I Corinthians

I. Writer

II. The Purpose of Writing

III. Theme

The theme is to:

🡺GIVE YOUR ALLEGIANCE ALL TO JESUS🡸

IV. Outline of I Corinthians

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1:4-9

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13. Instructions concerning stewardship

(1) Money

16:1-4

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5-9

(3) People

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People are the greatest resources that we have in this world and their time and energy must not be wasted.

V. Key Verses in I Corinthians

VI. Basic Principles in I Corinthians

VII. The Spiritual foundation of every believer’s life is Jesus Christ.

* 1. `The Foundation for a wise man. Mat. 7:25
  2. Stumblingstone and Rock of Offence

Ro 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a **stumblingstone and** **rock of offence**: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Ro 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

* 1. That Spiritual Rock…That Rock was Christ

1Co 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of **that spiritual Rock** that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ**.

* 1. Jesus Christ Himself being The Chief Corner Stone
  2. The Foundations to build on and the unity of their dimensions with what is being built.
  3. The Purpose of the Storm is to be tested.
     + 1. The Temptation
       2. The Test
       3. The Trial
  4. The Builders
     1. God Heb. 11:10 Mat. 16:18
        + 1. Father
          2. Son
          3. Holy Ghost
     2. Noah built an Ark and also an Altar

Gen. 6:14,22: 8:20

* + 1. Solomon built the Temple
       1. David the father
       2. Solomon the son
    2. Nehemiah and his builders Neh.4:18
    3. Peter I Pt. 2:5
    4. Paul I Cor.3:10
    5. Jeremiah Jer. 1:10… “to build, and to plant.”
  1. **Digging Deep**
     1. **Founded upon a rock**

**Shifting Standards – Shifting sand**

* + 1. **Diligently digging (search) to know Him.**
    2. Digging Deeper to grow more like Him.
    3. **Dig Deep in prayer** that others will know Him

***Rules of Unity 12***

***Rules of Love 13***

1. Love excels spiritual gifts.

13:1-3

2. Love out lasts spiritual gifts.

4-12

3. Love is the greatest.

13:13

Love is Greater in quality and longer in endurance.

a. The value of love 1-3

* More than any sound
* More than every Gift
* More than all sacrifices

b. The virtues of love 4-7

* 4 Long suffering
* Kind
* Envieth not
* Vaunteth not itself
* Is not puffed up
* 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly
* seeketh not her own
* is not easily provoked
* thinketh no evil;
* 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
* 7 Beareth all things
* believeth all things
* hopeth all things
* endureth all things.

c. The victories of love 8-13

8 Charity never faileth:

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. {darkly: Gr. in a riddle}

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

***Rules of Edification 14***

1. The chief test of any spiritual manifestation is edification.

14:12

2. Prophecy is superior to tongues.

14:1-12

3. Tongues interpreted edify.

14:22, 26-28

4. Improper manifestation can repel people from the church.

14:23-28

5. The Spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets.

14:32

1. The things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

1Co 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

1Co 14:36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

1. Don’t abuse the gifts that God gives you

Thinking that you are the only teacher and that you have something that no one else has: Thinking that God speaks only to you.

* 1. truth
  2. insight
  3. revelation
  4. understanding
* Too many believers and churches think that God doesn’t speak special to people and that God doesn’t give truth and insight that other’s won’t receive but He does, just don’t abuse it.

► LEARN THE TRUTH

► LOVE THE TRUTH

► LIVE THE TRUTH

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

1. Be spiritual and covet the best gifts but don’t abuse them by just thinking that you are more spiritual than others.

1Co 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

The rules laid down by Paul were commandments from the Lord.

Every prophet and every spiritual person must acknowledge this fact and obey the rules.

There were some in Corinth who had rejected the rules God had given Paul.

They thought their gifts and spirituality placed them above the rules and gave them the right to exercise their gifts as they felt led.

1Co 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

If anyone refuses to accept and follow the rules, then let him remain in his ignorance.

1Co 14:38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

God will take care of him who rebels and continues to act selfishly in ignorance.

1Co 14:23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad? (Receive from the Lord to help them also.)

1Co 14:3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

1Co 14:20 Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men

1Co 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

1Co 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

**The flood left evidence of the Judgment of God**

The effects of Judgment that caused the flood are still happening

* Ge 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
* Ge 6:13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

Ge 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

1Co 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Ps 24:1 <<A Psalm of David.>> The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and **established it upon the floods.**

Gen. 2:5 And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had **not caused it to rain upon the earth**, and there was not a man to till the ground.

7:4 For yet seven days, and **I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights;** and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. Gen. 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were **all the fountains of the great deep broken up,** and the windows of heaven were opened

7:12 And the **rain** was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.

7:17 And the **flood** was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth.

