

THE FIRST BOOK OF CORINTHIANS

OT/NT: New Testament

SECTION: Letters of Paul (& Hebrews)

TRADITIONAL AUTHOR: The Apostle Paul

KEY PEOPLE: Paul, Timothy, members of Chloe's Household.

SUMMARY: Canonically, the First Book of Corinthians is the forty-sixth book of the [Holy Bible](#) (1), the second of fourteen [Letters of Paul](#) (2) and the seventh book of the [New Testament](#) (3). Paul's purpose in writing this letter to the church in Corinth was to address and correct the immorality and divisions that had arisen among them. (a)

1 Corinthians challenges believers to examine every area of life through the lens of the Gospel. Specifically, Paul addresses divisions, food, sex, worship gatherings and the [Resurrection](#) (4). He reminds believers that the Church is not a popularity contest, that followers of [Jesus Christ](#) (5) cannot compromise when it comes to sexual integrity, that the core principle of worship gatherings is love for others, and the Resurrection gives us a reason for unity, motivation to maintain sexual purity, ability to love other people more than ourselves and ultimate hope for victory over death.

Our belief that Jesus was raised from the [dead](#) (6) makes the Gospel more than moral advice or a recipe for private spirituality. It opens a whole new reality for every area of our life. (b)

COMING UP: Next up is the Second Book of Corinthians (7). Click [HERE](#) to explore!

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- (1) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/the-word-of-god>
- (2) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/letters-of-paul>
- (3) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/new-testament>
- (4) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/resurrection-of-jesus>
- (5) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/jesus-christ>
- (6) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/obituary-of-jesus>
- (7) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/2-corinthians>

PAGE SOURCES:

- (a) http://biblehub.com/summary/1_corinthians/1.htm
- (b) <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/1-corinthians/>

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- (a) <http://www.downriverdisciples.com/ambassador-in-chains>

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