

1 Corinthians

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I. Introduction

A. Authorship

B. Date Written

C. Background

- Acts 18:1-19

D. Audience

II. Greetings From Paul and Sosthenes (1:1-1:9)

A. Salutation (1:1-3)

1. Who was the co-author with Paul in this letter to the community of believers in Corinth? (v. 1)

B. Thanksgiving (1:4-9)

2. Why does Paul commend the community of believers in Corinth? (v. 7)

III. Divisions in the Congregation (1:10-4:21)

A. The Problem of Divisions (1:10-17)

3. Who told Paul that there was trouble in Corinth? (v. 11)

B. The Cause of Divisions (1:18-2:16)

1. Misunderstanding the Message of the Cross (1:18-2:5)

- a) God's Folly - A Crucified Messiah (1:18-25)

4. How does Paul describe the message of the cross? (v. 18)

- b) God's Folly - The Corinthian Believers (1:26-31)

5. What has God chosen to shame the wise and the strong of this world? (v. 27)