7:19 And the **waters prevailed** exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the **mountains were covered**.

7:24 And the **waters prevailed** upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

Gen. 8:1 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; **8:2 The fountains also of the deep and** the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; 8:3 And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated

8:5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

Ps 33:7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Ps 104:6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

Ps 136:6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Job 38:8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb? 9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it, 10 And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed? 2Pe 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, **bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;** 2Pe 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

Lu 17:26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

**The Flood Arose-the Stream beat vehemently**

**(**Founded upon a **rock)**

**Lu 6:48** He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a **rock:** and when **the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently** upon that house, and could not shake it:for it was founded upon a **rock.**

This wise builder struck the rock before he laid the foundation.

**God is not to be found on the surface**.

Shifting Standards – Shifting Sand

O that the works of God would be made manifest in you.

1. This builder chooses the rock for his foundation. He didn't just hit it while digging for his footing;
2. He knew the rock was there .
3. He chose the right foundation for his life

He Deliberately Chose The Most Sure and Secure Foundation

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1. **The foundation never changes.**

**Could not shake it**: for it was **founded** upon arock

**Emotions**

Feelings, sentiment, sensation, passion, mood, reaction, response---Sensibility

Are you Wrestling with Emotions?

A man must build upon Jesus Christ. There is no other foundation that can withstand the coming storms of trouble, problems, afflictions, evil, and death.

God of Patience

Rom15:3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me. 4 For whatsoever things were written afore time were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: 6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**

7 Wherefore receive ye one another as Christ also received us to the glory of God

God of Hope

Ro 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

God of Peace

Ro 15:33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatso ever things are true, whatsoever things are honest

whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

**9 Those things, which ye have both learned and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.**

If you want to be right with God you must start right where you are at.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

**Holiness** unto the **Lord**

**Love** as unto the **Lord**

* Love as your neighbor
* Love as your friend
* Love as your self
* Love as unto the Lord
* The Love of the Lord
* Love your enemy

God gives a deep, intimate sense of His Presence to those who do prepare to seek the Lord:

**Seek Him** through the atoning sacrifice **of His Son.**

**Seek Him** throughthe Belief of the **Truth.**

**Seek Him** through theanointing of the **Holy Ghost.**

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**Beat vehemently**

1Co 15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

**And Could not shake It**

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II Sam. 22:1-51; Ps. 18:1-50; 68:8; 77:18

→Prepare now to face the coming crisis←

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**Could not shake it**: for it was **founded** upon arock

By F a i t h

The only way to face God’s Judgment or Test

Hab.1:1-7; 2:1-4, 13; 3:1-4; 16-19 The Burden that Habakkuk did see --- ***By Faith***

**Emotions** Heb 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: 26 Whose **voice then shook the earth**: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more **I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.** 27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those **things which cannot be shaken may remain.**  28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

**A man must build upon Jesus Christ** → There is no other foundation that can withstand the coming storms of trouble, problems, afflictions, evil, and death.

If you can be shaken you will be shaken.

Joh 9:34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And **they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out**; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, **Lord, I believe**. And he worshipped him.

Rom.9:30-32

Sun Morn May 5, St. Ann’s asked not to come back Sun Eve St. John’s deacons said get out and stay out Sun. May 21, St. Jude’s rejected Sun. Eve May 21, at St. George’s kicked out again Fri. Morn May 19, deacons called a special meeting and said he couldn’t return, he went and preached on the street and they kicked him off the street. Sun Morn May 26, preached in the meadow---(bull let loose on him and the people) Sun Morn June 2, Preached at edge of town and was kicked off the highway. That afternoon preached to 10,000 people in another (pasture)

**By Faith** is the only way to face Rejection.

Ac 20:24 But **none of these things move me**, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

2Co 4:8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. 11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. 12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

**13** We having **the same spirit of faith,** according as it is written, **I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;**

**Jude 1:3 Beloved,** when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you **that ye should earnestly**

**contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.**

During the Korean War the phone rang in a home here on the east coast the woman picked up the phone and to her joy her son was on the line, after long month’s of silence and worries he is in San Diego and on his way home. He said, in the course of conversation, Mom I am bringing home someone who has been hurt really bad, He has only one eye left, one leg and one arm. She said that’s fine for a visit, he said no mom I want him to live with us. She said no you’re being **emotional** over the war we have to think realistically for the rest of the family. Someone like that would be too much of a burden he would drag on you and us all. So just be reasonable. Suddenly the phone went dead and the next day the family received a telegram. Their son leaped to his death at a 12 stories high Hotel. A week later they came to claim the body of their one eyed one arm one leg Son.

**By Faith** is the only way to face adversity.

1Co 16:9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

1Co 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

1Co 16:22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.