**Context**

From Ephesus. Part of an on-going exchange.

Corinth is a big port. Prosperous. Paul had planted a church there from AD 50 – open to harmful influences

**Intention**

Answer issues raised in earlier letters.

**Structure**

Standard, content is a list of the issues and responses:

Obediance of faith: i) Love of God ii) Love of neighbours. Israel had not demonstrated. “Law of Christ”

Converts (mostly Gentiles) had local Gods – casual. Competition and pride. Going to court against one another. Sexual matters: behaving as they wished because sin was irrelevant. Some believe spiritual life meant asceticism & denial of all pleasure. Have husband/wife: sexual equality. Eating meat sacrified to idols: K. puffs up; lov is the yardstick..

Christians who insist on liberty: right in what they claim; wrong in what they do.

Strong. Back to 1st princip.

What to wear? Answer conditioned by social customs and attitudes.

Lord’s supper.

Spiritual gifts – all konds from the Spirit

More excellent way – love

Pride in speaking in tonges. “Does it build up Church”

All invited to participate in worship ACCORDING TO GIFTS

Women should not speak I church.