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United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1–2

Main Idea: Opening this letter to a Corinthian church experiencing division for a variety of reasons, Paul reminds his friends of the fundamental conflict between the wisdom found in the world and the wisdom we encounter through the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

Lesson Two: Connected in Christ

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3–4

Main Idea: Through our baptism in Christ, we have all the gifts we need to live well, grow spiritually, resolve conflicts, and care for each other as members of one family.

Lesson Three: Freedom in Christ

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 5–6

Main Idea: The purpose of the freedom we have in Christ is for our lives to be a sign of God's victory over death. Through the saving grace of Jesus Christ, we are set free to make choices that benefit each other.

Lesson Four: Living Freely and the Responsibility to Care

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 7 and 11:1–16

Main Idea: Paul's writings on human relationships and societal norms emphasize living in an ordered way and showing loving concern for others.

Lesson Five: For the Good of the Community

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8–10

Main Idea: Paul invited the Corinthians to show gratitude for Christ through their self-sacrifice. When individual members remember Jesus' gift of himself on the cross and behave accordingly, the whole community benefits.

Lesson Six: "Now You Are the Body of Christ"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:17–34, 12

Main Idea: In the life of a church community, united through baptism and at the Communion table, we are called to reject divisions and to seek to embody God's abundant love for every person.

Lesson Seven: Christian Love

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13–14

Main Idea: More than a human emotion, Christian love is a verb. When we practice love, we grow in our understanding of Christ's sacrifice for all and in our ability to live according to his way.

Lesson Eight: Hope in the Resurrection

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15

Main Idea: While physical resurrection is hard for us to imagine, we trust in God who raised Jesus from the dead. As we recognize the reality of God's saving grace and show gratitude through our words and actions, our ongoing transformation in Christ continues.

Lesson Nine: Connected by God's Love

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16

Main Idea: Conflicts within the Corinthian church endured, just as they do today, but Paul's letter urges everyone to treat each other as the siblings we have become in Jesus Christ, and to let love guide all we do.