

1 Corinthians study  
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**Week 1 study guide “In Christ Alone”  
1 Corinthians 1 and 2.**

Read through chapters 1 and 2 Underline verses that stand out. Jot down questions you have.

What are some divisions or difficulties that you’ve witnessed in the churches you’ve attended over the years? Does listing these give you empathy for the divisions in the church in Corinth?

Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-9. How many times did Paul mention Christ’s name?

Who, specifically, did Paul say are holy or sanctified in verse 2?

If all who call on the name of Christ are made holy, what does that mean you are?

Remember to find your identity in Christ alone. Not in how you feel, what you’ve accomplished, the number in your bank account, the number on the scale, your appearance, or how others view you. You are set apart and made holy because of Christ’s death on the cross.

Jot down the name of a brother or sister in Christ with whom you've recently had a disagreement.

Now, say the following out loud: “    name     is a holy and beloved child of God through Jesus Christ. Take a moment to pray for that person and for the disagreement you've had with them.”

Paul cautions against relational idolatry. Look at 1 Corinthians 1:12. Who were the leaders that the Corinthians were elevating?

In what ways have you seen yourself or others overly enamored with Christian personalities and their teachings?

Paul also cautions against fighting over outward expressions of our inward faith. What are some outward expressions of faith in your specific church or denomination. For each one you list, write a different way that another church does it differently.

*Example:*

*At First Presbyterian Church we baptize babies and adults, using a sprinkling of water on their head. The Baptist church down the road only baptizes adults or teens and submerges them in a tank of water.*

How have you seen unity expressed among believers in the midst of differing opinions?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-9. Fill in the blanks: Paul is delivering the message to the Corinthians not with

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (v 1, 4), but with \_\_\_\_\_ (v3).

In verse 5, we see the reason why he chooses to come in that manner. Write verse 5 here.

Paul is humble. He doesn't boast in human wisdom. How could you cultivate humility this week? Could it lead to a vulnerability not often seen by others? Could the body of Christ shine through as you are humble and vulnerable and let Jesus shine through you?

We learn more about the Corinthian church plant in Acts 18:1-11. Read it now.  
What husband and wife team did Paul meet in Corinth? (v 1-2)

What was Paul's occupation in Corinth? (v 3)

Where did Paul go initially to preach the gospel? (v 4-5)

How was Paul's gospel message received by the people worshipping in the Jewish synagogue?  
(v 6)

Who then did Paul preach to? (v 6-8)

What message did Paul receive from the Lord in a vision? (v 9-10)

How long did Paul stay in Corinth? (v 11)

What additional insights do you gain from this passage about why Paul chose a simple approach to preaching the gospel to the Gentiles?

Paul's vision encouraged him to stay the course in church planting. Though you may have not received a direct vision from the Lord as Paul did, how has God encouraged you to stay the course in spreading God's love to others when you have been discouraged?

Read 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 and give one insight for each verse related to the Holy Spirit's role in our lives. I've done the first one.

Verse 10- *The Spirit knows everything and helps us understand what God is doing.*

Verse 11

Verse 12

Verse 13

Verse 14

Verse 15

Verse 16

How would you summarize in once sentence what Paul is trying to tell us about God's Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is many things. Look up these passages of Scripture and write the role of the Spirit down next to them.

John 14:26- *The Holy Spirit comforts us.*

John 16:13

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

John 16:8

John 16:13

Paul says that the Holy Spirit shows us God's deep secrets (1 Corinthians 2:10). What are some ways the Holy Spirit has revealed things to you personally?

Continue to read 1 Corinthians this week and ask God to use Scripture to make you more and more into the image and likeness of God's son Jesus Christ. I will see you next week!

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