

## 1 Corinthians 1

- 1) Who wrote this letter and how do we know?
- 2) From where was the epistle written? (see 16:8 for help)
- 3) Regarding the establishment of the Corinthian church (see Acts 18:1-11):
  - a) Who did Paul live with while at Corinth, and why?
  - b) How was Paul received by the Jews at Corinth?
  - c) Were the converts predominantly Jewish or Gentile?
  - d) What did the Corinthians do in order to be saved?
  - e) What did God tell Paul about his prospects in Corinth?
  - f) How long did Paul stay at Corinth?
- 4) How did Paul address the church at Corinth? (that is, what did he call them?)
  - a) How do we harmonize the use of this name with Romans 16:16? (hint: see John 17:10 & Acts 20:28)
- 5) Paul was “called” an apostle (1 Cor. 1:1 + Rom. 1:1). The saints were “called” saints (Rom. 1:7), and “called” into fellowship with Christ (1 Cor. 1:9): Question: What does it mean to be “called” in these senses?

- 6) Chapter 1:10 through 4:21 address what general problem/sin?
- 7) Verse 10 contains the blueprint for scriptural unity: What things must be done in order to achieve unity?
- 8) What divisive things were the Corinthians doing, per vs. 11, 12?
- 9) From verses 14, 15, what action appears to have served as the basis of the Corinthians' "preacheritis?"
- 10) The pursuit, exaltation and substitution of human wisdom (philosophy & sophistry) is also divisive: Who at Corinth gloried in human wisdom: Jews or Greeks?
- 11) Why was the pursuit of human wisdom a problem at Corinth?
- 12) To whom was the preaching of the cross "folly?" Why?
- 13) What observation did Paul make about the general social/philosophical status of Christians (v. 26)?