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# *Intermediate Bible Class*

**For Teens Ages 12 Through 14**



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## LOOKING AHEAD

Our lessons for this quarter provide a fascinating insight into the life and ministry of the apostle Paul. That insight is provided by his letters to the congregation he had established a few years earlier in the great city of Corinth in Greece.

The Corinthian congregation was troubled by deep divisions. False teachers had come to Corinth and openly charged that Paul was not a true apostle and the congregation should not heed his instruction.

Paul loved the Christians in Corinth and sought to teach them how to be the best followers of Jesus they could. In I and II Corinthians, Paul addressed many issues that were troublesome in Corinth and that still cause problems in congregations even today.

Paul had some difficult things to say to the Corinthians. However, it is clear in his letters that he loved them deeply and wanted them not only to continue to follow Christ but also to learn to live in harmony and love one another.

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# SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT

**1 COR. 1:1** Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother,

**2** *Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:*

**3** Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

**4** *I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;*

**5** That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge;

**6** *Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:*

**7** So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**8** *Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**9** *God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**10** *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

**11** For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

**12** *Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.*

**13** Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

**14** *I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;*

**15** Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

**16** *And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.*

## NOTES

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# Divisions in Corinth

Lesson Text: I Corinthians 1:1-16

Related Scriptures: I Corinthians 10:31-33; I Corinthians 12:1-31

TIME: A.D. 55

PLACE: from Ephesus

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**GOLDEN TEXT**—“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (I Corinthians 1:10).

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## LESSON STUDY

Our lessons this quarter come from two letters the apostle Paul wrote to Christians in a city called Corinth. The lessons focus on the problems within the church in the city of Corinth. All the lessons in the first unit of study come from the New Testament book of I Corinthians.

You probably do not know much about the ancient city of Corinth. You may never have even heard of Corinth! A little information about Corinth will help you better understand this quarter's lessons. Corinth was a large city in Greece, famous for its trade and commerce. It was the capital of the Greek province of Achaia. The Romans conquered most of the known world before the time of Christ. Corinth had been one of their important conquests. In 44 B.C. the Roman ruler Julius Caesar made Corinth a Roman colony. Corinth was technically a Roman city, but it kept most of its Greek culture and heritage.

The apostle Paul knew Corinth well. In Acts 18:1, we learn that Paul went

to Corinth on his second missionary journey. Paul stayed in Corinth for about eighteen months, teaching and preaching and establishing a congregation there. The book of I Corinthians was written about three years after Paul left Corinth. Paul had learned there were problems in the church there. So he wrote a letter to the church about some of those problems. We do not have a copy of that letter or have very much information about it, but Paul referenced it in I Corinthians 5:9. Later, Paul learned about continuing problems in Corinth, and he penned the letters we know as I and II Corinthians. As we study this quarter's lessons, we will discover Paul's instructions and reprimands to the Corinthians and, in so doing, learn more about God's desires for the lives of every Christian and every congregation of believers.

### **SALUTATION—I Cor. 1:1-3**

You live in a time when people seldom write long letters. You are probably very familiar with text messages and e-mails, but you probably have not written many letters. This will not