

Lesson 1

1 Corinthians 1:1-30

• Questions

1. How did Paul describe himself (1:1)?

2. How did Paul describe the church at Corinth (1:2)?

3. What greeting did Paul give to the church (1:3)?

4. What was Paul thankful for (1:4-6)?

5. What did Paul hope the Corinthians would be when the Lord returns (1:7-8)?

6. How did Paul describe God (1:9)?

7. What did Paul beseech the Corinthians to do and to be (1:10)?

8. What was reported to Paul by the household of Chloe (1:11-12)?

9. What rhetorical questions did Paul ask (1:13)?

10. What was Paul sent by Christ to do and not to do (1:14-17)?

11. What does God use to save people (1:18-25)?

12. How is the gospel viewed by those who are lost and by those who are saved (1:18-25)?

13. What kind of people does God call or choose to be saved and why (1:26-29)?

14. What is Jesus Christ to the saved and why (1:30-31)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. Who is Sosthenes (1:1; see Acts 18:17)?

2. What do we know about Paul's preaching in Corinth and the establishment of the church there (1:2; see Acts 18:1-17)?

3. What do we know about some of the Christian converts in Corinth (1:2; see 1 Cor. 6:9-11)?

4. What is a "saint" (1:2)?

5. Who are Apollos, Cephas, Crispus, Gaius, and Stephanus (1:12-16)?

6. What OT scripture did Paul quote in 1 Corinthians 1:19?

7. What are the “signs” that Jews ask for (1:22)?

8. What OT scripture did Paul quote in 1 Corinthians 1:31?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Christians are “called to be saints”, set apart from sin and serving the Lord (1:2). How are the Christians in Rome described (Rom. 1:7)?

2. We need to be unreprouvable or blameless in our living as we wait for the Lord to return (1:8). How are Christians to be found in the day of the Lord (2 Pet. 3:14)?

3. Unity is achieved among God’s people when we “speak the same thing”, have the “same mind”, and the “same judgment” (1:10). What do Christians need to do to be of the “same mind” (Rom. 12:16; 15:5; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 2:2; 4:2)?

4. Division in the Lord’s body is caused by following the preacher rather than following the gospel that is preached (1:11-17). What is division an indication of (Gal. 5:20)?

5. Even though many people believe the gospel is foolish, it is still God’s power to save mankind (1:18-25). What is the gospel (Rom. 1:16)?

6. God gets all the glory for our salvation (1:26-31). What is removed in God’s plan of salvation for mankind (Rom. 3:27; 4:2; Eph. 2:9)?