

## I CORINTHIANS: DEALING WITH CHURCH CONFLICT

**A. Author:** Paul

**B. Background:** Paul spent more time with the church at Corinth than any other church except Ephesus. Corinth was an important city in Greece known for its immorality, and the church struggled to maintain its purity and focus. They reflected their world instead of changing it.

**C. Theme:** The Church of Jesus Christ must live focused and pure lives in the midst of a corrupt culture.

**D. Outline:**

**1. INTRODUCTION (1:1-9)**

- a. Salutation (1:1-3)
- b. Thanksgiving for their Giftedness (1:4-9)

**2. DIVIDED OVER LEADERS (1:10-17)**

- a. They Divided into Parties (1:12)
- b. Leaders Focus on the Gospel (1:17)

**3. EMBRACED THE WORLD'S WISDOM (1:18-4:21)**

- a. The Cross: Foolishness or Power of God? (1:18)
- b. The Spirit of the World or The Spirit of Christ? (2:12)
- c. Spiritual or Carnal? (3:1-4)
- d. Fools or Wise? (4:10)

**4. IGNORED OPENLY IMMORAL MEMBERS (5:1-13)**

- a. A Church Member Married His Father's Wife (5:1)
- b. Paul Encouraged Them to Discipline Him (5:5)
- c. Discipline Applies to Members, not the Lost (5:9-11)

**5. TOOK FELLOW BELIEVERS TO SECULAR COURTS (6:1-20)**

- a. Went to the World before the Church (6:1)
- b. Acted like Unbelievers (6:9-11)

**6. HELD A LOW VIEW OF MARRIAGE (7:1-40)**

- a. Don't Barter with Sex (7:2-5)
- b. Keep Your Marriage Vows (7:10-11;15)
- c. Some Are Called to Be Single (7:26)

**7. PRESSED THEIR FREEDOM WHILE HARMING THE WEAK (8:1-9:27)**

- a. Meat Offered to Idols (8:1)
- b. Evangelism in Context (9:19-23)
- c. Christ is the Rock (10:4,13)

**8. MADE A MOCKERY OF WORSHIP (11:1-14:40)**

- a. Ignoring the Tradition of Head Coverings (11:2-5)
- b. Desecrating the Lord's Supper (11:23-34)
- c. Dominating Others with Spiritual Gifts (12:1-14:40)
  - Unity and Diversity (12:4-6)
  - Let Love Rule (13:1-13)
  - Everything Decently and in Order (14:40)

**9. DENIED THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST (15:1-1-58)**

- a. Summary of the Gospel (15:3-4)
- b. Denial of the Resurrection (15:12-19)
- c. The Last Enemy Destroyed (15:25-26)

**10. FINAL MATTERS (16:1-24)**

- a. The Collection for the Saints (16:1-4)
- b. Paul's Plans and Greetings (16:5-24)

**E. Real Life Lessons from 1 Corinthians**

1. We should respect our leaders and follow them as they follow the Lord, but we should not divide into parties built around leaders.
2. Churches should discipline those members that are living in openly immoral situations.
3. Churches should make sure the Bible, not the world, is the basis of how they are living their lives.
4. Christians should reflect the Lord in their worship habits, not drawing attention to themselves but to Christ.
5. The Resurrection is the doctrine upon which all others hinge.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

We no longer have a permanent supper list, so you will need to fill out a monthly form. *If you do not have supper reservations, you will be asked to please wait until 5:30pm to eat.*

*Serving time is 5:00 until 6:00pm.*

*Children 5 & under - free, ages 6 to Adult are \$4.00 each with a family max of \$16.00.*

SEPT 21, 2011: CHICKEN FINGERS, MAC & CHEESE  
GREEN LIMAS, GARDEN SALAD, ROLL &  
BUTTER PECAN CAKE

## Hymns for Tonight's Worship



# 655.....Sanctuary

# 422.....I Love You with the Love  
of the Lord

# 425.....Bind Us Together

#401....The Church's One Foundation

## SPECIAL OFFERING TONIGHT FOR CZECH REPUBLIC MISSION TRIP

Community Missions has decided to donate tonight's offering to purchase the items needed for the Czech English & Sports Camps. We will purchase these items and take them with us to the Czech Republic, *October 22-29, 2011.*

Czech Bible (\$8)

Craft Kit for Gypsy Child (\$15)

Sports Camp T-shirt (\$10)

Basketball/Soccer Ball (\$10)

Gifts for English Teachers in Czech (\$20)

Anyone who gives tonight can take a photo of a child when the offering plate passes. These are Gypsy children who live in Chotěboř and need our prayers. Thank you for helping in this way!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Thurs, Sept 15

9:00-12pm **One Heart Craft Corner & Prayer  
Shawl Ministry - First Place**

### Sat, Sept 17

3:00pm **Baby Shower for Kassy Wooley -  
First Place**

### Sun, Sept 18

9 & 10:30am **Bible Study & Worship**  
4:00pm **Gulf Coast Christmas Drama**  
**Speaking Auditions - D220**  
7:00pm **Youth SNAC - FLC**

### Mon, Sept 19

9:00am **Homebound Visitation**  
6:30pm **Search & Rescue Visitation &  
Prayer Team - First Place**  
6:30pm **New Member Dinner - D220**

### Tues, Sept 20

11:00am **Amazing Greys Choir Rehearsal -  
Choir Room**  
6:30pm **Celebrate Recovery - First Place**

*WOW! 1,605 people registered for Sunday's Celebrate America Block Party! Over 500 of them were visitors, so you know what that means...we need your help at Search & Rescue on Monday nights, 6:15pm in the First Place. Let's go out there and meet the folks who came to the Block Party and invite them to our church!*