1 Corinthians Bible Quiz

15 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. What message does Paul say he came to proclaim?

Ⓐ Human wisdom
Ⓑ Christ crucified
Ⓒ Political freedom
Ⓓ Material prosperity

2. What does Paul say about marriage for those who cannot control themselves?

Ⓐ It is better to marry than to burn with passion
Ⓑ Wait indefinitely
Ⓒ Marriage is forbidden
Ⓓ Remain single

3. What does Paul say he has become to all people?

Ⓐ A teacher only
Ⓑ A judge
Ⓒ A ruler
Ⓓ All things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some

4. Which chapter of 1 Corinthians is most famous for its description of love?

Ⓐ Chapter 13
Ⓑ Chapter 12
Ⓒ Chapter 15
Ⓓ Chapter 11

5. What does Paul say about the sting of death?

Ⓐ It's permanent
Ⓑ The sting of death is sin
Ⓒ Only affects unbelievers
Ⓓ It has no sting

6. Who was the founder of the church in Corinth that Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians?

Ⓐ Paul
Ⓑ Apollos
Ⓒ Timothy
Ⓓ Cephas (Peter)

7. In 1 Corinthians 5, Paul condemns a specific sin within the church. What was it?

Ⓐ Gossip
Ⓑ Theft
Ⓒ Idolatry
Ⓓ Sexual immorality

8. **How does Paul defend the reality of Christ's resurrection?**
   - Ⓐ Philosophical arguments only
   - Ⓑ Ignore doubts
   - Ⓒ Historical witnesses, logical necessity for Christian faith, and Old Testament fulfillment
   - Ⓓ Just personal experience

9. **How does Paul address the problem of divisions in the Corinthian church?**
   - Ⓐ Create more groups
   - Ⓑ Unity through focus on Christ crucified rather than human leaders
   - Ⓒ Ignore them
   - Ⓓ Choose sides

10. **Which cultural background influences some issues addressed in 1 Corinthians?**
    - Ⓐ Roman political systems
    - Ⓑ Egyptian religious rituals
    - Ⓒ Jewish law
    - Ⓓ Greek pagan practices

11. **What does Paul's closing emphasis on love reveal about Christian community?**
    - Ⓐ Love is the essential characteristic that should govern all relationships and activities
    - Ⓑ Love is optional
    - Ⓒ Love is weakness
    - Ⓓ Love is just emotion

12. **What is Paul's teaching about the diversity and unity of spiritual gifts?**
    - Ⓐ Gifts don't matter
    - Ⓑ Everyone has the same gifts
    - Ⓒ Only leaders have gifts
    - Ⓓ Different gifts from the same Spirit for the common good of the body

13. **What does Paul's warning about overconfidence in spiritual privileges teach about presumption?**
    - Ⓐ Past experience guarantees future
    - Ⓑ Spiritual privileges require ongoing faithfulness; presumption leads to moral failure
    - Ⓒ Grace covers carelessness
    - Ⓓ Warnings don't apply to believers

14. How does Paul's theology of the cross challenge both Jewish and Greek intellectual frameworks?

Ⓐ The cross reveals God's wisdom as 'foolishness' that confounds human categories of power and wisdom

Ⓑ Only challenges one group

Ⓒ Ignores cultural differences

Ⓓ Accommodates both

15. What does Paul's regulation of tongues and prophecy teach about divine inspiration and human responsibility?

Ⓐ Inspiration is purely human

Ⓑ God forces speech

Ⓒ Divine inspiration works through human faculties that can be controlled and ordered

Ⓓ Inspiration overrides control

Answer key: 1 Corinthians Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **B. Christ crucified**

1 Corinthians 1:23 - 'But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles.'

2. **A. It is better to marry than to burn with passion**

1 Corinthians 7:9 - 'But if they cannot control themselves, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.'

3. **D. All things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some**

1 Corinthians 9:22 - 'I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.'

4. **A. Chapter 13**

1 Corinthians 13 is known as the 'Love Chapter,' emphasizing the supremacy of love in Christian life and practice.

5. **B. The sting of death is sin**

1 Corinthians 15:56 - 'The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.'

6. **A. Paul**

Paul founded the church in Corinth, as he mentions in 1 Corinthians 3:6-7.

7. **D. Sexual immorality**

Paul rebukes the church for tolerating sexual immorality, specifically an incestuous relationship (1 Corinthians 5:1-5).

8. **C. Historical witnesses, logical necessity for Christian faith, and Old Testament fulfillment**

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 14-17 - Paul lists witnesses, argues that 'if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.'

9. **B. Unity through focus on Christ crucified rather than human leaders**

1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 3:3-7 - Paul calls for unity, saying 'Is Christ divided?' and showing that leaders are merely servants through whom people believed.

10. **D. Greek pagan practices**

Corinth’s Greco-Roman culture, including pagan idol worship and social customs, influences some of the issues Paul addresses, such as idol meals (1 Corinthians 8-10).

11. **A. Love is the essential characteristic that should govern all relationships and activities**

1 Corinthians 16:14 - 'Do everything in love' summarizes the entire letter's emphasis on love as the foundation for church unity and function.

12. **D. Different gifts from the same Spirit for the common good of the body**

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 - 'There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit' and 'to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.'

13. **B. Spiritual privileges require ongoing faithfulness; presumption leads to moral failure**

1 Corinthians 10:1-12 - Despite experiencing God's miracles, most Israelites 'were not pleasing to God.' Paul warns: 'So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!'

14. **A. The cross reveals God's wisdom as 'foolishness' that confounds human categories of power and wisdom**

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 - Jews seek signs, Greeks seek wisdom, but 'the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.'

15. **C. Divine inspiration works through human faculties that can be controlled and ordered**

1 Corinthians 14:27-33 - 'The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. For God is not a God of disorder but of peace' - showing human responsibility within divine inspiration.

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