

Outline on 1 Corinthians

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 2. Commendation, 4-9;
- II. The Doctrinal Section, 1:10-15:58;
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 - (2) The wisdom of preaching the cross of Christ, 1:18- 2:16;
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 - B. It is designed to put to shame the "wise" of the world, 1:26-31;
 - C. It is demonstrated in Paul's past experience with the Corinthians, 2:1-5;
 - D. It is the wisdom revealed from heaven, 2:6-16;
 - (a) The fact of its revelation, 2:6-9;
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 - (3) Ministers to work together rather than in opposition, 3:1-15;
 - A. Fellow workers at Corinth, 3:1-9;
 - B. The work itself, 3:10-15;
 - (4) A warning against destroying the temple of God, 3:16-17;
 - (5) Let no man glory in worldly wisdom, 3:18-22;
 - (6) True stewards in the kingdom, 4:1-5;
 - (7) The apostles and their work, 4:6-13;
 - (8) Paul's desire in addressing this matter, 4:14-21;
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 - A. The sinful situation at Corinth, 5:1-2;
 - B. Paul pronounces judgment and demands action on the part of the church, 3-5;
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 - B. Matters pertaining to sexual purity, 6:12-20;
 - (3) Questions of the Christians concerning human sexuality and marital unions, 7:1-40;
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 - B. Instructions to the unmarried and to widows, 8-9;
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 - (1) Eating things sacrificed to idols, 8:1-13;
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 - D. Caution must be exercised in the use of Christian liberty, 8:9-13;
 - (2) Liberty to be occasionally denied in view of the possibility of the Corinthians pressing their liberty, 9:1-27;
 - A. Apostolic liberty defended, 9:1-12;
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 - (2) Various spiritual gifts listed, 12:4-11;
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 - (10) Rules given regarding order in special services, 14:26-36;
 - (11) Emphasis placed upon what is being written, 14:37- 38;
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- III. Closing, 16:1-23;

OUTLINE of 2 Corinthians

Introduction and Greeting (1:1-11).

- I. Paul Explains His Ministry of Reconciliation (1:12-7:16).
 - A. Paul Defends His Integrity (1:12-2:4).
 - B. Paul Urges the Church to Forgive the "Offender" (2:5-11).
 - C. Paul Describes His Apostolic Ministry (2:12-6:10).
 1. Paul Points to Some of the Fruit of His Apostolic Ministry (2:12-3:4).
 2. Paul Notes That He Is a Minister of the New Covenant (3:5-18).
 3. Paul Notes That His Ministry Is Transparent and Open for All to Evaluate (4:1-18).
 4. Paul Rejoices in the Results of the Ministry and Message of Reconciliation (5:1-17, 21).
 5. Paul Encourages the Corinthians to Minister as Ambassadors for Christ (5:18-6:10).
 - D. Paul Exhorts the Readers to Stay Away from Sin (6:11-7:1).
 - E. Paul Asks the Corinthian Believers to Make Room for Him in Their Hearts (7:2-4).
 - F. The Report of Titus Is an Encouragement to Paul (2 Cor. 7:5-16).
 - II. Paul Encourages Grace Giving and the Collection for Judea (8:1-9:15).
 - A. Paul Encourages Them by the Example of the Macedonians (8:1-7).
 - B. Paul Reminds Them of the Example of the Lord Jesus Christ (8:8, 9).
 - C. Paul Gives Instruction in How to Help the Saints (8:10-9:5).
 - D. Paul Speaks of the Blessings Which Will Come Through Grace Giving (9:6-15).
 - III. Paul Defends His Apostolic Authority (10:1-13:10).
 - A. His Call to the Ministry Is from the Lord (10:1-18).
 - B. His Apostleship Is Authenticated by God (11:1-12:13).
 - C. His Desire Is to Restore Discipline and Order at Corinth (12:14-13:10).
- Conclusion and Trinitarian Benediction (13:11-14).