

We conclude Paul's first letter to the Corinthians in this quarter. Perhaps we should say *the first letter we have*. Hints throughout this letter and in 2 Corinthians suggest Paul sent an earlier letter which the church at Corinth seems to have received poorly. What we are studying might be answering challenges the church raised to things Paul previously wrote. In chapter seven Paul said he was answering the Corinthians' questions and frequently he appears to quote them. So it might be that we are stepping into the middle of an argument. Paul deals with controversial issues and many of those controversies continue in the church today.

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