

1 Corinthians

Study 3 - May 8, 2026

Naples Friday Morning Men's Bible Study (for prior studies: exeraunao.com, oldsalt1979.wordpress.com)

I. Introduction

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

A. Salutation (1:1-3)

B. Thanksgiving (1:4-9)

1. 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)

2. 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)

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

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

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

c) God's Folly - Paul's Preaching (2:1-5)

5. What was Paul "determined to know" among the community of believers in Corinth? (v. 2)

2. Misunderstanding the Spirit's Ministry of Revealing (2:6-16)

6. What does Paul say about the wisdom of God? (v. 6)

7. What have the believers rec'd that will help them know the "things freely given by God? (v. 12)

C. The Consequences of Divisions (3:1-4:5)

1. Spiritual Growth Stunted (3:1-9)