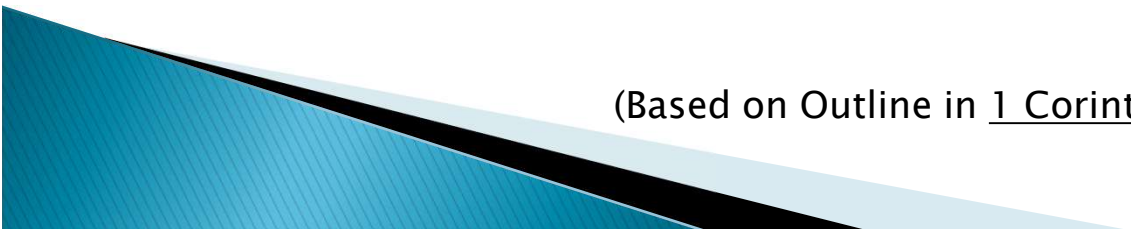


Outline of 1 Corinthians

- I. Greetings (1:1–3)
- II. Thanksgiving (1:4–9)
- III. Addressing the problem of factions (1:10–4:21)
- IV. **Addressing problems of morality (5:1–6:20)**
- V. Answers to questions concerning marriage (7:1–40)
- VI. The proper use of liberties (8:1–11:1)
- VII. Addressing problems relating to worship (11:2–14:40)
- VIII. The resurrection (15:1–58)
- IX. Instruction regarding the collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem, including Paul's planned visit (16:1–9)
- X. Concluding remarks (16:10–24)

(Based on Outline in 1 Corinthians, a Study by Mike Willis, 1996, p.vii)



Two problems 5:1–2

“It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father’s wife! {2}And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. “



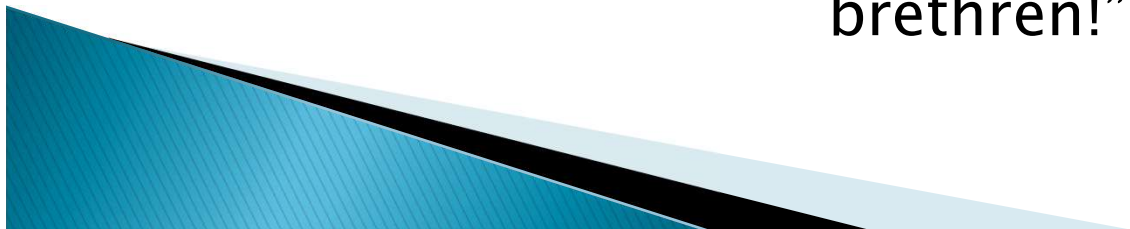
Instructions given 5:3–13

“For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. {4} In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, {5} deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. {6} Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? {7} Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. {8} Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”



1 Corinthians 6:1–8

“Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? 2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life? 4 If then you have judgments concerning things pertaining to this life, do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge? 5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you, not even one, who will be able to judge between his brethren? 6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers! 7 Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated? 8 No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren!”



Take Aways

- ▶ We should mourn about sin, not only ours, but others
- ▶ Instead of being loving and helpful, one is puffed up if he is able to just put up with a brother or sister living in sin
- ▶ It is arrogant to think we cannot be harmed by another's sin that is being accepted and not addressed
- ▶ An attitude of indifference is also contagious
- ▶ The wisdom of the world regarding this matter of an impenitent brother is not the wisdom of God on the matter
 - It is more than an issue of action; there is also an issue of attitude
 - And where should our faith rest? See 2:5



Take Aways

- ▶ The Bible gives us principles to solve problems among ourselves; let us follow those! Take for example Matthew 18:15–17; Proverbs 18:13; Matthew 7:12
- ▶ Christians who persist in their sins will not inherit the kingdom of God

