

## 1 Corinthians - Outline

| Divisions                     | Group <sup>1</sup>              | C     | V   | Description   |
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| Paul Addresses Urgent Matters | Appeal to Unity                 | 1     | 1   | Author  |
|                               |                                 |       | 2   | Addressee   |
|                               |                                 |       | 3   | Salutation  |
|                               |                                 |       | 4-9   | Paul's encouragement and remembrance in prayer of the Corinthians                                   |
|                               |                                 |       | 10-17   | Exhortation concerning divisions  |
|                               | The Wisdom of God               |       | 18-25   | Wisdom of God and Wisdom of men   |
|                               |                                 |       | 26-31   | Remember who and Whose you are  |
|                               |                                 |       |   |   |
|                               | Paul's Reliance upon the Spirit | 2     | 1-5   | Remember Paul's original gospel message and Spiritual power   |
|                               |                                 |       | 6-13  | God's Spirit reveals God's nature to Believers  |
|                               |                                 |       | 14-16   | "Natural" men can't understand god without the Spirit   |
|                               | Foundations for Living          | 3     | 1-4   | Paul's original message presented as unto Spiritual infants   |
|                               |                                 |       | 5-9   | Each minister builds on the previous, not to himself  |
|                               |                                 |       | 10-15   | The quality of each man's work will be revealed over time   |
|                               |                                 |       | 16-17   | Christians are the temple of God  |
|                               |                                 |       | 18-23   | Foundation must be on Christ, not men   |
|                               | Servants of Christ              | 4     | 1-5   | Don't judge, Let God do that at the right time  |
|                               |                                 |       | 6-7   | Paul's use of Figurative language concerning Apollos  |
|                               |                                 |       | 8-13  | Apostles are Fools for Christ's Sake  |
|                               |                                 |       | 14-21   | Paul's fatherly encouragement and His representative: Timothy                                       |
|                               | Immorality Rebuked              | 5     | 1-2   | Paul's rebuke of immorality in the church   |
|                               |                                 |       | 3-5   | Paul's decision regarding the immoral person  |
|                               |                                 |       | 6-8   | Reference to cleaning out leaven prior to passover → Christ has been crucified, clean up your lives |
|                               |                                 |       | 9-13  | Encourage Christians to live Godly lives and give up immoral habits                                 |
| Lawsuits Discouraged          | 6                               | 1-6   | Seek to solve disputes among yourselves rather than before the courts                                   |   |
|                               |                                 | 7-8   | Going to court is a defeat even before the proceeding takes place                                       |   |
|                               |                                 | 9-11  | The Unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God   |   |
| The Body Is the Lord's        |                                 | 12-20 | The difference between what is lawful and what is profitable → the goal: God's spiritual dwelling place |   |

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| Paul Addresses Their Questions | Teaching on Marriage        | 7  | 1-7   | Abstinence is good, but marriage is also good too  |
|                                |                             |    | 8-9   | Better to marry than to sin  |
|                                |                             |    | 10-11 | Divorce is denounced   |
|                                |                             |    | 12-16 | Don't divorce the unbelieving spouse, you might save their soul  |
|                                |                             |    | 17-20 | Concerning circumcision  |
|                                |                             |    | 21-24 | Concerning Slavery   |
|                                |                             |    | 25-31 | Paul's opinion concerning Virginitiy and the Persecution at that time  |
|                                |                             |    | 32-35 | Unmarried can focus on Spiritual things and Married need to focus on their spouse and family   |
|                                |                             |    | 36-38 | Father's are free to find husbands for daughters   |
|                                |                             |    | 39-40 | Christian Widows   |
|                                | Take Care with Your Liberty | 8  | 1-3   | Things sacrificed to idols   |
|                                |                             |    | 4-6   | Idols aren't real, there is only one God   |
|                                |                             |    | 7-13  | Some are Concerned about food sacrificed to idols, so don't cause another to sin concerning the source of meat                       |
|                                | Paul's Use of Liberty       | 9  | 1-2   | Paul's claim to apostleship  |
|                                |                             |    | 3-7   | Paul's defense of his fellow apostles against those who judge them   |
|                                |                             |    | 8-14  | Paul's defense of ministers being paid based on example of priests   |
|                                |                             |    | 15-18 | Paul preaches the gospel voluntarily so that he can offer it without charge  |
|                                |                             |    | 19-23 | Paul made himself a slave of Christ, so that he might win other to Christ  |
|                                |                             |    | 24-27 | Run to win the prize; Don't give up; Discipline your body  |
|                                | Avoid Israel's Mistakes     | 10 | 1-5   | Remember the Israelites that God led out of Egypt but died in the wilderness   |
|                                |                             |    | 6-13  | They are examples for us to not give into temptations: god will provide a means of overcoming  |
|                                |                             |    | 14-22 | Flee from idolatry → Communion Meal  |
|                                |                             |    | 23-30 | "All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable": keep a good conscience and give deference to others so that they can too |
|                                |                             |    | 31-32 | Do all to the glory of god, don't offend others, so that they might be saved   |

