

## Outline of I Corinthians

**1: 1 - 9**      **A most unusual greeting**

**1: 10 – 6:20**    **Addressing reports from the Chloe's Household**

**1: 10 – 4: 21**    ***First "report" - The Elevation of Human Wisdom in the Church***

1: 10 – 1: 17    Divisions within the church based on elevation of human leaders

1: 18 – 1: 31    The follies of human wisdom made obvious

- Where are the revered human sages versus where is Christ now?
- God has chosen them (and us)—the lowly and made us wise!

2: 1 – 2:18      We are spiritually discerned, not the world—don't sell ourselves short!

3: 1 – 3: 23      Two main leaders in question: Apollos and Paul, mere servants

- The plant analogy
- The building analogy

4: 1 – 4: 21      Their core issue is with Paul himself

**5: 1 – 5:13**      ***Second "report" – Tolerance of sexual immorality***

**6: 1 – 6: 11**      ***Third (implied) "report" – Lawsuit among believers***

**6: 12 – 6: 20**    ***Concluding remarks addressing the reports—we are members of Christ***

- Applying to food (which Paul will elaborate on, under a separate heading)
- Applying to sexual immorality

**7: 1 – 9: 27**      **Answers to their letter—a matter of freedom after conversion**

**7: 1 – 7: 40**      ***"To be or not to be (married)"***

**8: 1 – 8: 13**      ***"To eat or not to eat"—food sacrificed to idols***

**9: 1 – 9: 27**      ***Paul's own principle and example in using freedom in Christ***

**10 : 1- 11: 1**    **Addressing the core, underlying problem to above problems and issues raised**

**10 : 1 – 10: 13**    ***Do not be like the forefathers who faced the same temptations like ours***

**10: 14 – 11: 1**    ***"Therefore"***

- "Flee" is the word—based on "koinonia" with Christ
- "Good of many" (i.e. love)—based on "beneficial-rather-than-permissible" principle.

**11: 2- 14: 40** Addressing another (implied) report of disorderly conduct in church services

**11: 2 – 11: 16** *“To cover or not to cover heads” by women’s preachers*

**11: 17 – 11:34** *The disorderly conduct at the Lord’s Supper*

**12 – 14** *The disorderly conduct of speaking in tongue at church service*

- Ch. 12—gifts are granted for common good at the discretion of the Holy Spirit
- Ch. 13—the proper attitude towards gifts—pursue the greater gifts of which the greatest is LOVE
- Ch. 14—Based on the truths of chs. 12 & 13—now applied to the main misconduct at service—the abuse of tongue speaking!

**15: 1 – 15: 58** **Doctrinal Thesis on Bodily Resurrection**

**16: 1 – 16 :19** **Housekeeping requests**

**16 :20 – 24** **A Most Unusual Final Greeting—with a curse!**