



SERMON NOTES:

- The Apostle Paul planted the church at Corinth around 51 AD and he wrote this letter in 55 AD to encourage and correct them.
 - Corinth was a commercial and cultural centerpoint in Greece, which included prominent immorality.
1. Focusing on Jesus Quells Division
 - a. Identifying with different church leaders instead of Christ (1 Cor. 1:12-13)
 - b. Spiritual infants (1 Cor. 3:1-2)
 - c. The freedom of not even “judging” or caring what you yourself think, but rather being consumed by what God thinks (1 Cor. 4:3)
 2. Sexual Immorality has Deep Repercussions
 - a. Specific sins are listed: These people will not inherit the kingdom if they don't change (1 Cor. 6:9-10)
 - b. Paul reminds them that they were once sinners as well (1 Cor. 6:11)
 - c. Joining together with a prostitute has the spiritual significance of marriage (1 Cor. 6:15-16)
 - d. Flee from sexual immorality (1 Cor. 6:17-18)
 - i. Jesus raised the stakes for sexual immorality to the heart and sight level (Mat. 5:27-29)
 - e. Our bodies are temples that belong to God. (1 Cor. 6:19-20)
 3. Singleness is a Gift
 - a. The unmarried are able to devote themselves more directly to the Lord's affairs. (1 Cor. 7:33-34)
 4. With Freedom Comes Responsibility
 - a. Do not let your freedom become a stumbling block to others. (1 Cor. 8:9-10)
- God has called us for such a time as this to live holy lives together in the midst of the culture around us.