

Studies in First Corinthians

NT Survey Lesson 87--1 Corinthians 1

Introduction: Paul's letter to the Corinthians seems to have been written from Ephesus on his third preaching tour. In it he expresses the many concerns he had about the church. This letter is especially helpful in learning how to solve church problems.

Lesson aim: To show that the gospel is the display of God's wisdom and power and that we should unite around Christ and not men.

Paul's greeting--1 Cor. 1:1-3

1. This epistle is addressed as being from _____ and _____.
2. Find out how Paul describes the church at Corinth:
 - A. It is the church of _____.
 - B. The people were _____ in Christ Jesus.
 - C. The people were _____ by calling.
 - D. This is because they _____ on the _____ of the Lord.

Paul expresses thanks for the Corinthians--1 Cor. 1:4-9

1. Why was Paul thankful for the Corinthians?
2. In what were the Corinthians not lacking?
3. God was using these gifts to _____ the Corinthians until the end.
4. The Corinthians could know that God would help them because he is _____.

Exhortations to unity--1 Cor. 1:10-17

1. What three things did Paul exhort the Corinthians to do?
2. What had Paul heard about the Corinthians?
3. Who were some of the men the Corinthians professed to follow?
4. How did Paul answer those who were putting their emphasis on men?
5. What did Paul not want to make void in his preaching? What did he do to prevent this?

The gospel manifests God's power and wisdom, not man's--1 Cor. 1:18-31

1. How did those who were lost view the word of the cross (the gospel)?
2. How did the saved view the word of the cross?
3. Could the world through its wisdom come to know God? If not, then how did God make known the wisdom that saves us?
4. For what did the Jews seek?
5. For what did the Greek seek?
6. To the called of God what two things is Jesus? (the _____ and _____ of God).
7. What kind of people did God choose to use in sending his message to the world? (v. 26-27)
8. Christ then is the source of all of our spiritual blessings. What four things does Paul mention Christ is to Christians? (v. 30)
9. So then, does man have reason for boast in himself for his salvation? In whom should he boast?