

Outline of the Whole Book of 1 Corinthians

- I. **Introduction (1:1-9)**
 - A. Salutation (1:1-3)
 - B. Thanksgiving (1:4-9)
- II. **Divisions in the church (1:10-4:21)**
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 - B. Reasons for the Factions (1:18-4:13)
 - 1. Misunderstanding the Christian message (1:18-3:4)
 - 2. False conception of Christian ministry (3:5-4:5)
 - 3. Human pride (4:6-13)
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- III. **Moral Laxity in the church (5:1-6:20)**
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