

## Introduction to 1 Corinthians

**Author:** \_\_\_\_\_ and Sosthenes (1:1)

-The background is \_\_\_\_\_ 18:1-18

-Some \_\_\_\_\_ believed (Crispus, 18:8 and Sosthenes, 18:17)

-Many Jews persecuted \_\_\_\_\_ and the believers

-Paul \_\_\_\_\_ for at least one-and-a-half years (18:11) (AD 49/50)

**To:** Corinth and \_\_\_\_?! (1:2)

But there are so many specific issues:

1. The sexually immoral man in 1 Cor. 5

2. The “weak” and the issue of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 8-10)

3. The special offering (16:2-3)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ coverings (11)

5. Problems with the Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_

Other big issues in Corinthians: tongues, marriage, the resurrection, the gospel, slavery, Jew/gentile relations, role of women in ministry....

### Greeting (1:3-9)

-Paul starts with a positive assessment of their standing in \_\_\_\_\_, even though Corinth is often regarded as the church with “problems.”

-Paul is always thankful because of the grace they have in Christ (4), that they have been “enriched in every way” (5), they “do not lack any spiritual gift” (7), they “eagerly wait” for Jesus to be revealed (7), they will be kept “firm to the end” and “blameless” (8), and they are “called into fellowship” with Jesus (9).

### Purpose (10)

-Paul identifies “\_\_\_\_\_” as the main issue he will address (10)

**Issue #1** Is 1 Corinthians divinely \_\_\_\_\_?

-Does Paul himself admit a \_\_\_\_\_ in the text in 1:14-16?

-Does Paul declare his words non-authoritative in 1 Cor. 7:10-12?