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1 Corinthians

What is the book of 1 Corinthians?

- The book of 1 Corinthians is a letter from Paul. Sosthenes helped Paul write it.
- Paul wrote this letter near the end of his third journey. It's thought that he wrote it around the year AD 55.
- The New Testament includes two letters from Paul to the church in Corinth. This is the first letter.

Who was 1 Corinthians written to?

- To the believers in the city of Corinth. Some were Jews but most were Gentiles. Some were wealthy and others were poor. Not many of them had studied the Old Testament.
- The letter was read out loud in the churches all around the area of Corinth.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that 1 Corinthians shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was 1 Corinthians written?

- To answer questions the believers in the church at Corinth had asked Paul. They had written him letters about problems in their church.
- To encourage the Corinthian believers.

Main ideas

- Holy living and living in peace with other believers.
- Keeping order in worship services and during the Lord's Supper.
- How to use gifts from the Spirit.
- The truth about Jesus rising from the dead.

Outline

Greetings (1:1-9).

Problems in Corinth (1:10 – 6:20).

Paul answers questions from the Corinthian believers (7 – 14).

Jesus was raised from the dead (15).

Paul shares greetings and says goodbye (16).