

*Paul's Epistle of*

# 1<sup>st</sup> CORINTHIANS

84<sup>th</sup> 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)**



- 1 Corinthians 12:15-26 – The body and its members
  - V.15 – The foot cannot say because it is not a hand that it is not a part of the body
  - V.16 – The ear cannot say because it is not an eye that it is not a part of the body
  - V.17 – All parts are needed in their function to make up the body
    - If the whole body is an eye where would the hearing be?
    - If the whole body were hearing where would the smelling be?
  - **V.18 – God put each member in its place just as he pleases (wills)**
  - V.19 – If all were one member there would be no body but one member

- 1 Corinthians 12:15-26 – The body and its members
  - V.20 – But there are many members yet one body
  - V.21 – Parts of the body cannot tell other parts they are in no need of them
    - Eye to the hand or head to the feet
  - V.22-24 – The parts of the body many view as unneeded or less significant have a greater role than they think
    - Weaker, Less honorable, Unpresentable - NKJV
  - V.24-25 – God composed the body so there would be no schism and all would have the same care for one another
  - V.26 – If one part of the body suffers all will suffer, if one is honored all will rejoice

- 1 Corinthians 12:27-31 – God has given each a gift to be used for the working of the body
  - V.27 – Body of Christ and members individually
  - V.28-30 – God setup and distributed various gifts in the church but not all possess every gift, nor is the whole made up of one gift
  - V.31 – Earnestly desiring the greater gifts but Paul is about to show them a more excellent way