

Course Title: Corinthians

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Textbook: The Holy Bible

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to study the early Corinthian congregation and analyze its strengths and weaknesses and apply them to our sanctified lives today, and to analyze the make-up of the body of Christ and explore each one's active role in it. The course also offers opportunity for the Spirit to strengthen the student's (and teacher's) faith through daily devotion and Scripture study.

School Outcomes: This course is designed to produce students who have demonstrated:

- Fruits of faith in Jesus Christ through Christian love, service, and witness.
- Perceptive thinking which integrates experience, research, and reason with God's will as revealed in His Holy Word in critical analysis, problem solving, and decision makers.
- Effective communication skills by listening; sharing their thoughts, feelings, faith, and ideas; and working cooperatively with others in family, school, church, work, and community settings.
- The knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to become self-initiating and self-directing lifelong learners.
- The conviction that they are individually formed creatures of their Maker and Redeemer who represent Him by using their unique blessings of time, gifts, and money for the welfare of others in a complex, culturally diverse, rapidly changing global society.

Department Outcomes: This course is designed to produce:

2. A God-centered thinker who
  - a. Evaluates life situations based on God's Word.
  - b. Makes decisions guided by God's Will
3. A witnessing Christian who
  - a. Tells others about the Savior.
  - b. Supports the spread of the Gospel.
  - c. Prepares to teach the next generation.
  - d. Defends Christian truth.
  - e. Identifies and corrects false doctrine.
4. A maturing Christian who grows closer to God by
  - a. Reading the Bible regularly.
  - b. Praying to our heavenly Father formally and informally.
  - c. Conducting (participating in) personal and family devotions.
5. A Christian steward who
  - a. Identifies his/her personal gifts of abilities, time, and possessions.
  - b. Uses those gifts in service to God, others, and themselves.

Course Outcomes: The Student will:

- develop as God-centered thinkers who evaluate life situations in light of lesson from the Corinthians.
- mature as a Christian by daily study of Scripture, devotions, and discussion of Corinthian situations.
- develop as a Christian steward through the analysis of spiritual gifts and their use.
- grow in their recognition of themselves as unique members in the body of Christ.

Course Outline:

Unit One: Factions

- Analysis of Paul's Introduction and his method of addressing their weaknesses.
- Study select Bible passages determine what factors affect unity within the body.
- Compare/contrast worldly vs. spiritual wisdom and how each affects our congregation.
- Analyze the different types of building blocks used by teachers and the affect each has on the building.

Unit Two: Sin and Open Sin

- Examine the Corinthian attitude toward open sin in their midst and discuss its affect on the body.
- Analyze the types of judging Paul advocates and relate it to situations in our lives today.
- Evaluate the Christian's ability to judge matters between fellow Christians.
- Compare/contrast adiaphora and the Corinthian's attitude toward sexual immorality
- Examine God's created function for the body and discuss how sexual immorality destroys this.

Unit Three: Celibacy and Marriage

- Examine the implications of God's key to understanding the proper attitude concerning marriage (7:35)
- Analyze the various responsibilities with the marriage relationship.
- Discuss the Lord's principles for divorce and remarriage and how they affect our attitude toward approaching the pledge of marriage.

Unit Four: Adiaphora, Rights, and Historical Warnings

- Critique the basic principles regarding the use of Christian liberty and discuss their basic applications in your life.
- Examine Paul's attitude toward his ministry and how it is a model for our callings.

- Analyze Paul’s lessons from history and discuss their implications for us as we plan our futures.
- Discuss God’s promise to us in the midst of temptation and how it applies to us.

Unit Five: The Lord’s Supper

- Discuss the elements of the Lord’s Supper and the truths Paul teaches about them.
- Critique the false teachings of the Lord’s Supper and how they affect those that adhere to them.
- Reexamine how faithful Christians prepare themselves for the Lord’s Supper.

Unit Six: Spiritual Gifts

- Analyze the various spiritual gifts Paul’s mentions and discuss the unity, action, and interaction of these gifts.
- Discuss the concept of “common good” and love and how it applies spiritual gifts and their use.

Instructional Strategies:

- 45% Lecture
- 20% Small group discussion
- 30% Class discussion
- 5% Visual presentation

Grading Guidelines

- 30% Tests
- 30% Daily work and papers
- 10% Devotions
- 30% Notebook