

**GOD HATH MADE FOOLISH
THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD**

The Wisdom of Man

Class 1

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- 1. The Wisdom of Man**
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1. The Wisdom of Man

- ✓ **Background of the city of Corinth**
- ✓ **Research the problems in the ecclesia in Corinth**
- ✓ **Assess the situation in the Corinthian ecclesia**



Communication with the brothers and sisters in Corinth:

- 1:11 "It has been **declared to me** concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household."
- 5:1 "It **is actually reported** that there is sexual immorality among you"
- 7:1 "Now concerning the things of **which you wrote me...**"
- 16:17 "I am glad about **the coming of** Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus."



Greece

Lamia
Λαμία

E75

Agrinio
Αγρίνιο

Patras
Πάτρα

Gulf of Corinth

Athens
Αθήνα

Saronic Gulf

Isthmus of Corinth

Planos
Πλάνος
Laganas
Λαγανάς

Archea
Olimpia
Αρχαία
Ολυμπία

E65

Peloponnese

Kalamata
Καλαμάτα



TEMPLE OF APHRODITE



morality

- 1 Corinthians 5:1-2

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- 1 Corinthians 6:13





"The **Dionysian Mysteries** were a ritual of ancient Greece and Rome which sometimes used intoxicants and other trance-inducing techniques (like dance and music) to remove inhibitions and social constraints, liberating the individual to return to a natural state."

Wikipedia

1 CORINTHIANS 11:21-22

For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:1

Now concerning the matters about which you wrote:

"It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman."

"Many priests of Isis officiated in other cults as well.

Several people in late Roman times, such as the aristocrat Vettius Agorius Praetextatus, joined multiple priesthoods and underwent several initiations dedicated to different gods.

Mystery initiations thus did not require devotees to abandon whatever religious identity they originally had, and they would not qualify as religious conversions under a narrow definition of the term."

Wikipedia

Pressures on the Ecclesia:

The pursuit of pleasure:

- ▶ Fornication was an accepted practice and a source of income for the city.



A social structure built around cults:

- ▶ Cults did not see a need to be separate
- ▶ It was common to be a part of several cults
- ▶ Judaism and Christianity were looked down on because they rejected the gods of the cults and *only* worshipped Yahweh

1 Corinthians 1

- to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus
- called to be saints
- with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
- our Lord, both theirs and ours:

- ▶ made holy in Christ Jesus
- ▶ set apart for God's work
- ▶ surnamed; have taken on the name of Jesus Christ
- ▶ Jesus Christ is our Lord

1 Corinthians 1

⁵ That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

⁶ Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

- ▶ made rich in knowledge by the words of Christ
- ▶ the words of Christ were shown to have power in you

1 Corinthians 1

⁷ So that ye come behind in no gift ;
waiting for the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ:

⁸ Who shall also confirm you unto the
end, that ye may be blameless in the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

► gift = Grk. *charisma*
= a present; Holy Spirit Gifts

► Christ working to save us by
forgiveness.

1 Corinthians 1

⁹ God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

- ▶ fellowship - partnership
- ▶ Lord = supreme in authority, Strong's

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¹⁰ Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

that ye all speak the same thing,

and that there be no divisions among you;

but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

- ▶ I call you near; I exhort you
- ▶ agree with each other
- ▶ divisions = Grk. *schisma*, schisms
- ▶ proper decision making

1 Corinthians 1

¹¹ ... there are contentions among you.

- ▶ contentions = strife, quarreling and rivalry

The Problems of the Ecclesia

- envying, strife, and division (3:3)
- pride and arrogance (4:6-8)
- fornication was permitted to continue (5:1-2)
- wronged and sued each other (6:1,6-8.)
- questioned the need for head coverings (11:1-16)
- turned the Lord's supper into feasting and drinking (11:21-22)
- used spiritual gifts to glorify themselves (14:1-32)
- questioned the resurrection (15:12-20)

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Leader 2

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Leader 4...

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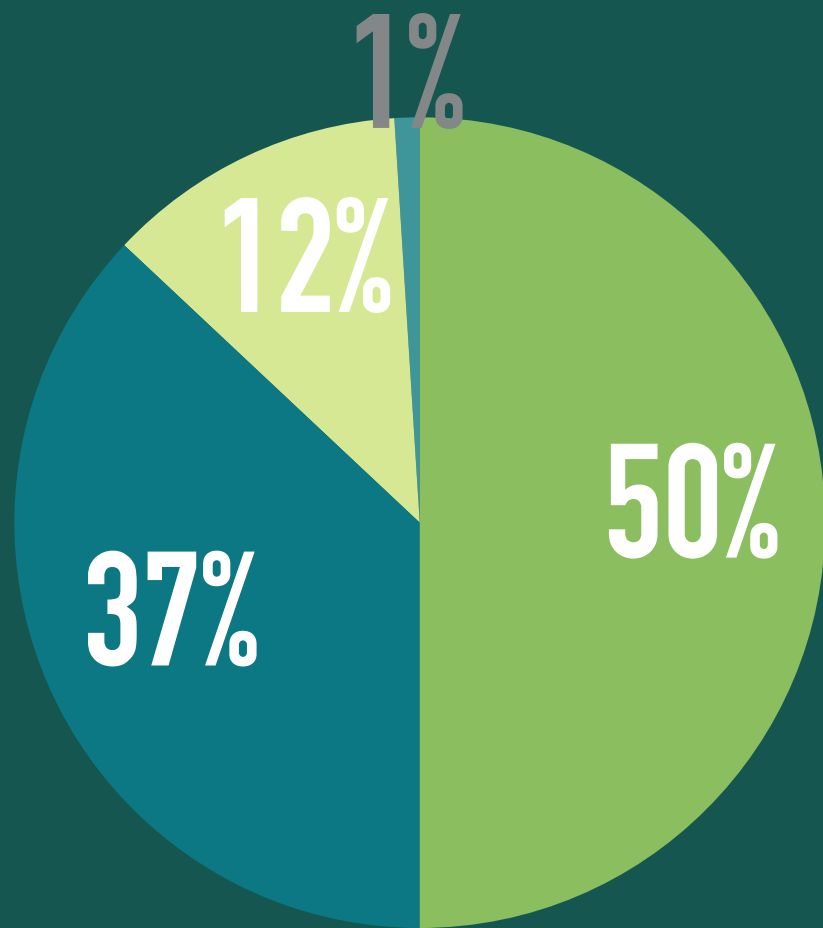
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morality



50% as poor

37% as fair

12% as good

1% as excellent

**Gallup Poll on Morality
in the U.S. May 2022**

morality

"Americans' views of the state of moral values in the U.S. are dismal, and their expectations for the future are grim. This has generally been the case over the course of the 20-year trend, but negative ratings of the current state of moral values are the worst they have ever been."

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