

#BECOMETOGETHER



TRIBE

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## HELLO FROM THE MOUTH TEAM

Tribe,

We are really excited to go through the book of 1 Corinthians together this Fall. This first book is meant to provide you with an initial exposure to what the book is about as we study the first chapter of the book.

As you study God's word this week, pray that God would open your eyes to see what He sees.

We believe that our study of 1 Corinthians will help us as Tribe to develop the type of Kingdom relationships our Heavenly Father desires us to have with Him and with others.

If you have questions or thoughts about any of the scriptures or devotions, feel free to post them on our facebook page, BCCTribe. We look forward to seeing how God's truth is going to impact our Tribe

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## OVERVIEW OF 1ST CORINTHIANS

- *First visit to Corinth lasting 18 months (c. AD 51)*
- *Goes to Jerusalem, then travels to Ephesus to begin a three-year stay (c. AD 53-55)*
- *Writes the "previous letter" [Corinthians A] (c. AD 53-54)*
- *Hears of reports from the Corinthians*
- *Writes "1 Corinthians" [Corinthians B] (c. AD 54-55)*
- *Deploys Timothy to Corinth*
- *The "painful visit" (Second visit)*
- *The "severe letter" [Corinthians C]*
- *Leaves Ephesus and meets Titus in Macedonia*
- *Writes "2 Corinthians" [Corinthians D] (c. AD 56)*
- *Visits Corinth a third time*

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## WHEN AND WHERE DOES IT OCCUR

### ADDITIONAL STUDY... BACKGROUND & SETTING

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The epistles to the Corinthians were written to the church that resided in Corinth of Achaia. The city resides on the isthmus that connects the Peloponnesus to the rest of Greece. While an unavoidable passage for the land-born, north-south trade, Corinth's location also made east-west trade common because ships that traveled from the Adriatic Sea to the Aegean Sea would cut through this isthmus to save hundreds of miles of dangerous sea travel. The method of crossing the isthmus involved putting the ships on rollers and transporting them across the four-mile stretch of earth that connect the two land masses (a canal was not constructed in Corinth until the late nineteenth century). Corinth was both the political and the commercial capital of Achaia. The city was well-trafficked with travelers; and so, the population of about 600,000 people [1] was quite diverse. Some of the outcomes of this diversity were the prosperity of both religious syncretism [2] and immorality. Corinth had a reputation for its depravity, and the temple prostitutes of Aphrodite did not help in saving the city's bad name. There was even a Greek word, *korinthiazomai* (Corinthianize), which meant "to practice fornication."



## 1 CORINTHIANS 1 (NIV)

*Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,*

*<sup>2</sup> To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours:*

*<sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. <sup>5</sup> For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—<sup>6</sup> God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. <sup>8</sup> He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. <sup>11</sup> My brothers and sisters, some from*

*Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.*

*<sup>12</sup> What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.*

*<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

*<sup>19</sup> For it is written:*

*"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."*

*<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its*



wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.<sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom,<sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,<sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.<sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

REFLECTION:

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## DAY 1:

*We're going to be going through the first chapter of Corinthians for this weeks devotional. Take the time to read and familiarize yourself with the chapter and listen for what you believe God may be speaking to you about it. I pray that through that as we go through the chapter your minds will be renewed and the power of God begins to transform you through the word!*

*(Romans 12:2)*

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## Questions

What are some of the themes that you were able to gather from the text?

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What is God speaking to you about it?

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*As we continue in the week we'll be focusing on the themes of the passage of 1 Cor 1. We'll be going through Identity, Unity, and The Message/The word*



## DAY 2:

# Identity

1Cor 1:1-930,31

1Cor1:2 Paul addresses the letter to those 'Sanctified' in Christ

Sanctified – To set apart as holy, to give official acceptance or approval to, free from sin/purified.

In Christ, You are set apart as Holy. You are accepted by God, you are free from sin/pure. Knowing who you are in Christ is everything. It's not seeing yourself for who you are in your flesh (actions, thoughts, emotions, habits) and seeing yourself how God sees and created you in your spirit. The only way to find out how God sees you is through his word, and here's the best part about our identity in Christ. It's not that God just somehow arbitrarily sees something in us that doesn't exist, God sees us by who we actually are in our born again spirit.(1Sam 16:7, John4:24) When God's word says that we are sanctified in Christ, that means that we are sanctified in Christ, when it says that we are holy and righteous (Eph 4:24) that means that we are holy and righteous. Having your identity in Christ simply means that you stop knowing yourself by how you see yourself in the physical, and you begin to see yourself for how God sees you.

Read 1 Cor 1:1-9, 30,31

What else do these scriptures say about who you are in Christ?

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**Meditate and think on the  
following Scriptures**

**12** Yet to all who did receive him(Jesus), to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

He(God) predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-

**9**For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,**10** and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

6For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin

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## DAY 4

# Unity 1Cor 1:10-16

Unity- oneness of mind, feeling, etc., as among a number of persons; concord, harmony, or agreement.

## Read and Reflect on 1Cor 1:10-16

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. <sup>11</sup> My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."

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In verse 10 Paul calls for us to agree to have no divisions and that we be 'perfectly united in mind and thought' Jesus prayed specifically for us to be united.

## Read John 17:20-23

What does Unity mean in the body of Christ?

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How are Identity and Unity connected?

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## DAY 5:

### Read and Reflect on Acts 2:44-47

#### ACTS 2:44-47 (NIV)

<sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

In what ways was the early church united?

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In what ways can Tribe be United?

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How can Tribe being United affect the city and world around us according to John 17:20-23?

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## DAY 6:

### Read and Reflect on 1 Cor 1:17-31

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In verse 17 Paul states that he doesn't preach with eloquence and wisdom lest the cross be emptied of its power.

What is the difference between the wisdom of this world and the wisdom of God?

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What does Paul mean when he says that the Cross is 'foolishness' to those perishing?

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According to Romans 1:16 what is the power of God for salvation?

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Take Today to read over Chapter 1 again.  
Reflect on what God has shown you through it  
and write down what you have learned about  
1) Who God is, 2) Who He says you are, 3)  
Who He says we are together.

# WHO IS GOD?

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## WHO ARE WE?

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TO SEE A GENERATION  
PURSUE GOD TOGETHER,  
CONVINCED OF THE  
TRUTH AND LIVING IN  
AUTHENTIC FAITH