

Paul's Epistle of

1st CORINTHIANS

84th Street church of Christ – March - May, 2022



Outline

I. Introduction (1:1- 9)

II. Dealing with Problems Reported to Paul (1:10 – 6:20)

A. Problem of Factionalism (1:10 – 3:23)

B. Problem of Rejecting Paul's Work (4:1-21)

C. Problem of the Fornicator and Church Discipline (5:1-13)

D. Taking Problems between Brethren to Civil Courts (6:1-11)

E. Responsibility to Glorify God with the Body (6:12-20)

III. Dealing with Questions Asked by the Corinthians (7:1 – 16:9)

A. “Now Concerning” – Marriage and Present Distress
(7:1-40)

B. “Now Concerning” – Idolatry and Personal Liberty
(8:1 – 11:1)

C. “Now... Remember Me” and Apostolic Tradition

1. Submission and Customs (11:2-16)

2. Pattern for Lord’s Supper (11:17-34)

D. “Now Concerning” – Spiritual Gifts (12:1 – 14:40)

E. “Now...” Concerning – The Resurrection (15:1-58)

F. “Now Concerning” – The Collection (16:1-9)

IV. Concluding Remarks (16:10-24)

- Coming together for the partaking of the Lord's Supper (v.17-22)
 - V.17 – They were coming together for the worse, not the better
 - V.18-19 – There were division among them
 - V.18 – Paul heard there were divisions among them and in part he believed it
 - V.19 – “There must be factions... those approved may be recognized among you”
 - V.20-22 – Condemnation of how they were treating and partaking the Lord's Supper when they came together
 - V.20 – When they came together in one place they were not partaking of the Lord's Supper as they should
 - V.21 – In doing so they did not wait for one another; one was hungry and the other drunk
 - V.22 – Paul condemns this action; He did not praise them in this action

- Institution of the Lord's Supper (v.23-26)
 - V.23 – Paul received instruction from the Lord pertaining to the Lord's Supper and delivered it to those at Corinth
 - V.24-25 – The elements of the Lord's Supper
 - Bread – His Body, which is broken for you
 - The cup – fruit of the vine, The new covenant in His blood
 - “This do in remembrance of me” – this is a memorial to remind us of what was done on our behalf
 - V.26 – When we partake, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes
 - “For as often” – The Lord's Supper is to be done with regularity, Acts 20:7 – every first day of the week

- Examine yourself, especially as it pertains to the partaking of the Lord's Supper (v.27-34)
 - V. 27 – Since the Lord's Supper is significant and important examine yourself and make sure you are partaking properly
 - “Unworthy manner” – careless or irreverent
 - “Guilty of the body and blood of the Lord”
 - V.28 – Each one is to examine themselves and see if they are partaking in this manner
 - V.29-32 – The Lord's Supper and judgement
 - V.29 – The one who partakes in an unworthy manner brings judgement upon himself
 - V.30 – Because they were partaking improperly there are many weak, sick, and many sleep (have died)
 - V.31 – If we would judge ourselves there would be no need of judgement
 - V.32 – When we are judged we are chastened by the Lord that we may not be condemned with the world

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 - V.33 – When you partake of the Lord's Supper wait for one another
 - V.34 – If anyone is hungry let them eat at home, Paul would set some other things in order when he came