church
A Survey of the Bible

Context: Who, Where, When, and Why?

- Who composed 1 Corinthians?
- Who was the original audience of 1 Corinthians?
- When was 1 Corinthians written?
- Why was he writing?

Content: How and What?

- *How is 1 Corinthians organized?*

Salutation: The Reputation of the Church ([1:1-9](#))

Main Idea: Restore Unity with God's Wisdom ([1:10](#))

Divisions: A Response to a Report from Chloe's Household ([1:11-4:21](#))

- The Reality of the Divisions - A Tribal Spirit ([1:11-17](#))
- The Cause of Divisions - a Lack of Wise Evaluation ([1:18-4:21](#))
- Application and Conclusion ([4:6-21](#))

Disorders: A Response to Significant Disruptive Issues ([5:1-6:20](#))

- Lack of Discipline of an Immoral Member ([5:1-13](#))
- Lawsuits before Unbelievers ([6:1-11](#))
- Moral Laxity in the Church ([6:12-20](#))

Difficulties: A Response to a letter from the Church ([7:1-16:21](#))

- Marriage and Divorce Issues ([7:1-40](#))
- Issues of Christian Liberty ([8:1-11:34](#))
- Guidelines for Spiritual Gifts ([12:1-14:40](#))
- The Doctrine of the Resurrection ([15:1-58](#))
- The Collection for the Saints ([16:1-12](#))

Conclusion: Summary, Exhortation, and Benediction ([16:13-21](#))

What is the message of 1 Corinthians?

Conviction: So What?

- Where does 1 Corinthians fit?
 - 1 Corinthians is Paul at his pastoral and theological best. He is dealing with a church he planted and has a significant history shepherding.
 - The book combines a stark, often sarcastic, corrective to a church in complete chaos.
 - The book clearly demonstrates that giftedness does not necessarily equate to maturity.
- What should we believe?
 - The message of the Cross—Christ Crucified—is central and should impact our lifestyle.
 - Theology impacts behavior - “Bad Company corrupts good morals” ([15:33](#))
- How should we behave?
 - Our church community should reflect the centrality of the “Christ Crucified” message.
 - Our personal lives should keep Christ at the center, the Spirit in proper balance, and God’s glory in the forefront of our daily lives.

Next Steps

- Put Christ, and the message of His death and resurrection, at the center of your daily meditation.
- Look to the Holy Spirit to keep you focused on Christ, loving others, and bringing glory to God and not yourself.
- Think through the “Systematic Theology” that guides the way you live.

This Week's Growth Guide

God’s Word is both central and critical to your spiritual growth. We invite you to utilize the Growth Guide during the week to further your application of the Truth from the message.

- **Monday** - [1 Corinthians 1:1-17](#)
- **Tuesday** - [1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5](#)
- **Wednesday** - [1 Corinthians 4:6-21](#)
- **Thursday** - [1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#)
- **Friday** - [1 Corinthians 12:1-11](#)
- **Saturday** - [1 Corinthians 12:12-31](#)
- **Sunday** - [1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#)

Home Church

Our Home Churches meet weekly to facilitate quicker relational depth, study the same passage taught Sunday to help apply Scripture in the context of community, and pray with one another.

Home Church Questions

- What encouragement did you receive from Ken's message on 1 Corinthians?
- Paul related that the presence of jealousy and quarreling is an indication of spiritual immaturity ([3:1-3](#)). Consider your own life. In what ways have you allowed jealousy and quarreling to creep in?
- Paul warns of deceiving yourself in [3:18-20](#). Can you think of an instance when you deceived yourself by adopting the wisdom of the world? What does it mean to become a fool? To become wise?
- Paul attributed the disunity and disorder of the church to arrogant attitudes among its members that resulted in exceeding what is written ([4:6](#)). How can there exist differences in a church body that does not produce disunity? When have you allowed an "I am right and you are wrong" attitude to affect your relationship with others?
- The central message of the gospel is identified in [15:3-4](#), and Paul described how it impacted him in verses 8-10. Describe how God's grace has affected you in similar ways as Paul.
- Paul warns about being misled in [15:33](#) by the company we keep. In our society, the company we keep is not only personal, but also from social media and other media sources. What is the theological danger for you from these sources? How should you respond?
- What is your personal take-away from the book of 1 Corinthians? What steps can you take in response?

Finances

Weekly Budget	32,692
Giving For 03/10	47,576
Giving For 03/17	22,970
YTD Budget	1,242,308
Giving	1,344,086
OVER/(UNDER)	101,778

Easter Offering

This year's Easter Offering goal of \$40,000 will allow us to finish the atrium remodel which we initially started funding with the Christmas Offering in 2022. The project will cost approximately \$240,000 and will bring the atrium and bathrooms up to the same standards used for the 2019 additions and remodel. This will also address some water damage caused by recent water issues. Finally, the new arrangement in the atrium will make the entire area more functional for the various churches and local ministries that use our building. Easter Offering envelopes can be found next to the offering baskets or at the Connection Center. You can also give online at fellowshipconway.org/give by selecting "Easter Offering"

New to Fellowship?

We are so glad that you chose to worship with our Fellowship Family to worship this morning. If you are joining us for the first time or have been checking us out for a few weeks, we are excited you are here and would love to meet you. Please fill out the "Connect Card" and bring it to the Connection Center in the Atrium, we would love to say "hi" and give you a gift.

Crucifixion Dinner

Join us on Good Friday for our annual Crucifixion Dinner. We invite you to fast during the day as you meditate on the life and death of Jesus leading up to a time of worship and remembrance, breaking the fast with a bowl of chicken broth and bread. Join us March 29 at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. *Child care for 6 years and younger, please text Shanna at 501-336-0332.*

Men's Muster - The Surrendered Life

Men, mark your calendar for our retreat on April 19-21 at Shepherd of the Ozarks. The cost is \$170 for adults, and \$85 for ages 14-17. A \$40 deposit due at registration. Register at fellowshipconway.org/register.

Fellowship 101

We invite you to join us on Sunday, April 7, at 9:00 a.m. to learn more about Fellowship. This is a great opportunity to hear about our mission, values, and our ministries. During this time, you will meet some of our ministry leaders and get to ask questions. Register at fellowshipconway.org/register.

Fellowship Women's Ministry

We are excited to invite you to celebrate the Goodness of God at our Spring Luncheon Saturday, April 13th from 12:00-2:00 in the Atrium. We'll have lunch and door prizes, hear from Fellowship women Lacy Knox and Cathy Lee, and enjoy celebrating His goodness together! Text Shanna at 501-336-0332 for free childcare.

Fellowship on the Lawn | April 28 | 4:30 p.m.

Bring your camp chairs, blankets, and tents to enjoy time in community with the entire Fellowship Family. The kids will be able to play on the playground and there will be two different inflatables, one for older elementary kids and one for the younger. There will be three food trucks: offering adult meals from \$8-12 and kid meals from \$5-7 complete with a main course, side, and drink, and Kona Ice.