

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A PILGRIM'S WALK THROUGH

THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 CORINTHIANS



Reading: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

1 The CITY Of Corinth

- Situated in southern Greece, 50 miles west of Athens.
- Boasted a population of some 700,000.
- The temple of the Greek goddess Aphrodite dominated the skyline.
- A city of wealth and prosperity but full of terrible sin and immorality.

2 The CHURCH At Corinth

- Paul brings the gospel to sinful Corinth in [Acts 18].
- It brings about remarkable results. [6:9-11].

3 The CONTENTS Of The Letter

- Comprised of 16 chapters and 437 verses.
- The key chapter is the 13th.
- The key words are '**Lord**' or '**Lord's**' used 70 times.
- The letter was sent to address those who refused to divorce themselves from the sinful culture around them.
- Key phrase [14:40].

4 The CONTENTIONS In The Church (1-4)

- The was a church blighted by splits and schisms.
- The Body of Christ was suffering terrible tears.
- These divisions showed them to be carnal instead of being spiritual. [3:3-4].
- Divisions give Satan a foothold in the church.

5 The CORRUPTION In The Church (5-6)

- The church was tolerating sexual immorality and refusing to exercise church discipline on those refusing to be done with this expression of sinfulness.
- Refusal to deal with this issue will allow a bad apple to spoil the barrel.

6 The CONFUSION In The Church (7-14)

- Confusion over marriage [7].
- Confusion over attending pagan feasts and eating meat offered to idols. [8]
- Confusion over idolatry. [10].
- Confusion over the Lord's Table. [11].
- Confusion over spiritual gifts. [12-14].
- Confusion over '*love*.' [13].

7 The CREED Of The Church [15-16]

- The church's position re: the resurrection of Jesus, the resurrection of the believer and the death of death.
- Final exhortations and farewells.

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