

I Corinthians

(10) Overview of I Corinthians

The church at Corinth is the focus of this first letter. Paul spends the first four chapters addressing the root issue at this church; their failure to grow-up in Christ. The church was divided, quarreling, and had remained as “mere infants in Christ”. But even beyond the devastating issue of their quarreling, Paul has to correct them in at least (11) specific areas. In each topic their ‘childish’ thinking and behavior was on display. One of the great lessons for us today is to grasp how spiritual maturity, or immaturity, impacts every area of our lives!

Good News: God loves us, is for us, even in the midst of worldly wickedness!

ICor 1-4 **An immature church**

3:1 Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly – mere infants in Christ. NIV

1 Cor 5 **Gross immorality**

5:1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans. NIV

1 Cor 6 **Legal disputes**

6:1 If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints? NIV

1 Cor 7 **Marriage, divorce**

7:1 Now for the matters you wrote about. It is good for a man not to marry. 2 But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. NIV

1 Cor 8 **Stumbling blocks**

8:1 Now about food sacrificed to idols: NIV

1 Cor 9-10 **Abuses of Liberty**

10:23-24 "Everything is permissible"-but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"-but not everything is constructive. NIV

ICor 11 **Serving in the church**

11:1 Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. NIV

1 Cor 12 **Spiritual gifts**

12:1 Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. NIV

1 Cor 13 **Love, over all**

3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. NIV

1 Cor 14 **Prophecy and tongues**

14:1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. NIV

1 Cor 15 **Resurrection**

15:12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? NIV

1 Cor 16 **NT giving**

16:1a Now about the collection for God's people: NIV

Worldly, mere infants in Christ, 3:1

Chapters 1-4

