

Bible Study on First Corinthians, 2018
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Overview for September 12, 2018
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- I. Background on the City of Corinth
 - a. History
 - b. Economy
 - c. Religion
- II. Paul
 - a. Paul's Travels (Journeys)
 - b. Paul's Letters
 - c. Peter and Paul
 - d. Paul's Companions
- III. First Corinthians: Methods and Structural Elements
- IV. Greeting and Thanksgiving– Beginning
 - a. Salutation: sender and recipient information (1 Corinthians 1:1-2),
 - b. Prayer wish (verse 3), and
 - c. Thanksgiving (verse 4-9 or, 3-9).
- V. Upcoming: Questions, Reports, Cruciality and Capstone
 - a. Appeal to Unity – Begins with 1:10.
 - b. Church's official letter to Paul, 7:1 (“now concerning the matters about which you wrote”)
 - c. Oral reports from Chloe's people (1:11)
 - d. Class divisions at the Lord's table and belief in the resurrection.
 - e. Christology and Community

A Few Suggested Resources:

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