



A Guided Tour of the Bible: Discovering God in

1 Corinthians

Background

- The Apostle Paul founded the church at Corinth on his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1-18).
- Corinth was a wealthy city in Greece famous for commerce, entertainment, idolatry, and sexual immorality.
- Paul wrote this letter in AD 56 from the city of Ephesus (16:8). Its purpose is twofold: to address concerning reports of misconduct in the church (1:11) (16:17) and to answer specific questions from the church (7:1, 25) (8:1) (12:1) (16:1) (16:12).

Roadmap

1. Prologue/Greeting (1:1-9)
2. The cross brings unity (1-4)
3. The cross brings purity (5-7)
 - a. Purity at church (5:1-6:8)
 - b. Purity at home (6:9-7:40)
4. The cross brings liberty (8-10)
5. The cross brings charity (11-14)
 - a. Love sacrifices for one another (11)
 - b. Love serves one another (12-14)
6. The cross brings victory (15)
7. Conclusion (16)

Landmark

1 Corinthians reveals the Christlike Church. The cross (1-2) and resurrection (15) not only save us, they shape us. The humility, holiness, and selflessness of Christ creates a people who display Him to the world (10:31).

Must See

Jesus is the Source of the church's wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption (1:30). His crucifixion and resurrection bring unity, purity, liberty, charity, and victory to the people of God.

Takeaway

1. Are you solving conflicts or staying in them?
2. Are you fleeing sexual immorality or compromising?
3. Are you selflessly serving or selfishly sitting?
4. Are you deflecting credit or seeking it?
5. Are you a stumbling block to others or a stepping stone?
6. Are you finishing strong or losing steam?