

1 Corinthians Part Two
Lesson #1, Introduction, Review,
and Chapter 9 Overview

You are about to begin the adventure of the 1 Corinthians *Part 2* Bible Study that covers Chapters 9-16. A hearty welcome back to those who've already participated in the 1 Corinthians Part 1 Bible Study on Chapters 1-8. And greetings to those of you who are jumping in this year! May God grant you grace, understanding, and a desire to apply all you will learn from His incomparable and unfailing Word!

Don't faint when you take a look at this lesson! I know there's a lot here, but the process is *so* worth the effort. Try to break this lesson up into pieces so you don't feel overwhelmed. *The goal with this lesson is to help you gain a working knowledge of the book of 1 Corinthians before you dive into the rest of the lessons for 1 Corinthians Part 2.* Since this year's Bible study begins in the middle of the book of 1 Corinthians, it's crucial that we know the contents and structure of Chapters 1-8. Understanding the flow of the book will help us understand what God intends for us to know and will guide us into a proper interpretation of the book. *Ask the Lord for insight into His Word as you answer the questions that follow.*

1. From **Chapter 1** answer these questions:
 - a. Summarize the contents of this chapter.

 - b. What is the main point the author is trying to communicate to his readers?

 - c. List what you learn about Jesus Christ from this chapter.

 - d. What do you learn about God in this chapter?

2. From **Chapter 2** answer these questions:
 - a. What are the contents of this chapter?

- b. What's the main point Paul is trying to communicate to his readers?

 - c. List what you learn about Jesus Christ from this chapter.

 - d. What do you learn about God in this chapter?
3. From **Chapter 3** answer these questions:
- a. Summarize the contents of this chapter.

 - b. What's the main point Paul is trying to communicate to his readers?

 - c. What do you learn about Jesus Christ from this chapter?

 - d. List what you learn about God in this chapter.
4. From **Chapter 4** answer these questions:
- a. What are the contents of this chapter?

 - b. What is the main point Paul is trying to get across to his readers?

- c. What do you learn about Jesus Christ in this chapter?

 - d. List what you learn about God in this chapter.
5. From **Chapter 5** answer these questions:
- a. Summarize the contents of this chapter.

 - b. What is the main point Paul is trying to get across to his readers?

 - c. List what you learn about Jesus Christ in this chapter.

 - d. What do you learn about God from this chapter?
6. From **Chapter 6** answer these questions:
- a. Summarize the contents of this chapter.

 - b. What is the main point Paul is trying to get across to his readers?

 - c. List what you learn about God in this chapter.

7. From **Chapter 7** answer these questions:
 - a. What are the contents of this chapter?

 - b. What's the main point Paul is trying to get across to his readers?

 - c. List what you learn about God in this chapter.

8. From **Chapter 8** answer these questions:
 - a. What are the contents of this chapter?

 - b. What is the main point Paul is trying to communicate?

 - c. What do you learn about Jesus Christ in this chapter?

9. Even after reviewing Chapters 1-8 you may find yourself with a few questions. Write down any questions you may have.

10. From **Chapter 9** answer these questions:
 - a. Summarize the contents of the first paragraph (verses 1-7).

- b. Summarize the contents of the second paragraph (verses 8-14).

 - c. Summarize the contents of the third paragraph (verses 15-18).

 - d. Summarize the contents of the fourth paragraph (verses 19-23).

 - e. Summarize the contents of the fifth paragraph (verses 24-27).

 - f. What's the main point Paul is trying to communicate in Chapter 9?
11. Write down any observations or insights you have gained 1 Corinthians Chapters 1-9 after doing this lesson.

“Paul's relation to the church in Corinth was in some respects peculiar. He was not only the founder of the congregation, but he continued in the closest relation to it. It excited his solicitude, called for the wisest management, tried his patience and forbearance, rewarded him at times by signal evidence of affection and obedience, and filled him with hopes of its extended and healthful influence. His love for that church was therefore of special intensity. It was analogous to that of a father for a promising son beset with temptations, whose character combined great excellencies with great defects.” ~Charles Hodge¹

¹ Charles Hodge, *I & II Corinthians* (Edinburgh: The Banner of Truth Trust, originally published 1857, reprinted 1978), pg. 25.