



**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Third Quarter/Third of Thirteen Sundays

**BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

**New Testament #7**

**I CORINTHIANS**

**Key Theme**

- Divisions in the Church. Paul appeals to the Corinthians to agree among themselves and to end their divisions so that they may be “united in mind and thought.” (1:10).

**Author**

*The apostle Paul, written from Ephesus during Paul’s third missionary journey, about AD 55.*

**Recipients**

The Church at Corinth

**Interesting Facts about I Corinthians**

1. First Corinthians contains the great love chapter (ch. 13), perhaps the most beautiful expression of self-sacrificial love ever penned.
2. First Corinthians also contains the most systematic defense of the resurrection in the New Testament (ch. 15).

**Overview**

The Church at Corinth had been established for several years, but the Christians there were acting like spiritual children. In this practical letter, Paul addresses many of these problems—divisions, immorality, pride, and selfishness—and tells the church it is time to grow up.

**Who Was Paul**

Paul was one of the most remarkable men in human history. His Jewish name was Saul and he was born in Tarsus, in the region of Cilicia (modern southeast Turkey). Though born outside of Israel and well acquainted with Greek ways, Paul was trained in Jerusalem under the tutelage of Gamaliel, one of the leading rabbis of his day.

**“SPOTLIGHT”**

**MITZI**

- M** Is for maker of melodic music.
- I** Is for Infectious smile.
- T** Is for terrific testimony.
- Z** Is for zeal for life
- I** Is for Inviting, Inspirational integrity.

**Mitzi is our friend and motivator.**

Pippa’s Song  
by Robert Browning

The year’s at the spring,  
And day’s at the morn;  
Morning’s at seven;  
The hillside’s dew-pearled;  
The lark’s on the wing;  
The snail’s on the thorn;  
God’s in His heaven—  
All’s right with the world!



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