



# “FIRST THINGS FIRST #1”

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TEXT:  
1 CORINTHIANS 1

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1. America is Corinth...But We Can Still Live Victoriously and Reach the Lost!  
*(Acts 18:12-17)*

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**Acts 18:12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews made a united attack on Paul and brought him before the tribunal,**

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**13 saying, “This man is  
persuading people to worship  
God contrary to the law.”**

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**14 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, “If it were a matter of wrongdoing or vicious crime, O Jews, I would have reason to accept your complaint.**

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**15 But since it is a matter of questions about words and names and your own law, see to it yourselves. I refuse to be a judge of these things.”**

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**<sup>16</sup> And he drove them from the tribunal.**

**<sup>17</sup> And they all seized Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him in front of the tribunal. But Gallio paid no attention to any of this.**

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2. Paul's Apostleship: Not  
Just a Title (BTW, the  
office ended with him)  
*(v 1)*



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

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**3. True Christians are  
Saints (Even when we  
don't live like it)  
(v 2)**

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**<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:**

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4. Our Love for Each Other is Foundational...and is the Key(!) to Church Growth, Health, and Purpose (vv3-9)

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**<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace  
from God our Father and  
the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,**

**<sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—**

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**<sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—**

**<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

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**<sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**