

## 1 Corinthians Outline

- I. Opening (1:1-9)
  - A. Greeting (1:1-3)
  - B. Thanksgiving (1:4-9)
- II. True and False Wisdom (1:10-4:21)
  - A. Factions in the church pt. 1: the unhealthy view of Christian ministry (1:10-17)
  - B. The hidden wisdom that comes from God (1:18-2:16)
  - C. Factions in the church pt. 2: the healthy view of Christian ministry (3:1-22)
  - D. The Apostles as examples (4:1-21)
- III. Sexuality and the Body (5:1-6:20)
  - A. Dealing with the immoral within the church (5:1-13)
  - B. Civil litigation in the church (6:1-11)
  - C. The danger of sexual immorality (6:12-20)
- IV. Responses to Specific Issues: “Now concerning the matters about which you wrote . . .” (5:13-16:12)
  - A. Counsel for various relationships
    - 1. For the married (7:1-16)
    - 2. General principle: Remain as you were when you were called (7:17-24)
    - 3. Counsel for the single: “Now concerning the betrothed . . .” (7:25-38)
    - 4. Counsel for wives and widows (7:39-40)

- B. Freedom in Christ and meat offered to idols: “Now concerning food offered to idols . . .” (8:1-11:1)
    - 1. Theological reality and practical love for the weak brother (8:1-13)
    - 2. Paul as an example of one who waives his rights for the sake of the gospel (9:1-23)
    - 3. Idolatry as a potential downfall for the “knowledgeable” (9:24-11:1)
  - C. Proper handling of gender differences in worship (11:2-16)
  - D. Proper handling of economic differences in worship (11:17-34)
  - E. Proper handling of spiritual gifts in worship (12:1-14:40)
    - 1. One God who blesses with diverse gifts of the Spirit (12:1-31)
    - 2. Love as the true and lasting expression of the Spirit (13:1-13)
    - 3. The value of prophecy over tongues (14:1-33a)
    - 4. Instructions regarding women (14:33b-35)
    - 5. Rebuke of spiritual arrogance (14:36-40)
  - F. Correction false views on the resurrection (15:1-58)
    - 1. The centrality of Christ’s resurrection in the gospel (15:1-11)
    - 2. Denying the resurrection leads to nonsense (15:12-19)
    - 3. Christ the firstfruits of the resurrection from the dead (15:20-34)
    - 4. The glory of the body immortal (15:35-49)
    - 5. The ultimate victory of the resurrection (15:50-58)
  - G. The collection for the saints: “Now concerning the collection for the saints . . .” (16:1-11)
- V. Closing (16:12-24)