

# CHURCH UNITY AND DISCIPLINE

## 1 Corinthians Part 1, Chapters 1 to 16

- **Thanks for God's mercy and spiritual gifts.**
- **How to avoid disunity in the church.**
- **The church at work in the world.**
- **The world at work in the church.**

- **How to discipline members who live in sin.**
- **How to live lives filled with the Holy Spirit.**
- **Avoiding big decisions in times of trouble.**
- **Helping, not hindering, weaker believers.**

**THIS BOOK** describes the first of Paul's letters to the church he helped to plant in Corinth, Greece. He is full of joy for their love and faith. He is also full of sadness because they had failed to prevent arguments and acts of sin within the fellowship. He warns against taking brothers and sisters in Christ to the courts to settle disputes. Instead, they must trust the Holy Spirit to bring unity in their meetings. They must also learn how to take action against members who live in sin and who copy the wrong ways of the world outside the church. He reminds them that Jesus has set them free from sin to live holy lives. He says that the bodies of all true believers are 'temples of the Holy Spirit' and we should live as 'slaves to Christ' in these 'last days', using the gifts of the Holy Spirit wisely.

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