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|             | Christian Order            | 11 | 1     | Imitate Paul as he imitates Christ   |   |
|             |                            |    | 2-16  | Paul encourages the Corinthian adherence to traditions given by Paul: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spiritual order: God → Christ → Men/Husband → Women/Wife</li> <li>God created women for men, not men for women</li> <li>women originate from men, but men are born from women, but all things originate from God</li> <li>don't be contentious</li> </ul> |   |
|             |                            |    | 17-22 | Purpose of church assemblies   |   |
|             | The Lord's Supper          |    |       | 23-26  | Concerning the Lord's supper  |
|             |                            |    |       | 27-32  | Each person must judge themselves concerning the lord's supper                            |
|             |                            |    |       | 33-34  | Don't come to church hungry, lest you sin   |
|             |                            |    |       |  |   |
|             | The Use of Spiritual Gifts |    | 12    | 1-3  | A person's confession is only accomplished with the Holy Spirit                           |
|             |                            |    |       | 4-11   | One God, Lord, and Spirit but a variety of gifts and ministries                           |
|             |                            |    |       | 12-13  | One body, many members; one spirit, many people   |
|             |                            |    |       | 14-26  | Each part is necessary for the body to function; body is united in suffering and in honor |
|             |                            |    |       | 27-31a   | Each person has unique gifts, not all the same  |
|             |                            |    |       | 32b  | A more excellent way  |
|             | The Excellence of Love     |    | 13    | 1-3  | Gifts are good, but if you don't have love, I'm nothing                                   |
|             |                            |    |       | 4-7  | What kind of love   |
|             |                            |    |       | 8-13   | Love never fails; love like this takes maturity   |
|             | Prophecy a Superior Gift   |    |       | 1-5  | Pursue love; desire gifts, especially prophecy - because it helps everyone                |
|             |                            |    |       | 6-12   | Tongues are personally edifying; seek gifts to edify the whole church                     |
|             |                            |    |       | 13-19  | Desire to speak so that all can be edified  |
|             | Instruction for the Church |    | 14    | 20-25  | Confusion in church services is not good  |
|             |                            |    |       | 26-33  | Order of service and proper use of gifts for all attending                                |
|             |                            |    |       | 34-36  | Women in churches   |
|             |                            |    |       | 37-38  | Paul's source for remarks are from God  |
| 39-40       |                            |    |       | Desire to Prophecy, don't forbid speaking in tongues, but do it in an orderly manner   |   |
| The Fact of |                            | 15 | 1-2   | Remain faithful to the Gospel that was preached  |   |

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|           | Christ's Resurrection           | 16 | 3-11  | Concerning the Resurrection; Apostles and their Authoritative message  |
|           |                                 |    | 12-19 | If resurrection is not real, we are to be pitied   |
|           | The Order of the Resurrection   |    | 20-28 | Resurrection is real, therefore Christ is preeminent in the resurrection having authority over all                                 |
|           |                                 |    | 29-34 | Persecution is a witness to resurrection being real  |
|           |                                 |    | 35-41 | Just like earthly bodies are unique, spiritual bodies will be unique and very different that earthly bodies                        |
|           |                                 |    | 42-49 | Resurrection: Natural body dies but a spiritual body is raised   |
|           | The Mystery of the Resurrection |    | 50-57 | Only the spiritual can inherit the kingdom of god: sting of death is sin, power of sin is the law, God gives victory through Jesus |
|           |                                 |    | 58    | Be steadfast, immovable  |
|           | Instructions and Greetings      |    | 1-4   | Churches in Galatia and the collection for Jerusalem   |
|           |                                 |    | 5-9   | Paul's travel plans  |
|           |                                 |    | 10-11 | Concern for timothy and his work   |
|           |                                 |    | 12    | Concerning Apollos   |
|           |                                 |    | 13-14 | Encouragements to be faithful and do all in an attitude of love  |
|           |                                 |    | 15-18 | Concerning Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaieus   |
|           |                                 |    | 19-20 | Greetings from others  |
|           |                                 |    | 21-24 | Paul's final words and Benediction   |

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