

Paul's Epistle of

1st CORINTHIANS

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



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I. Introduction (1:1- 9)

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

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

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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 15:1-9 – The resurrection of Christ
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 – “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received...”
 - The gospel those at Corinth received is what allows them to stand and what they are saved by
 - 1 Corinthians 15:3-8a – “Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures... He was buried.... He rose again the third day... He was seen by...”
 - The death, burial, and resurrection of Christ is according to Scripture
 - There are many witnesses to the resurrection of Christ

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-9 – The resurrection of Christ
 - 1 Corinthians 15:9b-11 – “For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God...”
 - Paul became a follower and a Christian later than the others mentioned
 - Paul recognized the grace shown him and worked for the Lord

- 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 – Consequences if there is no resurrection of the dead
 - Consequences of believing the dead will not rise
 - Christ is not risen (v.13 and 16)
 - If Christ is not risen...
 - Paul and the other apostle's preaching is empty (v.14)
 - Their faith is empty (v.14)
 - Paul and the other witnesses are false witnesses (v.15)
 - Their faith is futile (v.17)
 - They are still in sin (v.17)
 - The dead in Christ have perished (v.18)
 - There is no hope and of all men we are the most pitiable (v.19)

- 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 – Christ as the firstfruits and the delivering of the kingdom
 - 1 Corinthians 15:20 – “Christ is risen from the dead...”
 - He has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep
 - 1 Corinthians 15:21-23 – “in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive...”
 - Through Adam death came about to all men
 - Through Christ all will be alive
 - 1 Corinthians 15:24-28 – “Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father...”
 - We do not know when Christ will return (2 Peter 3:10) but when He does, He will deliver the kingdom to God the Father and put an end to all rule and authority
 - Christ will reign until this time and all enemies are put under His feet – reference Psalm 110:1

- 1 Corinthians 15:29-34 – Consequences of no resurrection
 - 1 Corinthians 15:29 – “what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all?”
 - Why be baptized if there is no resurrection
 - 1 Corinthians 15:30 – “why do we stand in jeopardy every hour?”
 - If there is no resurrection, why do we stand in jeopardy every hour?
 - 1 Corinthians 15:31-32 – “what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise...”
 - Paul was one who died daily for the work of the Lord, he put himself last, he fought the good fight

- 1 Corinthians 15:29-34 – Consequences of no resurrection
 - 1 Corinthians 15:33-34 – “Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits.” Awake to righteousness and do not sin...”
 - We need to be cautious and recognize the influence those we are around have on us
 - Understand this, see what the truth is, and do it