



CALVARY CHAPEL  
BRANDON

# BIBLE STUDY GUIDE

## 1 CORINTHIANS

CHAPTER 2



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HERE AT CALVARY CHAPEL BRANDON, WE BELIEVE OUR MISSION IS TO REACH THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL AND MAKE DISCIPLES. THEREFORE, WITH THE LAUNCH OF OUR NEW WEBSITE WE WANTED TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY AND PROVIDE YOU SOME BIBLE STUDY MATERIAL - TO ENCOURAGE YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

*The Apostle Paul wrote the Book of 1 Corinthians.*

He was on His second missionary journey when He came to the city of Corinth and stayed there for eighteen months.

As you study the second chapter we will learn:

- What the role of the Holy Spirit is
- Proclamation of the gospel and His work in a believer's life
- Why it's important to trust in the simplicity of the gospel and how this relates to your life.



## PRAYER

DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER, AS WE STUDY THIS EPISTLE,  
WE PRAY WE WOULD GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING  
OF WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST AND ALL THAT'S BEEN MADE  
AVAILABLE TO LIVE A LIFE EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY  
SPIRIT.

PLEASE HELP US NOT DEPEND ON WORLDY WISDOM, BUT  
ON THE WISDOM YOU PROVIDE THROUGH YOUR SON.  
GRANT ME AN OPPORTUNITY THIS WEEK TO SHARE  
JESUS WITH SOMEONE. I PRAY IN HIS NAME.

AMEN



# THE CHURCH PLANT

Now when Paul arrived He knew He had His work cut out because Corinth had a major reputation in a number of areas:

## ONE:

Corinth was known for its commercial prosperity. Historians called it the commercial center of ancient Greece. It was known to be one of the major manufacturing centers for bronze, and much of the traffic from Athens would have to pass through Corinth.

## TWO:

The city of Corinth was also known in the ancient world for its immorality and idolatry. There was a common saying, "What happens in Corinth stays in Corinth".

The one reason why is above the Isthmus stood the temple dedicated to Aphrodite, the goddess of fertility. This pagan temple housed some one thousand temple prostitutes that would walk through the city and entice the merchants to worship immorally.

## THREE:

The city of Corinth was known to be a hub for worldly philosophy. The people loved oratorical skills and lengthy debate.

**What are some ways the city of Corinth parallels our society today? Gives some examples. How do you think Paul makes a difference and how can you make a difference? See Matthew 5:13-16.**

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# THE CHURCH PROBLEMS

**So with this in mind**, you can imagine as Paul came to this metropolitan city, along with Timothy and Silas, his one mission was to preach the gospel and see the power of the Spirit radically change lives - and a church was birthed.

**So after eighteen months**, Paul left and committed the work to Apollos and went to Ephesus for several years.

While Paul was in Ephesus, he received word from Corinth that there were some major 'problems' in the church.

**One of the main issues brought to his attention was the division amongst the saint.** Paul addressed this issue in chapters 1-4, as some of the Corinthians were rallying around various church leaders. Some were enamored with their oratorical skills and some said, “I’m with Peter” or “I’m with Apollos”, or “I’m with Paul” and they created a spirit of division in the church! So with this as a background, Paul writes in Chapter 1-2 for the people to take their eyes off the messenger and put their eyes back on the message of the gospel and its power to change lives.

## NOTES



## STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS

As we move into 1 Corinthians 2, Paul continued to encourage the church back toward their true purpose. He explained that their message should simply be Christ and Him crucified. This message challenged the church at Corinth which was a center of lofty speech and where it was culturally important to be in a position of recognition and prominence.

Paul, knowing the nature of the city, directly attacked the worldly way of crafty language and formal presentation. He explained that the church should proclaim Christ above everything else and that through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have everything necessary to do it.

So Paul simply called the Church at Corinth to follow his example and rely solely on the power of the Holy Spirit. The church cannot accomplish its purpose apart from the ministry of the Holy Spirit which God promised His people for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel.

## REFLECTION

**1) How do we receive the power power of the Holy Spirit and his work in our life? See Acts 1:8 and Luke 11:13.**

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# BIBLE STUDY

The following questions will help you work through the passage - Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

**2) How does the text describe Paul's demeanor and approach to preaching the message of Christ?**

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**3) In v. 2, what was Paul determined to do?**

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**4) In v. 4-5, Paul's example showed us a dependence on the Holy Spirit. Why is this so critical for daily life? Read John 15 1-5.**

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**5) What does the text say about the nature of godly wisdom? See James 3:17-18.**

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**6) Name some examples of secular wisdom today that goes against God's wisdom.**

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**7) Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-14 and find the four important ministries of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life.**

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