

# 1 CORINTHIANS

**Summary Of 1 Corinthians:** Corinth in Greece was noted for its commerce, culture, and corruption. Paul founded the church there during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1-17). During his third journey, he wrote this letter from Ephesus, about 54 AD. He had 2 purposes: (1) to reprove them for flagrant sins (1-6); and (2) to answer their questions about Christian life and doctrine (7-16).

**Lesson:** *The existence of this church in evil Corinth shows God's power.*

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### CORRECTING DIVISIONS

#### Chapter 1

**Summary:** Paul tactfully addresses the Corinthians' divisions by taking three steps--commendation, accusation, and solution.

**I. Commendation ~ Paul commends their standing in Christ (1-9):** (A) they are set apart by God [1-3]; and (B) they are gifted by God [4-9].

**II. Accusation ~ Paul accuses them of divisiveness (10-17):** (A) they are quarrelsome [10-11]; and (B) they are bigoted [12-17].

**III. Solution ~ Paul explains their calling (18-31):** (A) they are called to salvation [18-25]; and (B) they are called to glorification [26-31].

**Lesson:** *Tactful correction is aided by lovingly taking these three steps.*