

Presence Theater Church
Bible Survey
The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

In Paul's time, Corinth was an ancient and famous seaport city in _____. Corinth was known for its _____. A well known phrase "to live as a Corinthian" denoted a sexually immoral lifestyle.

Who wrote it? _____ is the writer of this epistle (1:1; 16:21). Paul wrote this letter to specifically address issues and _____ that had arisen in the Corinthian church (1:11).

Date of writing: _____ **Timing of events:** _____

- Paul founded the church in Corinth in A.D. 50-52 during his _____ missionary journey (Acts 18). Five years later Paul heard of the church's many issues. He then wrote this first letter to the Corinthian church during his _____ missionary journey.

Key Term: _____: Although this letter reflects a church facing many difficult issues, the solution always involves love ("_____ " in the KJV; agapē in Greek). The "Love Chapter" (13) is the best known and most beloved part of the letter.

Location of Events: Paul wrote 1 Corinthians while in _____.

- Book Outline:**
- I. In Answer to Chloe's Report of _____ (1-4:21)
 - Greeting and Report of Divisions (1:1-17)
 - Reason for Divisions (1:18-4:21)

 - II. In Answer to Reports of _____ (5:1-6:20)
 - Concerning Incest (5:1-13)
 - Concerning Litigation between believers (6:1-11)
 - Warning Against Sexual Immorality (6:12-20)

 - III. In Answer to the Letter of _____ (7:1-16:24)
 - Counsel Concerning Marriage (7:1-40)
 - Counsel Concerning Things Offered to Idols (8:1-11:1)
 - Counsel Concerning Public Worship (11:2-14:40)
 - Counsel Concerning the Resurrection (15:1-58)
 - Counsel Concerning the Collection for Jerusalem (16:1-4)
 - Conclusion (16:5-24)

Summary in one sentence: The many _____ a congregation may have, whether doctrinal or practical, will be resolved as that church _____ properly to the lordship of _____ and learns to love one another genuinely.

Summary in ten words or less: _____

Cast of Characters: *Paul* – an apostle of Christ by the will of God; *Crispus, Gaius, Stephanas' household* – Corinthians _____ by Paul; *Apollos* – a _____ of the Word; *The first Adam* – God's first human; *The second Adam* – _____; a quickening spirit; *Stephanus, Fortunatus, Achaicus* – bring Paul supplies from Corinth; *Aquila, Priscilla* – church _____ Paul stayed with; send greetings to the Corinthian church

Verse to Remember: “*And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*” (1 Corinthians 13:13)

- Interesting Facts:**
1. Paul worked with the church in Corinth for ____ months in A.D. 51 – 52.
 2. After Corinth was destroyed by the Romans in 146 B.C., the city was rebuilt by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C.
 3. Corinth was filled with shrines and temples. One such temple was the Temple of _____, which had some 1,000 temple prostitutes.
 4. First Corinthians is apparently not the first letter Paul wrote to the Corinthians. (5:9)

What is my take away? Paul did not hesitate to deal with various issues in the church that threatened to diminish the purity and unity of the body.