



# I Corinthians

## FIRST CORINTHIANS

The central theme of the book of First Corinthians is *unity in the church*. Below is an overview of the book for each chapter.

### **Chapter 1**

- Christians' common identity in Christ
- Christians' calling into fellowship with God
- Paul calls for unity in the church
- Christians' shared faith in Christ, the wisdom and power of God

### **Chapter 2**

- Christians all receive wisdom from the Holy Spirit through the Apostles' teaching
- God's wisdom will only be received by those who spirit is committed to Him

### **Chapter 3**

- Divisions among Christians arise from worldly thinking
- Men must not divide God's church
- Christians should not boast about themselves, only God

### **Chapter 4**

- Christians are merely servants of God
- Christians must remain humble

### **Chapter 5**

- Preserving purity in the church
- Purity is essential to unity
- Restoring the fallen brother

### **Chapter 6**

- Christians must sacrifice their privileges for the sake of unity
- Christians must maintain moral purity—their lives and bodies belong to God
- Christians are united with Christ

### **Chapter 7**

- Keeping peace in our relationships by recognizing that we belong to God and are serving Him in our relationships

### **Chapter 8**

- Having unity by honoring each other's consciences

- Sacrificing our privileges for the sake of a brother

### **Chapter 9**

- Paul's example of sacrifice for the sake of the gospel and the church

### **Chapter 10**

- Maintaining the health of the church as the body of Christ through single-minded devotion to God and by denying selfishness

### **Chapter 11**

- Maintaining unity by honoring the relationships ordained by God (God to man, man to woman)
- Maintaining unity through the Lord's Supper

### **Chapter 12**

- God gives gifts for the good of the church
- All the parts of God's body are important and placed in the body by the Spirit
- All Christians were born again by the Spirit into the Church
- Christians are united with one another in the body and should care for one another

### **Chapter 13**

- Love is the most important work for unity

### **Chapter 14**

- We must use our gifts for the common good of the church
- What we do in the assembly should be done to honor God and strengthen His Church

### **Chapter 15**

- Unity by remembering our common hope in the resurrection and faith in Jesus

### **Chapter 16**

- Remembering our fellowship with all Christians by ministering to the needs of saints in other places