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## Outline of First Corinthians

First Corinthians from a Jewish Perspective (Ac)

Glossary (Ad)

Social Relations in Corinth (Ae)

Religious Influences in Corinth (Af)

Founding of the Church at Corinth (Ag)

### **I. Grace and Peace - 1:1-9 (Ah)**

### **II. Divisions in the Church at Corinth - 1:10 to 4:21 (Ai)**

#### **A. Causes of Division in the Church at Corinth - 1:18 to 4:13 (Aj)**

#### **B. Splits and Division in the Church at Corinth - 1:10-17 (Ak)**

1. A Faulty View of the Good News - 1:18 to 3:4 (Al)

a. The World's Wisdom vs the Good News - 1:18 to 2:5 (Am)

1) The Foolishness of Worldly Wisdom - 1:18-31 (An)

2) The Cross and the Good News - 2:1-5 (Ao)

b. True Wisdom and the Spirit of God - 2:6 to 3:4 (Ap)

1) The Maturity of the Spiritual Believer - 2:6-16 (Aq)

2) The Immaturity of the Worldly Believer - 3:1-4 (Ar)

2. A Faulty View of God's Shepherds - 3:5 to 4:5 (As)

a. Only God Makes Things Grow - 3:5-9a (At)

- b. God is the Master Builder – 3:9b-17 (Au)
- c. God's Spirit Lives in God's Temple – 3:18-23 (Av)
- d. God's Shepherds are merely God's Servants – 4:1-5 (Aw)

3. A Faulty View of the God's Gifts – 4:6-13 (Ax)

**C. Marks of a Spiritual Father – 4:14-21 (Ay)**

**III. Disorders in the Church at Corinth – 5:1 to 6:20 (Az)**

**A. Failure to Discipline an Immoral Brother – 5:1-13 (Ba)**

**B. Failure to Resolve Personal Disputes – 6:1-11 (Bb)**

**C. Failure to Exercise Sexual Purity – 6:12-20 (Bc)**

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- 1. To Marry or Not to Marry – 7:1-9 (Bf)
- 2. A Biblical View of Divorce – 7:10-16 (Bg)
- 3. Grow Where You're Planted – 7:17-24 (Bh)
- 4. Reasons for Remaining Single – 7:25-40 (Bi)

**B. Concerning Our Freedom in Messiah – 8:1 to 11:1 (Bj)**

- 1. The Limits of Our Freedom in Messiah – 8:1-13 (Bk)
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  - b. The Weaker Brother or Sister – 8:7-13 (Bm)
- 2. Paul's Own Example – 9:1-27 (Bn)
  - a. Laying Aside Rights– 9:1-14 (Bo)

- b. Refusing to Use Your Freedom in Messiah - 9:15-27 (Bp)
- 3. The Danger of Overconfidence - 10:1-22 (Bq)
  - a. Blessings and Abuses of Freedom in Messiah - 10:1-13 (Br)
  - b. The Truth About Idolatry - 10:14-22 (Bs)
- 4. Using Freedom for God's Glory - 10:23 to 11:1 (Bt)

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- 1. Head Coverings in Worship - 11:2-16 (Bv)
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  - b. Man is Born of Women - 11:11-16 (Bx)
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**B. The Importance of Messiah's Resurrection - 15:12-19 (Ds)**

**C. Messiah: The Firstfruits of Those Who Have Fallen Asleep - 15:20-28 (Dt)**

**D. Resurrection Incentives - 15:29-34 (Du)**

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