



1 Corinthians 1 & 2

Introduction to 1 Corinthians

Who wrote it?

Paul

Who was it written to?

People in the church in Corinthian

According to Greek legend, Sisyphus was a king of Corinth. For defying the gods with his insolent wit he was sentenced to the eternal drudgery of pushing a huge stone up a hill. When he would reach the summit, the stone would roll back to the bottom and force resumption of the task.

-Like sisyphus, the people of Corinth had issues with pride and with many sinful behaviors

-Pride and worldly pleasure will in the end lead you to a dead end

-Paul in this book shows us a better way

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What problem does Paul address in this chapter?

1 Corinthians 1:12-13

-they have formed their little groups around their favorite teacher and they are fighting with each other

-not wrong to have a favorite teacher

-the issue is pridefully saying my way and my teacher is better than you

-totally wrong for two reasons

1) it's not about man's wisdom, it's about God's wisdom

2) all these teachers are on the same team trying to help people know Jesus better

*if they are teaching the Bible and helping people know Jesus, then we're all on the same team

-this is why we partner with other churches in the community at times

*forming cliques based on social status or interest

-if they are seeking to follow the Jesus and the Bible, then we need to care for them and seek to encourage them. They are our brother and sister in Jesus