

Exploring 1 Corinthians

Life and Challenges in the Body of Christ



How do we deal with church problems? What can 1 Corinthians teach us about life in the church of Jesus Christ?

The Corinthian church had problems – like many churches today.

This course explores *1 Corinthians*. The first century church at Corinth faced various difficult issues – just like many contemporary churches. Believing that Paul's treatment of these issues is still relevant for us, we seek lessons from *1 Corinthians* to help navigate similar situations today.

Reading an occasional letter like *1 Corinthians* is a little like reading someone else's mail. The fact that it's ancient makes this even more complicated. Understanding the letter's contents and learning to apply its principles require careful reading through the lens of the historical and cultural background in which it was written. This course examines select passages from the letter using key principles of biblical interpretation and derives practical lessons for churches today. We will also look at certain enigmatic and challenging statements that *1 Corinthians* is well known for.

Course materials include book excerpts and journal articles. These will be provided in pdf format. After the course, it is anticipated that participants can:

- Describe the historical and cultural context of *1 Corinthians*.
- Explain how principles of biblical interpretation can help unlock meaning and application from New Testament epistles like *1 Corinthians*.
- Show a sound understanding of how certain passages in *1 Corinthians* can be applied responsibly to help improve church life today.

The course will be delivered over 8 live online Zoom classes on Tuesday evenings. Each session includes time for seminar-style discussion, engaging with Scripture and discussing practical applications. You'll also enjoy the lively banter and exchange of ideas with fellow believers committed to knowing God better.

Dates: Thursday mornings – 3, 10, 17, 24 Oct; 7, 14, 21, 28 Nov (break on 31 Oct).

Time: 9.30 – 11.30am (Australian Eastern Standard Time)

Venue: Online – Zoom

Online registration: klesis.com.au

Fee: AUD\$44 per person (includes GST). Covers course participation and materials.

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Places are limited, so please register early. Registrations close: Monday, 2 Sept 2024 (or earlier if all places are filled). Come and join eager participants keen to learn what 1 Corinthians can teach us about church life today.

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Instructor: A former church elder in the United States, Keith Gant graduated *summa cum laude* from Harding University majoring in physics and mathematics. At Harding, he met and married Janet Teo, a Singaporean. They have two children and five grandchildren. Keith worked as an actuary and is a Chartered Financial Analyst and a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries. After retirement, he obtained an MA in New Testament from Harding School of Theology and taught at a Sunset International Bible Institute partner school in Singapore for 10 years. Keith & Janet now live in California.

