**“Do Everything in Love”**

**1 Corinthians 16:14**

**The Church in Corinth**

Paul started it (**1 Cor. 4:15**) in **A.D. 50**

**Culture** at Corinth impacted the **church** greatly

**The City of Corinth**

Corinth located on Isthmus of Corinth

The high sailor traffic had a cultural impact

Corinth had a reputation as a very immoral city

Idolatry contributed to the immorality (1000 priestesses-prostitutes in temple of Aphrodite)

A Roman colony – political & commercial center

Proximity to Athens motivated a desire for status based on philosophy

**Problems in the Church in Corinth**

1. Divisions
2. Incest & toleration of sin
3. Lawsuits between brothers
4. Extreme ideas about marriage and sex
5. Offending consciences of brethren
6. Participating in idolatry
7. Questions over gender roles
8. Abusing the Lord’s Supper, selfishness
9. Disorder in worship
10. Carnal attitude toward spiritual gifts
11. False doctrine about fundamentals of the faith

**1 Corinthians – Solutions to Problems**

Problems reported by others **1-6 “*It has been reported…”***

Divisions **1-4**

Incest & toleration of sin **5-6**

Problems about which the Corinthians asked Paul **7-16 *“Now concerning…”***

Extreme ideas about marriage and sex **7**

Meats sacrificed to idols **8-11**

Spiritual gifts **12-15**

The collection for the saints **16**

**The Root of the Problems**

Problem of Divisions **1-4**

**1:10-17** the diagnosis

**4:6,18,19 *“puffed up”***

**1:18-4:20** Confronting **pride** in human wisdom

Problem of Incest & Toleration of Sin **5-6**

**5:1-3** the diagnosis

**5:2 *“puffed up”***

**5:4-13** put away sinning brethren

**6:1-11** it is not personal judging

**6:12-20** do not commit fornication

Questions about sex and marriage **7**

**7:2-40** Misunderstandings corrected by teaching

Questions about meats sacrificed to idols **8-11**

**8:1-13** Problem of knowledge without love

**8:1-3 “*Puffed up*”** by knowledge w/o love

**9:19-23** central principle to apply

The principle illustrated **9:1-27**

The principle applied to the issue **10:1-11:1**

The principle applied to veils for women **11:2-16**

The principle applied to the Lord’s Supper **11:17-34**

Questions about spiritual gifts **12-15**

**12:1-3; 14:1-5,23** disorder in worship

**12:1.3** ***“I do not want you to be ignorant”***

Understanding the **purpose** of spiritual gifts **12:4-31**

Understanding the **duration** of spiritual gifts **13:1-13**

The superiority of **love** over spiritual gifts **13:1-8**

Understanding the **use** of spiritual gifts **14:1-40**

The importance of **understanding** **14:1-25**

Dealing with ignorance about resurrection **15:1-58**

Questions about the collection for saints **16**

**The Solution to Every Problem 13:4-7**

*Love suffers long* - long-tempered (3.4.5.)

*and is kind* - makes itself useful (5.9.)

*Love does not envy*; (10.)

*love does not parade itself*, - doesn’t show off (5.6.7.8.9.10.)

*is not puffed up*; - not proud (1.2.5.)

*does not behave rudely*, - not inconsiderate (5.6.7.8.9.)

*does not seek its own*, - not selfish (3.5.6.7.8.10)

*is not provoked*, - not short-tempered (3.5.)

*thinks no evil*; - doesn’t hold a grudge (3.8.)

*does not rejoice in iniquity*, (2.6.11)

*but rejoices in the truth*; (1.4.11.)

*bears all things*, - tolerant and forgiving (5.)

*believes all things*, - believes the best about other people and situations (1.11.)

*hopes all things*, - optimistic (3.11.)

*endures all things*. - never quits (4.5.)

*Love never fails* - never ends (10.)

*“Let all you do be done with love”* **16:14**