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Why 1 Corinthians?

A thriving church

A season of great change

Every person and every gift is valued

And yet there is a better way

Micah 6:8 (NRSV)



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He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?



Corinth and Jerusalem



Greece and Corinth



Corinth



150 BC to 50 CE

From Greek city to Roman colony—and the world Paul entered

146 BC

ROME DESTROYS CORINTH

After the Achaean War, Roman forces sack and raze the Greek city.

44 BC

CAESAR REFOUNDS IT

Julius Caesar establishes a Roman colony on the old site.

27 BC

CAPITAL OF ACHAIA

Under Augustus, Corinth becomes the capital of the Roman province.

50 CE

PAUL ARRIVES

Paul reaches Corinth and remains there for about eighteen months.



Three Key Corinthians

- **Chloe:**
- **Priscilla (Prisca):**
- **Phoebe:**

‘All things are good’
but not all things are
beneficial...



1 Corinthians 14 34-36

Women should be silent in the church.

34 The women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says.

35 If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church.

36 Or was it from you that the word of God came? Or are you the only ones it has reached?

1 Corinthians 12 Spiritual Gifts

Wisdom

Knowledge

Faith

Healing

Powerful deeds - Miracles

Prophecy

Discernment

Tongues

Interpretation of Tongues

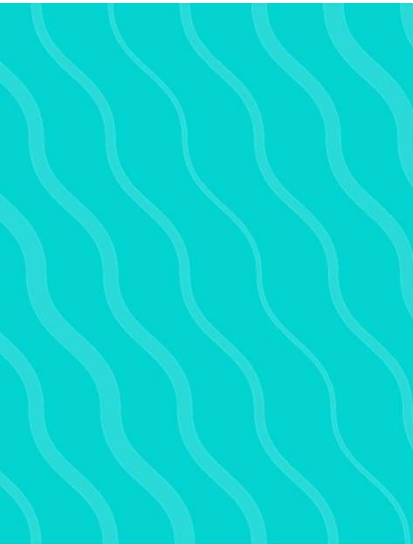
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Listen, read, follow, and hear God speak to you,
your gift will be unique

Are we all the same? No

Should we expect to have all the gifts? No

We need each other – We are one body with many members.



LOVE NEVER FAILS