



# November 2023

## 1 Corinthians - Reading Plan

*Author: Paul*      *Theme: Resolving Doctrinal and Practical Church Problems and Growth of a Church in Christ.*

*Date: About A.D. 56*      *Key Words: The Cross, Sexual Sins, Spiritual Gifts, Love, the Resurrection.*

<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Sat 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*Mon 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*Tue 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
1 Cor 1:1-17	1 Cor 1:18-31	1 Cor 2	1 Cor 3:1-17	1 Cor 3:18-4:5	1 Cor 4:6-21	1 Cor 5	
<b>*Wed 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*Thurs 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tue 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
1 Cor 6:1-11	1 Cor 6:12-7:9	1 Cor 7:10-24	1 Cor 7:25-40	1 Cor 8	1 Cor 9:1-18	1 Cor 9:19-27	
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mon 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tue 21<sup>st</sup></b>	
1 Cor 10:1-13	1 Cor 10:14-22	1 Cor 10:23-11:1	1 Cor 11:2-22	1 Cor 11:23-34	1 Cor 12:1-11	1 Cor 12:12-31	
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tue 28<sup>th</sup></b>	
1 Cor 13:1-14:5	1 Cor 14:6-19	1 Cor 14:20-40	1 Cor 15:1-11	1 Cor 15:12-19	1 Cor 15:20-34	1 Cor 15:35-49	
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup></b>					<u>*Hour of Power</u>	
1 Cor 15:50-16:4	1 Cor 16:5-24						

**Growing In Christ** – Life Lessons from 1 Corinthians - [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL\\_FQjHJ4csnIA9zeE0spDyH9SUFQITEY8](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_FQjHJ4csnIA9zeE0spDyH9SUFQITEY8)

- G** Go to God in Prayer Daily
- R** Read God’s Word Daily
- O** Obey God, moment by moment
- W** Witness for Christ by your life and your words
- T** Trust God for every detail of your life
- H** Holy Spirit – allow God to control and empower your daily life

# 1 Corinthians

## Occasion and Date

Paul established the church at Corinth about A.D. 50–51, when he spent eighteen months there on his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1–17). He continued to carry on correspondence and exercise care for the church after his departure (see 1 Cor. 5:9; 2 Cor. 12:14). During his three-year ministry in Ephesus, on his third missionary journey (Acts 19), he had received disturbing reports concerning moral laxity among believers in Corinth. To remedy the situation, he sent the church a letter (1 Cor. 5:9–11), which has since been lost. Shortly afterward, a delegation sent by Chloe, a member of the church in Corinth, reported to Paul concerning the existence of divisive factions in the church. Before he could write a corrective letter, another delegation from Corinth arrived with a letter asking him certain questions (1 Cor. 7:1; 16:17). Paul immediately sent Timothy to Corinth to help correct conditions there (1 Cor. 4:17). He then wrote the letter that we know as 1 Corinthians, expecting it to reach Corinth before Timothy (16:10). Since Paul apparently wrote the letter near the end of his Ephesian ministry (16:8), it may be dated about A.D. 56.

## Personal Application

Paul makes reference to the Lord Jesus ten times in the first ten verses of this letter in order to establish the fact that He is the foundation of the church and the only basis for their unity and fellowship together. The letter contains an unmatched revelation of the cross of Christ as a counter to all human boasting (chs. 1–4). Paul cites Christ as our example in all behaviour (11:1) and describes the church as His body (ch. 12). Especially important are the powerful consequences of Christ's resurrection for the whole of creation (ch. 15).

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No epistle in the New Testament gives a clearer insight into the life of the first-century church than 1 Corinthians. In it Paul provides straightforward instructions for such moral and theological problems as sectarianism, spiritual immaturity, church discipline, ethical differences, the role of the sexes and the proper use of spiritual gifts. Where these same problems exist in the modern church, the remedies are the same. This letter challenges churches in all traditions to draw upon the rich resources of the Spirit in building up the life of the community in unity and love.