

First

CORINTHIANS

CHRIST ALONE: TOGETHER

EAST ELEVATION



Finally Some Good News

Introduction:

1 Corinthians 1:1-4

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ADRIATIC SEA

ITALY

MACEDONIA

Philippi

Thessalonica

Berea

Troas

AEGEAN SEA

ASIA

IONIAN SEA

ACHAIA

Athens

Ephesus

Corinth

PELOPONNESE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

The Author:

The Author: **Paul**

The Author: Paul

The City:

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The City: **Corinth**

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The Audience:

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The Audience: **Believers in Corinth**

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 - **Called**

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 - **Called upon Jesus**

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Paul's summary: Because of God's faithful love,
we enjoy FELLOWSHIP with Jesus.

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I study Your Word, Lord, and something ignites.
It wakes me each morning and keeps me up nights.

The power from heaven a life changing plan
but only You, Lord, knows the heart of each man.

Were the right questions asked when the time was just right?
Was there a city on the hill with light?

Was everyone counted like grains of sand?
Only You...yes Lord, knows the heart of each man.

For the glorious treasure of Christ in our lives,
we give to each other what He meant when He died.

That all those who called on His name were reborn
the past from each soul like the veil had been torn.

From sanctification and evidence - truth;
we'd be called to share love and we'd be the proof.

That the joy in Christ would be so overwhelming,
it would have to escape from us morning to morning.

There'd be no holding back its life giving power.
The flood of the righteous, flows hour to hour.

I pray...we'd know a deep faith.
From the cross it began.

But then again ...only You, Lord,
know the heart of each man.